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North Island Adzebill *Aptornis otidiformis* (Owen 1844)

The adzebills are related and basal to the rails. Owen (1844) described a tibia which he attributed to the moas. W. B. D. Mantell collected more specimens which lead to its true affinities being determined. The Rev. W. Williams had collected the original bone in the East Cape district.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

This species is considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.