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**Northern Shoveler**, *Anas clypeata* Linnaeus 1758, Vagrant (7)  
6/5/1968 Maungatawhiri Swamp, Pokeno, Waikato

Tony Cathcart shot a drake Shoveler in May 1968 that was later identified as the Northern species by P. J. Howard (1968). There are now seven records of this unexpected duck. R. H. D. Stidolph pointed out that Buller (1896) had described "shovelers" resembling Northern Shovelers from Lake Ellesmere. Buller described two specimens, one with "head and neck black, green metallic, breast white, narrow collar at back, scattered horseshoe markings of dull chestnut-brown, chestnut brown sides and abdomen, large upper wing coverts white, broad crescentic bands of black and brown". Are these specimens in a museum somewhere?

Kinsky & Jones (1972) thought that these vagrants originated from North America, having missed their regular winter quarters in Hawaii, and had carried directly on over the Pacific.

The other records come from Lake Ngakawau, Levin, May 1969; Lake Horowhenua, August 1971; Pauri Lake, Wanganui (2), Aug. 1989; Kaikorai Estuary, Otago, May 1990; Matata, Bay of Plenty, May 1993; Gisborne, June 1995.