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Chatham Island Bellbird *Anthornis melanocephala* G.R. Gray 1843, Endemic
July 1840 Chatham Island

Dieffenbach discovered this species during May-July 1840. Oliver said it was in 1839, but this appears to be an error, as Dieffenbach only visited once in 1840 for ten weeks. By 1896 it was disappearing fast, aided by collectors shooting all they could. It had gone by 1906. Holdaway et al. (2001) reinstated its specific status.