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**Black-footed Albatross** *Phoebastria nigripes* (Audubon 1839), Vagrant (1)  
July 1884 Dusky Sound, Fiordland

One was collected by A. Reischek in Dusky Sound in July 1884 (Mathews 1930). This remains the only known occurrence south of the equator, along with a specimen labelled "New Holland" in the Vienna Museum. This still seems an extremely unlikely occurrence, notwithstanding the specimen. Reischek's other odd records included Common Noddy (some doubt) and White Tern (still accepted). Reischek wrote of his time in Dusky Sound – "*Diomedea exudans*, *Diomedea melanophrys*, *Diomedea chlororhyncha*, *Diomedea fuliginosa*, *Ossifraga gigantea*, *Haladroma urinatriw*, *Procellaria capensis*, *Prion turtur*: all these species are not rare" (Reischek 1888).

The presence of a New Holland specimen casts some doubt on this record. Mislabelling may have occurred, as for some other specimens of Reischek's. Mathews of course named the specimen as a new subspecies.