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**Corncrake** *Crex crex* (Linnaeus 1758), Vagrant (1)  
1865 Nelson

Buller (1868) described *Rallus featherstoni* from a Corn Crake specimen said to have been killed near Nelson. Rails are notorious wanderers, so this record seems acceptable (Checklist Committee (OSNZ) 2010). Corncrakes have been recorded from Australia twice, from New South Wales (1893) and off Perth (1944).