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## New Zealand Blue-billed Duck Oxyura vantetsi Worthy 2000

The Australian Blue-billed Duck *O. australis* was reported by Horn (1983) from Poukawa deposits, but these were later re-identified as *Mergus*, *Malacorhynchus* and *Aythya* bones. Worthy (2005b) recently described this New Zealand species *Oxyura*.

## **SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES**

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