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Pukeko: pp 116-117.

Pukeko *Porphyrio melanotus melanotus* Temminck 1820, Coloniser
11/10/1769 Poverty Bay, Gisborne
1865 Norfolk Island

Parkinson (1773) recorded “a *Fulica*, or bald Coot, of a dark blue colour”, on 11/10/1769 at Poverty Bay. Pukekos were also recorded in 1769 or 1770 by Joseph Banks. The “blue fowl” recorded by Crozet in May 1772 at the Bay of Islands were probably this species. Fleming (1983) thought that Crozet's sighting was the first record.

