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Kea *Nestor notabilis* Gould 1856, Endemic
1856 Murihiku, Otago

A group of French colonists arrived on the South Island in 1840. Their leader, the naturalist Sainte Croix de Belligny, collected over 130 species of birds, including Keas, but these were not recognized as different from Kaka. W. B. D. Mantell was told of the existence of green parrots by elder Maoris in 1848. Mantell and J. Lemon later collected the Kea in western Otago in 1856. Gould (1856) described it in April the same year.