Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (Viellot 1819), Vagrant (1)
21/11/1952 Wairoa River, Hawkes Bay

R.H.D. Stidolph (1953) and his wife saw a very small wader “like a skylark” at the Wairoa River-mouth. A description and notes on the call were made, which appeared to rule out other species. It is tiny even in comparison to a Red-necked Stint. Other records of “yellow-legged stints” come from Ahuriri (1953-54) and Manukau (1972). Checklist Committee (OSNZ) (2010) regards it as possibly recorded in New Zealand, but includes it in the main list.