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**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* (Horsfield 1821), Migrant  
12/12/1871 Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury  
November 1975 Norfolk Island

“On December 12th four small sandpipers were observed on the shore of Lake Ellesmere; these were obtained for the Canterbury Museum. This sandpiper, identical with *L. acuminatus*, Gould, is found both in Australia and Tasmania. Specimens have been recently received from Adelaide, South Australia, which were marked as having been procured in Northern Australia. This is, perhaps, the first notice of the occurrence of this little *Tringa* so far to the south as Canterbury, New Zealand” (Potts 1873).