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Welcome Swallow (Warou) *Hirundo neoxena neoxena* Gould 1842, Coloniser
1943 Auckland Island
March 1969 Norfolk Island

Michie said he saw a swallow sometime in the 1920s, and one was also shot at Herekino about the same time and its wings displayed in the local newspaper office. No description was given, but Michie was familiar with the swallow when it began to colonise Northland in the 1950s.

The first specimen is one shot at Auckland Island in 1943 by R.A. Falla (Fleming 1953), followed by another at the Awhitu Peninsula, Kaipara in 1944.

Schodde et al. (1983) thought it possible that the Pacific Swallow *H. tahitica* might also visit Norfolk Island, as it has been recorded on Lord Howe Island.

