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North Island Saddleback *Philesturnus rufusater* (Lesson 1828), Endemic
April 1824 Bay of Islands, Northland

It was probably the “starling” Crozet recorded at the Bay of Islands in 1772. It was collected in March or April 1824 at the Bay of Islands by Lesson (1828). Holdaway et al. (2001) recently recommended that its specific status be restored. It was reported from the mainland (Raukumara Peak) as recently as 1935.