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Phoenix Petrel *Pterodroma alba* (Gmelin 1789), Vagrant (2)
7/3/1913 Raoul Island, Kermadec Islands

One of four birds seen on the forest floor of Raoul Island in March 1913 was collected by R.S. Bell. Mathews & Iredale (1914) later described it as *Aestrelata oliveri*. Bourne (1975) was of the opinion it may have been a hybrid gadfly petrel. The specimen may need to be re-examined to confirm its identity. One was seen circling a yacht close to Curtis Island on 21/5/1982 by Colin Miskelly and Tim Lovegrove. A supposed Phoenix Petrel collected from Raoul Island on 20/8/1944 is actually a Kermadec Petrel.