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Thin-billed Prion *Pachyptila belcheri* (Mathews 1912), Migrant
1918 Onehunga, Auckland

Mathews later recognised this form from New Zealand, after describing it in 1912. He described *P. b. lalfa* from Kapiti Island in 1939. The earliest record I have found is from 1918, a male in the Auckland Museum AWMM 213.3 (Falla 1933). Oliver (1930) recorded undated specimens from Taranga Island, Hen & Chickens (via Iredale: possibly recorded by Hamilton (1925) or Moncrieff (1928)) and one in the Dominion Museum.