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Scarlett's Duck *Malacorhynchus scarletti* Olson 1977

This duck was described from bill fragments collected from the famous Pyramid Valley moa swamp, near Waikari, North Canterbury. Falla listed this species as *Malacorhynchus* sp. in 1941. Oliver thought that they probably belonged to the Pink-eared Duck, as the bones were geologically young. Olson (1977) formally described this species after re-examination of these bones. It is a very rare bird in the fossil record which has been found at very few sites in New Zealand.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

These species are considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.