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Grey Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* (Linnaeus 1758), Vagrant (10) June 1883 Wainono Lagoon, Canterbury

A female in breeding plumage was collected by Mr Studholme in June 1883 at the Waimate lagoon (= Wainono Lagoon).

"THE Canterbury Museum has lately received from Mr. M. Studholme of Waimate a small bird, shot about middle of June of this year on the narrow strip of sandy beach separating the Waimate lagoon from the ocean. It was flying alone without any companions.

On examination it proved to be a specimen of *Phalaropus fulicarius*, a truly arctic species, quite new to the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately I did not receive the bird in the flesh, but judging from its total length (8.25 inches), it is most probably a female. The plumage, fully agreeing with the descriptions of European and North American specimens, proves that this Waimate specimen is in its breeding or fine summer dress" (Haast 1883).