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**Black-faced Monarch** *Monarcha melanopsis* (Vieillot 1818), Vagrant (1)  
19/4/1996 Stratford, Taranaki

A cat caught a Black-faced Monarch, which died shortly after being retrieved (Tennyson 1997). Mr Robin Turner bought it to the local D.O.C. office, from where it was forwarded to the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington. Local staff had initially identified it as a White-browed Woodswallow. It was thought that it had been blown over during its northward migration. Australian Blue Moon butterflies had also been seen during the same autumnal period.