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Grey Noddy *Procelsterna cerulea albivitta* Bonaparte 1856, Native
July 1854 Raoul Island, Kermadec Islands
1862 Norfolk Island

The “light-grey bird” reported by Captain Sever of the “*Lady Penrhyn*” in 1788 at the Kermadecs was almost certainly this species. Macgillivray, aboard the *H.M.S. Herald*, collected this species in July 1854 from Raoul Island (Oliver 1955). One was found at Cape Maria van Diemen, Far North, in early 1882 after a strong south-westerly. Cheeseman recorded it in August 1887 from the Kermadecs. Moore (in litt) thought that Gould (1864) was the first to record it from Norfolk Island, but Gray (1862) had also mentioned it.