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**South Island Saddleback** (Tieke) *Philesturnus carunculatus* (Gmelin 1789), Endemic March 1773 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

Parkinson recorded a "small bird, with wattles of deep orange red" from Queen Charlotte Sound in January 1770, but the record was transposed to Endeavour River, Australia by his brother who edited his journal (Lysaght & Serventy 1956).

Forster collected this saddleback at Dusky Sound in March 1773 and in May or June 1773 at Queen Charlotte Sound on Cook's second voyage. It was named by Gmelin from Latham's description. The female was confused with the "Jackbird" or immature by both Forster and Latham. The Jackbird was thought to be a separate species for many years, until Guthrie-Smith discovered the truth in 1913.