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Black-fronted Dotterel *Elyseornis melanops* (Viellot 1818), Coloniser
29/8/1954 Ahuriri, Hawke Bay

D.H. Brathwaite (1955), with Mrs R. Sorrel, found the first one at Ahuriri, Napier which was a most obliging bird watched down to 30 yards. It was initially thought to be a Shore Plover, but was rapidly correctly re-identified. A bird seen at the Taieri River on 23/9/1951 may have been either this species or Shore Plover. It is now well-established on many riverbeds, in contrast to Red-capped Dotterel, which failed to establish itself.

