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**Northern Pintail**, *Anas acuta* Linnaeus 1758, Vagrant (1)  
19/10/1997 Farewell Spit, Nelson

Chris Petyt (1999) discovered a male amongst Mallards on Banana Pan at Farewell Spit on the 19/10/1997. Returning on the 21st October, Petyt and R. Stocker saw the bird again, just before it flew off never to be seen again. A very rare vagrant to Australia, this species usually only migrates as far south as Thailand and the Philippines.