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Rock Wren (Piwauwau) *Xenicus gilviventris* Pelzeln 1867, Endemic
1866 Canterbury Alps, Canterbury

Ellman (1861) noted the “Mountain Wren” *Acanthisitta tenuirostris* Gray “only found on the snowy ranges” which Gray (1861) referred to the Rifleman. Was this the Rock Wren? Haast collected specimens about 1866 in Canterbury (Fleming 1983). Buller and von Pelzeln (1867) both received specimens and described them, but Pelzeln's account appeared first.