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Grey-backed Tern *Onychoprion lunatus* (Peale 1848), Vagrant (2) 1/2/1999 Papakanui Spit, Northland

An immature was seen on Papakanui Spit, South Kaipara by Gwenda Pulham in February 1999 (Scofield 2006). A second bird was seen by Barry Hartley at the Pungaereere Rivermouth, Rahotu, Taranaki on 18 & 24/01/2002. It closely resembles Bridled Tern, so these records were not finally accepted until 2006. Greybacked Terns are found in the central tropical Pacific Ocean, coming as close as Fiji.