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Grey Warbler (Riroriro) *Gerygone igata* (Quoy & Gaimard 1830), Endemic
January 1827 Tasman Bay, Nelson

Even though it is one of the most common and widespread of New Zealand's endemic forest birds, it was not discovered until 1827. Quoy & Gaimard on the *Astrolabe* collected specimens at Tasman Bay (D'Urville 1830). It was named *Curruca igata*, the specific name being a corruption of the Maori name. This name fell into disuse until 1876, when Finsch reinstated it. *G. flaviventris* Gray 1844 was commonly used, and several other names were also given to this species in the mid 19th century. Mathews & Iredale (1913) unsurprisingly recognized four forms.