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South Georgian Diving Petrel *Pelecanoides georgicus* Murphy & Harper 1916, Native
1921 Macquarie Island

The population on Whenua Hou (Codfish Island) may be an undescribed endemic taxon, based on molecular studies (Paterson et al. 2000). It is not clear which taxon Auckland Islands and Macquarie Island birds belonged to. Paterson et al. (2002) said that the Codfish Island taxon had diverged as much from South Georgian Diving Petrel as had Fairy and Broad-billed Prions from each other.

The first specimens were two collected by the *Erebus & Terror* expedition at Enderby Island, Auckland Islands in November 1840. R.A. Falla subsequently identified these specimens. Murphy & Harper (1921) first reported it from New Zealand seas, when identifying two specimens from Macquarie Island, which had been collected in October 1899 by H. H. Travers. Dell found burrows in sand dunes on Whenua Hou (Codfish Island) in 1948, but these were not attributed to this species until much later (in 1978). 3-4 pairs still breed on Bishop and Clerks Islands, south of Macquarie Island (Garnett & Crowley 2002).