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Eyles' Harrier *Circus teauteensis* Forbes 1892

The fossil remains of a large harrier were found at Te Aute by Augustus Hamilton in c 1889. These were named as *Circus hamiltoni* and *C. teauteensis* by Forbes in 1892, but without an apparently valid description. This has led to much taxonomic confusion (Worthy & Holdaway 2002). Turbott (1990) regarded Forbes's names as nomina nuda, but Kinsky (1970) recognised both names. The Checklist Committee (2010) accepts only *C. teauteensis*.

SUB-FOSSIL SPECIES

This species is considered to have become extinct since human settlement in the 14th century.