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**Asiatic Dowitcher** *Limnodromus semipalmatus* (Blyth 1848), Vagrant (4)  
29/8/1985 Heathcote-Avon Estuary, Christchurch, Canterbury

Andrew Crossland found this unusual wader (Fennell et al. 1985). Peter Langlands and John and June Fennell also saw this bird. Although it was present until 6/9/85, no other observers saw this first for New Zealand. Another was present in the Firth of Thames between February and May 1987.