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Common sandpiper: p 141.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* (Linnaeus 1758), Vagrant (38)

24/10/1964 Paritutu, Taranaki

8/2/1983 Norfolk Island

On a beach patrol one mile south of Paritutu, New Plymouth, W. J. Pengelly, R. W. MacDonald and B. J. Tucker saw a small unusual wader at the mouth of a small stream (Barlow et al. 1965). The following day, accompanied by D. V. Merton and Miss M. Johnston, the sandpiper was refound in the same place. In a strong norwester, notes were taken, which ruled out all species except Common Sandpiper.

W.J.P, R.W.M and D.V.M. each submitted an account to Notornis, which was merged into one account by the editor. A.T. (Sandy) Edgar found the second one on his small shellbank roost in Kerikeri Inlet in March 1969. The American Spotted Sandpiper *A. macularia* has surprisingly not been seen here yet.