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**Shy Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta* sensu lato  
1876 Blueskin Bay, Otago

The first record of this complex appears to be a specimen of Salvin's Albatross *T. salvini*, found by Hutton at Blueskin Bay, north of Dunedin in 1876 (Buller 1876a).

**Tasmanian Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta cauta* (Gould 1841), Vagrant (1)  
30/7/1989 Manukau Heads, Auckland

Chris Robertson reported that a bird banded as a pullus on Mewstone Island, Tasmania on 1/5/1987 was found dead just south of Manukau Heads in July 1989 (Medway 2003). This is still the only record, these Albatross ranging eastwards from Tasmanian breeding islands to South Africa rather than westwards.

**New Zealand White-capped Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta steadi* Falla 1933, Endemic  
December 1931 Foveaux Strait, Southland

White-capped Albatross were found breeding on Auckland Island in 1888, but were identified as Black-browed Albatross. The colony on Disappointment Island was also mis-identified in November 1907, but photos showed it to be this species. Murphy (1930) and local ornithologists did not know that white-headed Shy Albatross bred in New Zealand. White-headed Shy Albatross found in New Zealand were thought to be of the Australian race *cauta*. Falla named the New Zealand breeding form subspecifically in 1933. E.F. Stead had collected the holotype in December 1931 in Foveaux Strait, and recognized it as different from Salvin's Albatross.

Robertson & Nunn (1997) suggested it was a good species, separable from the Australian Shy Albatross *T. c. cauta* but there has been some doubt as to its validity (Holdaway et al. 2001). Recently, Imber et al. (2005) implicitly recognised this species in their paper on Antipodes Island birds. The ACAP\* (2006) committee continued to endorse their separation. Scofield & Onley (2007), Miskelly et al (2009) & Checklist Committee (OSNZ) (2010) do not accept it.

\*Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels