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Snipe-rail *Capellirallus karamu* Falla 1954

It was discovered by members of the N.Z. Speleological Society in a limestone cave at Karamu, near Pirongia, in 1950. It had an extremely long bill (70 mm), relative to the bird's size, the longest of any rail. It was flightless, and was gone before Europeans arrived, probably killed off by the Kiore.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

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