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New Zealand Dabchick (*Weweia*) *Poliiocephalus rufopectus* (Gray 1843), Endemic
1840 Taieri, Otago

The type specimen was collected from an unknown locality in the North Island by Dr. A. Sinclair, prior to being described in 1843. Sinclair had helped Hooker (*Erebus & Terror*) when they visited the Bay of Islands in 1841, so perhaps this is where the type specimen came from. Gray (1862), who described the species, gives "Tairi" as the only locality. Percy Earl had collected the Taieri bird in 1840. This and another specimen from Waimate, were brought to England by the *Erebus & Terror* expedition. William Colenso named *Fulica novaesealandiae* from a Dabchick specimen he found at Ngarawahia, Waikato about 1845, mistakenly thinking it was a coot.