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**Pink-eared Duck**, *Malacorhynchos membranaceus* (Latham 1802), Vagrant (1)  
7/6/1990 Mangere, Manukau, Auckland

G.J. Eller, C.M. Haslett and R.B. Sibson (1991) discovered one at Mangere Sewage Ponds on an overcast, drizzly winter's day. G.J. Eller was the first to realise what the small duck with an oversize bill, and "bizarre" plumage was. It was again seen on the 12th and the 24th June, and drawn by T.G. Lovegrove. The bird preferred the company of Mallards to that of Grey Teal and Shovelers.