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**Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus* (Bonaparte 1826), Vagrant (1) 9/9/1998 Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury

Colin Hill et al. found the first at Lake Ellesmere in September 1998 (Medway 2001). It stayed for three consecutive days. The same bird may have been present on 26/9/1998 and 20/11/1998.