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New Zealand Kingfisher (Kotare) *Todiramphus sanctus vagans* (Lesson 1830), Endemic
2/4/1773 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

The kingfisher was first collected at Dusky Sound in April 1773 (Hoare 1982). Forster noted that it ate fish, snails, shellfish and crabs. The species was first described from Australia in 1827, and the New Zealand sub-species described in 1830. Lesson collected it at the Bay of Islands on the voyage of the *Coquille* in March or April 1824.

