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**Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus oceanicus* (Kuhl 1820), Native December 1993 Bishop Island, Macquarie Islands

One pair was recently found breeding on Bishop Island, south of Macquarie Island. (N. Brothers in Garnett & Crowley 2002).

**Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus exasperatus* Mathews 1912, Native 30/12/1898 Ross Sea 22/11/1901 Macquarie Island

This was included as a New Zealand species by Buller (1888). "This species is almost cosmopolitan on the high seas. It is very numerous in the ocean that surrounds the Australian coast, and is sometimes met with off New Zealand, although it is by no means so plentiful as the other species of Storm-Petrel". However, no locality, date or specimen are attached to this listing.

Hanson saw them on 30/12/1898 as they neared the Ross Dependency on the Southern Cross (British Museum (Nat. Hist.) 1902). Others were later collected in the pack-ice, the first on 2/01/1899. Edward Wilson recorded them on the 22nd November 1901, when Scott's Antarctic expedition reached Macquarie Island on the journey north to New Zealand. Mathews described *O.o. exasperatus* in 1912 from a specimen purchased on 2/3/1905, from 'an island south of New Zealand'.

The first known dated mainland record is a specimen from Gisborne, found on 31/5/1933 (Falla 1933). Oliver (1930) recorded specimens from Pateroa (Otago Museum) and Muriwai Beach (R.A. Falla), which appear to predate this record. Whether either of these is earlier than 1898 is unclear; perhaps the Otago bird might be. Wilson's Storm Petrel has recently been shown to be a regular migrant through New Zealand seas.