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Little Owl *Athene noctua* (Scopoli 1769)
1906 Ashley Downs & Alexandra, Otago

Fourteen birds were liberated at Ashley Downs, and fourteen more at Alexandra, in 1906 (Thomson 1922). More introductions were made by the Otago Accimatisation Society in 1907 (39 birds), 1908 (80 birds) and 1910 (72 birds). Birds were also released in Canterbury about the same period. It is commonly assumed that these came from Germany (Thomson 1922).