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Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (Gmelin 1789), Vagrant A (20)
11/11/1962 Porirua, Wellington

C.A. Fleming (1963) noted a strange wader on the evening of the 11th November 1962 whilst driving between Porirua and Mana. The next day, accompanied by several other ornithologists, including Brian Bell, Sandy Edgar and Archie Blackburn, it was studied for several hours. It was an active feeder, and the description appeared to fit Greater Yellowlegs *T. melanoleuca*. It was last seen on the 17th.

It was later thought to be a Lesser Yellowlegs by Falla and Kinsky, on advice from R. W. Storer. It was listed as such by Kinsky (1970), but later treated as indeterminate by Turbott (1990). N. B. Mackenzie (1964) later found a Lesser Yellowlegs at Ahuriri, Napier in November 1963, which was then accepted as the first record until 1996.