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North Island Goose *Cnemiornis gracilis* Forbes 1892

Forbes (1892a) named this species, “*C. gracilis*, a most elegantly moulded goose from the North Island”, but failed to refer to what specimen or element was being named, where it was from, or how it differed from the South Island goose (Worthy & Holdaway 2002). The lost type specimen (a left tibiotarsus, labelled as from Te Aute), was rediscovered in the British Museum (Natural History) by Elliot Dawson in 1958.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

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