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Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster plotus* (J.R. Forster 1844), Vagrant
1888 Napier, Hawke Bay
11/7/1976 Norfolk Island

The first was shot in Napier Harbour in 1888 (Hamilton 1888). His paper states it was shot in the harbour, but gives no other details.

Read before the Hawke's Bay Philosophical Institute, 9th July, 1888: "IT is my good fortune to be able to record the occurrence of a bird which to the best of my belief has not yet been observed in New Zealand, although the remarkable part of the matter is not the stranger's visit, but that it has not been recorded before this, for the Brown Gannet, or Booby (*Sula fusca*) has been obtained in nearly all the temperate regions of the globe, in many cases doubtless as a straggler; but now a specimen has been shot here in the bay, and is before you this evening very nicely preserved by Mr. Yuille. Mr. Smith, of the Masonic Hotel, has added the specimen to his collection, which is becoming extremely interesting and valuable." (Hamilton 1888)

Gaze (1975) quoted 1884 in his paper, but this may have been a misprint. It has occurred fairly regularly in the Hauraki Gulf and elsewhere since 1952.