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Blue Duck (Whio), *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos* (Gmelin 1789), Endemic
1/4/1773 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

It was discovered at Dusky Sound on Cook's second voyage in April 1773 (Hoare 1982). Cook wrote "After shooting some birds, one of which was a duck, with a blue-grey plumage and soft bill". Forster found it on forest streams, always in pairs. Cook referred to it as the Blue-Grey Duck, or the Whistling Duck. Forster and Latham described it, but Gmelin formally named it.