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Chatham Island Duck *Pachyanas chathamica* Oliver 1955

Oliver (1955) described this species from bones found in the Canterbury Museum collection from the Chatham Islands. It was a stout duck, with well-marked salt-gland depressions, indicating a saline habitat. It was perhaps related to the shelducks *Tadorna*, rather than typical ducks *Anas*. H. H. Travers saw a “peculiar teal” with bright scarlet markings on the wings, in November 1863, at the lagoons near Red Bluff, Chatham Island. He was informed it was very uncommon. Perhaps this was one of the last survivors?

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

This species is considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.