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**Paradise Shelduck** (Putangitangi), *Tadorna variegata* (Gmelin 1789), Endemic  
6/4/1773 Duck Cove, Dusky Sound, Fiordland

J. R. Forster and Captain James Cook both wrote about the Paradise Shelduck. Forster described its habits and plumage in April (Hoare 1982). Cook also described the plumage, when writing about the five waterfowl species he had seen. The elder Forster described “a large Duck and drake blackish white Covers of the wings & one of them had a white head; but they were so shy, that we could get none of them”. On 7th April, he described the species as *Anas cheneros* in his journal. George Forster's painting of a female Paradise Duck is the type, and the type locality is Dusky Sound. Gmelin named the species in 1789, from Latham's account of Forster's description.