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**Chatham Island Oystercatcher** (Torea tai) *Haematopus chathamensis* Hartert 1927, Endemic 1927 Chatham Islands

It was first collected in 1871 by H. H. Travers, but not described until 1927 (Hartert 1927). Dieffenbach also recorded "redbills" about June 1840. Hartert described it as a subspecies of the then-considered widespread *H. ostralegus*. Fleming and Falla both recognised this form as a full species in 1939.

