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Yellow-crowned Parakeet (Kakariki) *Cyanoramphus auriceps* (Kuhl 1820), Endemic
1820 South Island

The early history of this species is shrouded in mystery. Specimens were collected in 1820 from the South Island (Kuhl 1820). Buller writes of irruptions of this species (and Red-crowned) into the settled countryside of the South Island, when much damage was caused by the “plague of Parakeets”. These occurred in 1870, 1877 and 1886.