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Japanese Snipe *Gallinago hardwickii* (J.E. Gray 1831), Vagrant (35)
26/3/1898 Arch Hill, Auckland
March 1969 Norfolk Island

C. C. Sandford shot an unusual bird in a field near Arch Hill, Auckland in March 1898 (Cheeseman 1899). Sandford then took it to the Auckland Museum. Japanese Snipe is the common snipe on the eastern seaboard of Australia, so it is assumed to be the snipe often sight-recorded here.