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**Black Petrel** (Taiko) *Procellaria parkinsoni* Gray 1862, Endemic  
1862 New Zealand  
1990 Ross Sea (Russ & Shirihai 2000)

It was not described until 1862 by Gray from a specimen obtained by Miss Rebecca Stone of the Excise Office. The description is surprisingly brief (only five lines), as was apparently commonplace in the 19th century. The Black Petrel was drawn by Parkinson on Cook's first voyage in 1769, but not formally described until nearly a century later. Hutton found it breeding on Little Barrier Island in 1867.