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**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel ariel* (G.R.Gray 1845), Vagrant (33)

30/3/1907 Pahi, Northland

20/11/1979 Norfolk Island

The first record is one obtained by G.V. New on his farm near Pahi, Kaipara Harbour in March 1907.

“On inquiry, Mr. New informed me that on leaving his homestead on horseback on the morning of the 30th March, with the intention of driving some sheep, he noticed a large bird, which at a distance he took to be a hawk, endeavouring to carry off a young turkey. He immediately gave chase on his horse, when the bird dropped the turkey, and settled in a neighbouring gully. Riding into this, with the intention of frightening away the bird, Mr. New found himself almost on the top of a large bird altogether unknown to him. It was very slow in rising from the ground, so that he was able to seize it by the tip of one of its wings. After a struggle, he succeeded in mastering it, and took it home, where it lived for a few days. Mr. New's homestead is situated on a narrow neck of land between the Pahi and Arapaoa Rivers, flowing into the Kaipara Harbour, and is about half-way between the east and west coasts of the Island—that is, between twenty-five and thirty miles from the sea” (Cheeseman 1907).