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South Island Kaka *Nestor meridionalis meridionalis* (Gmelin 1788), Endemic
3/4/1773 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

Parkinson noted "parrots" at Queen Charlotte Sound in January-February 1770, but gave no description. On 3/4/1773, Kaka were shot at Dusky Sound (Hoare 1982). Gmelin described the Kaka from Latham's description, based on the birds shot at Dusky Sound. Ellman (1861) noted that they were "excellent eating", as were Kakariki. North and South Island Kakas were considered separate species until 1940.

North Island Kaka *Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis* Lorenz 1896, Endemic
May 1772 Bay of Islands, Northland

Parkinson noted "many beautiful parrots" on 23/10/1769 at Tolaga Bay. These were probably Kaka. It was definitely seen by Crozet (1891) in May 1772 at the Bay of Islands, who described "very big parrots, with black and variegated blue and red plumage".