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South Island Adzebill *Aptornis defossor* Owen 1871

Bones were discovered by the Rev. Richard Taylor in a cave near Oamaru in 1863. Owen (1871) described it some time later.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

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