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**Black Stilt** (Kaki) *Himantopus novaezelandiae* Gould 1841, Endemic  
1841 Port Nicholson, Wellington

Gould (1841) described it from two immature specimens collected in Wellington Harbour. Hombron & Jacquinet also described the species in November 1841 from a specimen obtained in Otago, as *H. melas*, which is a junior synonym. A hybrid Pied/Black Stilt was recorded from Norfolk Island on 16/9/2006 and found dead the next day by Margaret Christian.