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Little Spotted Kiwi (Kiwi pukupuku) *Apteryx owenii*, Gould 1847, Endemic
1847 South Island

A professional natural history dealer from Sydney, F. Strange, obtained a skin from probably the northern South Island. Gould described it in 1847. No type locality was given, but either Nelson (Gray 1862) or Marlborough has been suggested (Oliver 1955). Previously common in parts of the South Island, it is now extinct there. The mainstay of the species' existence has been the population on Kapiti Island, which was probably introduced.

(North Island) Little Spotted Kiwi *Apteryx owenii iredalei* (Mathews 1935)

A specimen was obtained from Mt Hector, Tararua Range in 1875. It was also reported from the head of the Hutt River and from Wangapopo, King Country (Turbott 1990). The North Island population died out at the end of the 19th century. Mathews named this taxon in 1935, but it may have been named previously by Lydekker (1891) from a subfossil metatarsus. The origin of the specimen is ambiguous in Lydekker's original description, giving only "New Zealand" but Turbott (1990) thought it may have come from Waingonoro, possibly because other kiwi bones mentioned had.