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California Quail *Callipepla californica brunnescens* (Ridgeway 1884) 1862 Papakura, South Auckland 1895 Norfolk Island

Hutton (1869) stated that two brace were released at Papakura in 1862. They numbered in their thousands by 1869. They were also imported into Nelson in 1865. Long (1981) suggested that the subspecies *brunnescens* and *californicus* were both introduced to New Zealand. Madge & McGowan (2002) indicated instead that *achrustera* was introduced to New Zealand.

