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Sooty Albatross *Phoebetria fusca* (Hilsenberg 1822), Vagrant (6) 4/2/1991 Auckland Islands.

A single bird was seen north of the Auckland Islands by J.-C. Stahl in February 1991 (Medway 2000). Oliver (1930) had accepted a record in his first edition, but later (1955) said the evidence was not satisfactory. Green (1989) said G.W. Johnstone photographed one on Macquarie Island in November 1975, but Marchant & Higgins (1990) do not mention this record.

The other records are on the Pukaki Rise November 1993; off Antipodes Island, November 1995 & November 2004; Macquarie Island, November 2002, and Chatham Island, December 2006.