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Chestnut-breasted Shelduck, *Tadorna tadornoides* (Jardine & Selby 1828), Vagrant
20/1/1973 Hokitika River, Westland
2/12/1984 Norfolk Island

Peter Grant (1989) found a record of two Shelducks in his notebooks, which he submitted to the Rare Birds Committee, OSNZ. He had seen two puzzling shelducks on the Hokitika River bed, downstream of the Kaniere township bridge in January 1973. One or both were males. These were accepted as the first sightings, pre-dating a December 1982 record at Lake Ellesmere. Oliver also recorded a specimen that had been supposedly shot at Lake Ellesmere, but O'Connor, the collection owner, questioned its provenance, after purchasing it in Christchurch.