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White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (Gmelin 1788)

First record 1873, New Zealand

There have been several reports of large eagles, including a specimen said to have been obtained in New Zealand. Gould presented this specimen to Buller in about 1873, and it is now in the Dominion Museum. Haast saw an eagle in 1866 on the Rakaia River, Canterbury. R. Norman saw one in the Matukituki bush, near Lake Wanaka, Otago about 1870. One was reported to Buller from Wellington Harbour. Two were seen in 1935 above Turangakumu, near Rotorua. In 1953 there were a further four reports from Nelson and Marlborough.

Michie reported several sightings in the Far North, on Ninety Mile Beach (25/03/1972), Cape Maria Van Diemen Island (10/04/1972) and near Kaitaia (1971).