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**Macquarie Island Shag** *Leucocarbo purpurascens* (Brandt 1837), Endemic November 1820 Macquarie Island

Bellinghausen, of the Russian Antarctic Expedition, collected it in November 1820. Brandt (1837) obtained specimens and described it, but did not give a locality. It was then overlooked for many years. Buller (1888) referred it to the King Shag *P. carunculatus* after it was reported breeding by J.H. Scott in November 1880. A. Hamilton also found it breeding in March 1894.

Rothschild named it in 1897 after receiving specimens from H. H. Travers. It was known as **P. traversi** until 1935, when Mathews found Brandt's original description.