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Australian Coot *Fulica atra autralis* Gould 1845, Coloniser 1875 Lovell's Flat, Otago July 1978 Norfolk Island

One was shot at Lovell's Flat 15 km north of Balclutha about 1875 (Buller 1905). Three more were collected up to 1920; in July 1889 (Lake Waihola, Otago), 1919 (Kaitangata, Otago) and 1920 (Matuara Island, Southland). After an invasion in 1957 it rapidly established itself throughout the mainland. Rasmussen & Anderton (2005) thought that the Australian Coot might be a separate species on the basis of morphological and vocal differences.