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Bristle-thighed Curlew *Numenius tahitiensis* (Gmelin 1789), Vagrant (4)
August 1966 Macauley Island, Kermadec Islands

J.F. O'Brien reported one on Macauley Island in August 1966. In September 1972, C. R. Veitch (1974) and others found a dead female on North Meyer Island, and a live bird on Raoul Island. The voice (a rising krreep), the pale band across the tail, speckled back and wing coverts, and less pronounced breast streaking were all diagnostic features. The live bird was also photographed. A record from Norfolk Island on 20/01/1968 has not been accepted.