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Asiatic Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa melanuroides* Gould 1846, Migrant
30/8/1952 Miranda, South Auckland

Davenport and Sibson first recorded it in August 1952 at Pukorokoro Creek, Miranda in the Firth of Thames (Sibson 1956). The bird was conspicuous as it stood out in breeding plumage amongst drab Bar-tailed Godwits. Its moult strategy was aberrant as it attained breeding plumage in the “wrong” season. It stayed at Miranda for four years after it was discovered.

Two more were found in December 1955 at Miranda, and it has since become a regular migrant to New Zealand in small numbers. It is apparently an uncommon migrant to Norfolk Island (Christian 2005). Some recent authors regard this as a separate species from the European *L. limosa limosa*.