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White-browed Woodswallow Artamus superciliosus (Gould 1837), Coloniser 9/12/1971 Naseby Forest, Otago 20/7/1996 Norfolk Island

The species was first reported in several national and local newspapers in January 1972, and subsequently in the March 1972 Notornis as a stop press. This was probably the first instance of vagrants in New Zealand courting as much interest as they do in Great Britain, for instance. Mr W.C. & Mrs D.M. Shaw first noticed this bird, their attention being drawn by its unusual call (Darby 1972).

Mr Shaw captured the bird, and it was kept in confinement until 18 January 1972. This bird, a male, was one of four males seen at Naseby, north of Ranfurly between December 1971 and July 1973. Another male appeared at Miranda in September 1991. It is now resident on Norfolk Island. Woodswallows were also collected in 1892 on Norfolk Island, but without being specifically identified (Christian 2005).