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Northern Giant Petrel Macronectes halli Mathews 1912, Native 1966 New Zealand 1982 Ross Sea (McQuaid & Ricketts 1984)

The existence of a sibling Giant Petrel species was not established until 1966. The earliest New Zealand specimen record is from the Chatham Islands in 1890. Mathews described this taxon in 1912. Murphy (1936) did not recognize any forms, nor did Oliver (1955). It was eventually separated as a good species by Bourne & Warham (1966). The earliest reference to the existence of the two species in Notornis is by Sibson (1969).