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New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) *Falco novaeseelandiae* Gmelin 1788, Endemic
3/4/1773 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

Falcons (“hawks”) were probably seen at Queen Charlotte Sound by Parkinson & Banks on Cook’s first voyage in 1770 (Medway 1976b). A new falcon was collected on 3/4/1773, and described as *F. harpe* and drawn by the Forsters the next day (Hoare 1982). Sparrman considered them “really delicious roasted”, but George Forster thought that they were not good eating. Latham described the species from specimens collected on the second voyage and gave the type locality as Queen Charlotte Sound. Gmelin formally described it.

The specimen designated by Medway (1976b), as a type specimen may not be because of plumage anomalies (Fox 1988). Three forms were recognised by Fox (1977; 1988). The Southern Falcon may be the most distinct taxon, and is found in Fiordland, Stewart Island and the Auckland Islands. The Bush Falcon (North Island and western South Island) and the Eastern Falcon (South Island high country) are the other two forms.