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Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae* Latham 1790, Vagrant (7)

December 1924 Invercargill, Southland

25/10/1996 Norfolk Island

A specimen in the Invercargill Museum is without provenance, and may have been brought to New Zealand. Marples (1942) reported it as being presented to the Otago Museum in December 1924 by a Mrs Thompson of Invercargill. However, it is still accepted by the Checklist Committee (OSNZ) (2010).

Alice Taylor recorded the next bird at Kimberly Road, Ngataki (Tennyson & Brackenbury 1998). It subsequently moved to a Moreton Bay Fig at the Kauri Flat NZ Forest Service HQ about mid-December. It remained in the vicinity until late January 1987. There have been five records since then, including two at Norfolk Island during October and November 1996.