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Christmas Island Shearwater *Puffinus nativitatis* Streets 1877, Vagrant (2)
29/2/1976 Dargaville Beach, Northland

Members of the Northland O.S.N.Z. found a beach-washed specimen on Dargaville Beach on a monthly beach patrol in February 1976 (Crockett 1977). A tropical storm may have swept this bird down to New Zealand from the Central Pacific. Beach-patrolling has added at least 20 new species to the New Zealand List through the years, ever since Buller found various seabirds on the Manawatu coast in the mid 19th century. Another Christmas Shearwater was found ashore on Curtis Island, Kermadec Islands on 10/11/1989.