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**Hawkin's Rail** *Diaphorapteryx hawkinsi* (Forbes 1892)

It was collected by W. Hawkins in 1892, who forwarded the bones to Forbes. Forbes (1892c) recognized a skull as different, and described it in a one-sentence telegram to *Nature*. It may have survived into the early European era (Cooper & Tennyson 2004).

**SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES**

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