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**Stewart Island Shag** *Leucocarbo chalconotus* (Gray 1845), Endemic  
1845 Otago

Percy Earl collected a specimen in Otago, and forwarded it to the British Museum (Gray 1845). The Stewart Island Shag was considered by Worthy (1996) and Worthy & Holdaway (2002) to be a subspecies of the King Shag, at the southern end of a cline. The King/Stewart Island Shag's present distribution is the remnant of a former New Zealand-wide distribution. Lalas (1993) suggested that Otago birds differed from Southland birds in plumage and size.