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**Orange-fronted Parakeet** *Cyanoramphus malherbi* Souance 1857, Endemic  
1857 South Island

The co-type in the Paris Museum was collected in Tasman Bay by the first *Astrolabe* and *Zelee* expedition. Souance (1857), who described the species, stated that the site of collection was unknown. Evidence points to the co-type having been collected during 1826-29 when many "parroquets" were collected by the expedition.

During the 19th century, there was much debate about this Parakeet's specific status, but it was generally accepted as a good species until 1974. It was then thought during the next two decades to be a colour morph of the Yellow-crowned Parakeet. It is now regarded as a nationally endangered species, with only two known populations in South Island river valleys.