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Australian Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus australis* (Gould 1838), Vagrant (1)
14/11/2004 St. Anne's Lagoon, Cheviot, Canterbury

There seems to be some confusion regarding who actually found this. It was apparently first noticed by an expatriate Dutch non-birder, Harry Furling, on the 14th November. Sheila Petch was notified by Harry, and on being also informed, Nick Allen (2004) went to see the bird. It frequented a small patch of raupo, and was also seen by a party of Dutch birders who had dropped in to see Cape Barren Geese.

The subject of discussion as to whether it attracted many "twitchers", only 20-30 birders had seen it after a fortnight, although at least 100 O.S.N.Z. members live in Canterbury. It was photographed and sound-recorded. It was last seen on the 28th.

A common migrant in south-east Australia, it moves northwards in March-April. Oriental Reed-Warbler *A. orientalis* is another possibility, it being a rare migrant as far south as New South Wales during January-March.