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White-bellied Storm Petrel *Fregetta grallaria grallaria* (Viellot 1817), Native
3/8/1966 Macauley Island, Kermadec Islands
May 2001 Norfolk Island

Mathews described a specimen of this species from "New Zealand seas" as *Fregata leucogaster deceptis* in 1932, but its provenance is unknown.

A fresh specimen was found on Macauley Island, Kermadec Islands on 3/8/1966 (Veitch et al. 2004). Chicks were also found in 1966 (O'Brien 1966). The next records were not until 1969 (but these may have been the recently rediscovered New Zealand Storm Petrel). Indeed, Croxall (1970) refers to "a few dark marks on the flanks" on the two storm-petrels he saw off the Poor Knights in December 1969. The two 1969 sightings were during November-December, but storm-cast birds have all been during April-July.