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**Pomarine Skua** *Coprotheres pomarinus* (Temminck 1815), Migrant  
December 1933 Bay of Islands, Northland  
28/10/1979 Norfolk Island

It was first collected by A.B. Deeming in December 1933 in the Bay of Islands (Falla 1936). Oliver (1955) also refers to sight-records at Clevedon (February 1942; November 1946), Ponui Island (December 1945), Whangaroa Harbour (March 1950), and Kaiaua (December 1950), some of which the observers were unsure of. It is said to be an uncommon migrant to New Zealand waters, though not often reported, possibly because it is more pelagic.