

Watola, G. 2011. The Discovery of New Zealand's Birds. (3rd Edition in prep.)
Based on: Watola, G. 2009. The Discovery of New Zealand's Birds. (2nd Edition)
Arun Books, Orewa, New Zealand.
Updated and amended text supplied by George Watola, October, 2011.
Page numbers follow Watola, G. 2009 (2nd Edition)
Chukor: p 220.

Chukor *Alectoris chukar* (J. E. Gray 1830)
1926 Lake Heron, Canterbury

Oliver (1955) stated that 15 pairs were successfully released in the Lake Heron district in 1926 by Col. R.B. Neill on behalf of the Ashburton Acclimatisation Society. The following year 25 birds were liberated at Lake Hawea. In 1932, 192 birds were liberated at various localities by the North Canterbury Acclimatisation Society. An introduction of 24 birds at Taumaranui failed, as did a subsequent release of South Island birds in the Coromandel Peninsula. They were reported from Hawke Bay in 1989. Williams (1951) said that birds released in North Canterbury and Marlborough were *A. c. korovoakovi*, but Marchant & Higgins (1993) stated there is little evidence for this.