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Eastern Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus sibirica* (Dresser 1876), Vagrant (17)
5/1/1960 Miranda, South Auckland

One was found amongst a large flock of Wrybills by R.B. Sibson & H.R. McKenzie (1960) with Peter Skegg and Wayne Maxwell at Miranda in January 1960. It was found on a ploughed and cultivated turnip paddock at Kairito Creek, between Miranda and Waitakaruru. Its long bill, short legs and striped head gave the impression of a snipe. This bird stayed until March, associating with other small waders. Sibson wrote about searching through the Wrybill flocks for interesting stragglers. They had been looking for a recently-found Greater Sand Plover when this bird was discovered