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**North Island Piopio** *Turnagra tanagra* (Schlegel 1866), Endemic  
1866 North Island

The North Island species was named in the belief that it was closely related to the American tanagers. It was named in 1866, not 1865, according to Dickinson (2003). Buller shot a Piopio in the Kaipara district, Northland in summer 1852. He named it *T. hectori* in 1869, only to be informed by Prof. Newton that it might be the same as Schlegel's bird. It was last recorded in 1905.

Piopios are orioles that colonized New Zealand 20mya from Australia (Johansson, Pasquet & Irestedt 2011).