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Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis pacificus* (Latham 1801), Vagrant (26)
January 1881 "Mihonui River", Westland
October 2009 Norfolk Island

The Dollarbird appeared at several localities in 1881. The Mihonui bird was recorded in a paper read by F. E. Clarke (1880) on 18/2/1881, and so was probably seen in January. The "Mihonui River" is most likely the Mikonui River, south of Ross in central Westland. A Dollarbird at Piha "was lately received in fresh condition", and the record published on 14/11/1881 (Cheeseman 1881). It was probably obtained in October. There have since been many records of this species between December and May, the time of the northward migration.

Higgins (1999) stated it is a rare visitor to Norfolk Island, with no recent records. Bassett-Hull (1910) did not see it, but was informed that it was seen and shot occasionally. The first acceptable record was in October 2009.