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White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* (Temminck 1815), Migrant
12/12/1868 Waihopai River, Marlborough
February 1967 Norfolk Island

Two birds in full breeding plumage were shot on the Waihopai River in December 1868 by Mr D. Munro (Buller 1874).

“I know of only one instance of the occurrence of this beautiful Tern in New Zealand. On the 12th of December, 1868, Mr. D. Monro shot a pair of them on the Waihopai river-bed in the provincial district of Nelson; and one of these is now in the Colonial Museum. They were in full summer plumage, and were associating with a large breeding-colony of *Sterna frontalis*; but whether they were actually nesting themselves, Mr. Monro was not able to ascertain. He mentions, however, that there was only a single pair of this species in the flock, and that they uttered at intervals a harsh croaking note” (Buller 1888).

Breeding was suspected in Canterbury by E. F. Stead in 1927, and eventually confirmed by Ray Pierce in 1973.