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**Short-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus tenuirostris* (Temminck 1836), Migrant  
1890 Raoul Island, Kermadec Islands  
19/9/1982 Norfolk Island  
1990 Ross Sea (Russ & Shirihai 2000)

Buller supposedly found the first specimen on Waikanae Beach prior to 1865. However, Fleming (1983) casts doubt on this, saying Buller's account of this species is "quite unreliable and misleading". Oliver (1930) noted four records: Waikanae Beach (1865); Muriwai Beach; east of the North Island (probably the specimen collected by Beck at 370 1790 on 1st December 1925) and Raoul Island (1890).

Finsch (1874b) discussed a specimen of *Puffinus brevicaudatus* sent to him from the Colonial Museum that had been obtained in Cook Strait. He stated this was *P. tenuirostris* after comparing it to Temminck's plate, and later to the type specimen in 1875. Finsch appears to have been a reliable observer, so this may be the first acceptable record. However, Mathews & Iredale (1913) said "it is very doubtful whether it has ever occurred in New Zealand waters" (excluding the Kermadecs). The 1890 specimen from Raoul Island collected by T. Bell is in the Auckland Museum, and appears to be the first satisfactory record.

Godman (1907) believed it bred inland in the Kaimanawa and other inland ranges, but it is a strictly Tasmanian breeder.