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**Banded Rail** (Moho pereru) *Gallirallus philippensis assimilis* (G. R. Gray 1843), Endemic 1839 Wellington

Heaphy found the Banded Rail to be common around Wellington in 1839 (Oliver 1955). About 1840, the mysterious Miss Rebecca Stone (of whom Fleming (1983) said "we would like to know more") sent a specimen from "Cook's Strait" to the British Museum. Gray later described it as a new species.

Macquarie Island Rail Gallirallus philippensis macquariensis (Hutton 1879), Endemic March 1879 Macquarie Island

A live specimen was brought back to New Zealand by a sealing company, Elder, Cormack & Company in March 1879. It was an adult female, and was presented to the Otago Museum. Hutton described it in October 1879. Two other specimens are in the British Museum. Vestjens (1962) found skeletal remains in two caves. It was last recorded in 1880 by J. H. Scott.