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Sanderling *Calidris albus* (Pallas 1764), Migrant (100+)
7/1/1917 Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury
1981 Norfolk Island

“On the 7th January, 1917, I was at Lake Ellesmere and saw a strange bird, which I followed and finally secured. It proved to be a sanderling—the first record for New Zealand. I gave the bird to the Canterbury Museum, where it is now mounted. It is in full winter plumage, and, being so, is very like our wry-billed plover both in size and colouring. A very close examination with a good pair of field-glasses would be necessary to detect the difference between a sanderling and a wrybill in the open, if both birds were in their winter or their immature plumage” (Stead 1923).