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North and South Island raven: p 257.

North Island Raven *Corvus antipodum antipodum* (Forbes 1893)

Oliver (1955) mentioned that Forbes had said that mainland birds belonged to two species, but did not publish any descriptions. Holdaway et al. (2001) also thought that mainland crows were distinct from Chatham Island crows, but further study was required. The North and South Island forms might also be different from each other. Gill (2003) finally published an investigation into the ravens. He recognized three taxa, of which two had been described by Forbes.

South Island Raven *Corvus antipodum pycrafti* Gill 2003

Gill (2003) described this subspecies after investigating the systematics of subfossil ravens.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

This species is considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.