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Little Whimbrel *Numenius minutus* Gould 1841, Vagrant (47)
June 1900 Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury

Two were seen in June 1900 at Lake Ellesmere, one of which was shot by Edgar Stead (Hutton 1900; Stead 1923). Singles were subsequently collected at Lake Ellesmere in 1921, 1922 and 1925, all in March. The first bird away from Lake Ellesmere was seen at Napier in 1952. It is a rare annual migrant to New Zealand.