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**Westland Petrel** *Procellaria westlandica* Falla 1946, Endemic  
October 1945 Barrytown, Westland

The pupils of Barrytown School informed their head-teacher, W. Watson, of mysterious birds in the coastal bush-clad hills in October 1945. In November a specimen was sent to the Canterbury Museum. On the 15th December, Falla and E.F. Stead visited the locality and found a well-grown chick. R.A. Falla described the new form in November 1946, as a subspecies of the Black Petrel. Oliver (1955) considered it to be a subspecies of the White-chinned Petrel. Black Petrels also formerly bred in north-west Nelson.

Falla had reported "Black Petrels" from Hokitika and Punakaiki in January 1941. These were most likely Westland Petrels, but Black Petrels did breed in Westland well into the 19th century. (Medway 2002b).