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Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus* Temminck 1821, Vagrant (20)
December 1878 Otaki, Wellington

A male obtained on the beach between Otaki and Waikanae (Te Horo Beach) was the first record.
“I HAVE much pleasure in laying before the Society a fine specimen of the Red-capped Dotterel, which was obtained in December last on the beach between Otaki and Waikanae. At first sight I took it to be a very small specimen of the Banded Dotterel (*Charadrius bicinctus*), several specimens of which were lying near, but observing that the colouration of the feet, breast, and head differed very much from that of *C. bicinctus*, I carefully preserved the skin.

Having since made a minute examination, I have not the slightest hesitation in pronouncing it to be a specimen of Gould's *Hiaticula ruficapilla*; it appears to be a very common Australian species” (Kirk 1879).

