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Gould's petrel: p 64.

**New Caledonian Petrel** *Pterodroma leucoptera caledonica* Imber & Jenkins 1981, Vagrant (38)  
12/04/1942 Muriwai Beach, Northland

P.C. Bull, R.B. Sibson and E.G. Turbott found ten specimens beach-washed on Muriwai Beach in April 1942, a considerable wreck for any *Pterodroma* species. P.C. Bull (1942) found that these birds differed from the nominate race, but did not formally name them, as he considered this was best done when the breeding grounds were discovered.

Naurois found the breeding grounds in the New Caledonian mountains in February 1978. It breeds on New Caledonia, and possibly Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. *P. (l.) leucoptera* was thought to have occurred in New Zealand as well (Muriwai 1946, Otaki 1961, Westland 1965 (Kinsky 1970)), but Heather & Robertson (1996) state it has not been recorded. It would appear these specimens have been reassigned to *P. (l.) caledonica*. Scofield & Onley (2007) thought the New Caledonian Petrel might be split from Gould's Petrel.