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**Chatham Island Shag** *Leucocarbo onslowi* (Forbes 1893), Endemic  
August 1871 Pitt Island, Chatham Islands

Buller identified the first specimens as King Shag. These had been collected by H.H. Travers in August 1871 on Pitt Island, and were believed by him to be a new species (Travers & Travers 1872). Buller (1877) later also thought that New Zealand and Chatham Islands shags were two species, with the Chatham Islands birds being smaller.

It was eventually described in 1893 by Forbes. It may have been recorded on the voyage of the *Erebus & Terror* (November 1841), as *P. cirrhatus* = *P. a. albiventor* or *P. carunculatus*. The expedition was fog-bound, and unable to land on the Chathams.