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**Indian Ocean Yellow-nosed Albatross** *Thalassarche carteri* (Rothschild 1903), Coloniser  
21/8/1921 Muriwai Beach, Northland  
1990 Ross Sea (Russ & Shirihai 2000)

Hutton (1868) refers to an albatross in the Auckland Museum that was caught off Great Barrier Island. Oliver (1955) thought it might be a Grey-headed Albatross, but Yellow-nosed Albatross is also quite likely.

R.A. Falla found a beach-wrecked adult specimen on Muriwai Beach on 21st August 1921, according to C. J. R. Robertson, or about 1930 (Oliver 1955). Oliver (1930) recorded a Yellow-nosed Albatross from Muriwai on Falla's authority, but without date. Unfortunately Robertson (1975) only gave 21 August (no year) in his list of records, but did also state elsewhere that the first beach-wrecked specimen was in 1921. Presumably Robertson obtained his date from specimen details, although he only refers to Falla's 1933 paper.

Falla (1933) also saw two live birds off North Cape on 16/08/1932 and eight off the Three Kings the following day. Falla did not mention any beach-cast birds in his paper.

The Yellow-nosed Albatross has been split by some authorities, but Christidis & Boles (2008) did not recognize them. The ACAP (2006) committee continues to endorse their separation.