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**Buller's Shearwater** *Puffinus bulleri* Salvin 1888, Endemic  
1/10/1884 Waikanae Beach, Wellington  
December 2000 Norfolk Island

Buller found the first specimen on Waikanae Beach. "The only example of this fine Petrel I have had an opportunity of examining in the flesh was picked up by myself on the ocean-beach near the mouth of the Waikanae river on the 1st October, 1884, having been blown ashore by the 'rangawhenua' as the Maoris call all winds from the sea" (Buller 1888).

This and another specimen of unknown locality were described by Salvin (1888). Sandager (1889) obtained one in 1886 from Mokohinau Island and described it as *Puffinus zealandicus*. He had sent it to Thomas Frederic Cheeseman, the curator at the Auckland Museum, but Cheeseman did not know what it was and ignored it. Cheeseman was primarily a botanist so may have felt unable to pursue the matter. Only six specimens were known up to 1909.