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**Laughing Kookaburra** *Dacelo novaeguineae novaeguineae* (Hermann 1783)

1866 Kawau Island, Northland

Small numbers of Kookaburras were released between 1860-1880, in Wellington, Nelson and Otago, but only those introduced to Kawau Island by Sir George Grey survived (Lever 2005). These colonised the mainland, where they are now found from Whangarei to the northern Waitakeres. Genuine vagrants probably occur as well: it has been reported from Cape Maria van Diemen, Barrytown, Punakaiki (winter 1947), Haast, Paraparaumu (February 1977), Hastings & Raglan (January 1980 after westerly storms), and Rangiora (June 1983). It was recorded in 21 squares (<1%).

