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**Galah** *Eolophus roseicapillus* (Vieillot 1817)  
1950 South Auckland

Galahs were first mentioned in CSN in 1959, when two were seen near Clevedon on 7th January and for several weeks thereafter. They were said to be quite shy. Galahs were not mentioned by Turbott (1990). Escapes have recently established in South Auckland. One reported from Woodhill, Auckland in June 1975 was thought to be an escape. In September 1983, three were reported from Mangatawhiri. In 1987 flocks were also reported from Ponui Island, Pakihi Island, and Bombay.

Lawrie (2006) reported that they had not been seen since 2004 at Mangatawhiri, but Hammond reported 17 there in August 2008. There are probably less than 100 birds in New Zealand (Jackson et al. 2000). It was recorded in only eight squares (<1%) in the Atlas (Robertson et al. 2007).

