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Black-billed Gull (Tarapuka) *Chroicocephalus bulleri* Hutton 1871, Endemic 1855 South Island

Bruch (1855) first recognised this gull as distinct and called it *Larus (Gavia) hartlaubii*. Buller later also named this bird *Bruchigavia melanorhyncha*, not accepting Bruch's description. However, both specific names had already being given to other Laridae taxa. Hutton formally named it in 1871, in the belief it was a new species, dedicating it to Buller. T. H. Potts (1872) also described it, believing his gull to be different from *C. bulleri*.