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Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* (Middendorff 1853), Vagrant (2)
31/8/1997 Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury

An unusual pale-legged stint was seen on 31/8/1997 at Jarvis Road, Lake Ellesmere, by Sheila Petch and Nick Allen (Petch et al. 2002). Colin Hill and Sheila Petch then found the same bird on the 25th September, at Embankment Road. A detailed description and photographs were taken on this occasion. A very bright individual, it was later identified as a breeding-plumaged adult. Yellowish-green legs, a bright rufous cap, and a long central toe also helped to confirm its identity. It was not seen again.