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Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes* (Viellot 1816), Migrant
13/1/1950 Parengarenga, Northland
September 1971 Norfolk Island

A single bird was found by E.G. Turbott (1951) on the 13th January, 1950, with four more birds seen two days later at Raumanawa high tide roost. The call-note was the main identification feature used to confirm identification. Dawson (1968) reviewing tattler records up to 1967, considered the 1950 record to be unsafe, as it was based on call alone. However, later research showed that call can be used to separate the tattler species, among other features (Hayman et al. 1986).