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Hoary-headed Grebe *Poliiocephalus poliocephalus* (Jardine & Selby 1827) ,Vagrant (22)
11/2/1975 The Snares

Dr D.S. Horning saw a strange bird swimming in Boat Harbour, The Snares, in the early morning of February 11th 1975. H.A. Best (1976) was informed, and studied the bird for 90 minutes with the aid of 7 x 35 binoculars, at a range of 3-20 m. The straw-coloured plumes on the head indicated it was a Hoary-headed Grebe in breeding plumage. Two grebes, probably this species, were seen on Macquarie Island from August to November 1975 (Green 1989). Small grebes appear to have a propensity to wander, with the American Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* being a regular vagrant to Britain. Hoary-headed Grebes attempted breeding in Southland in the summer of 1975/76.