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Subantarctic Little Shearwater *Puffinus elegans* Giglioli & Salvadori 1869, Native
1892 Chatham Islands

Hutton said they were “common off the (Chatham Island) coast” in 1871, but this may refer to *P. griseus*.
W. Hawkins collected the first specimens in 1892 from the Chatham Islands (Oliver 1955). Holdaway et al.
(2001) treated this form as a full species, as originally described. Austin et al. (2004) show it diverges from
assimilis by 2.7-3.3%, and should be considered a good species. There is a beach-washed specimen from
Pataua, Northland, found in June 1974.