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Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus* Coues 1864, Vagrant (6)
7/6/1979 Canterbury Bight, Canterbury

A most unusual set of circumstances, in which a species recorded once in New Zealand, was supposedly seen forty-five years later, only for the original identification to be overturned in favour of a bird never recorded before. G.A. Tunncliffe (1982) saw the first Pink-footed Shearwater at 1325 hours on 7/6/1979, 51 km east of Waimate, Canterbury. At least two birds were seen in the area for three days. These were initially thought to be Cory's Shearwaters.

Overseas correspondents later corrected the identification, and the Rare Birds Committee accepted the new record in May 1983. Others have been recently seen off Kaikoura (January 1994; December 1998; February 1999; January 2003; February 2005), where they may not be infrequent.