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Long-tailed Cuckoo (Koekoea) *Eudynamys taitensis* (Sparrman 1787), Endemic February 1777 Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough 1840 Norfolk Island

Oliver (1955) reported that it was seen in the East Cape district on Cook's first voyage in October 1769, but the source of this record is not given. On Cook's second voyage it was collected on the Society Islands by Sparrman, hence its specific name. Anderson described Long-tailed Cuckoo in his journal at Queen Charlotte Sound in February 1777 (Medway 1992). Ernst Dieffenbach and Percy Earl recorded it in the early 19th century (Gray 1844).