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**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* (Coues 1861), Vagrant (8)  
28/3/1970 Karaka, Auckland

Ross McKenzie, Maxine McKenzie, Barbara Burch and Susan Fogarty found the first one at Kidd's Shellbank, Karaka, Manukau Harbour (McKenzie et al. 1971). Ross McKenzie first found it when scanning a group of Turnstones, Red-necked Stints and Dotterels. This small sandpiper was studied for two hours by the party. The "ladies" were most impressed by the beautiful scaly mantle pattern. As is usual for the species, it was very tame. The bird was part of the vagrant wader influx of the summer of 1969/1970, possibly connected with a larger than usual number of Curlew Sandpipers.