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Australasian Crested Grebe (Puteketeke) *Podiceps cristatus australis* Gould 1844, Native
15/4/1856 Lake Coleridge, Canterbury

Sir George Grey obtained a specimen between 1846 and 1847 (Westerskov 1977). He presented an unsexed adult specimen to the British Museum (Natural History) in 1847. The bird is labeled “*P. australis* New Zealand. Grey 47.1.8.6.” There remains the possibility that this specimen may have come from Australia, where Grey was based between 1837 and 1845. Mathews thought that Gould's type specimen came from New Zealand, based on the description, but New Zealand birds are inseparable from Australian birds.

Potts observed “loons or grebes...carrying their crested heads loftily” at Lake Coleridge on 15/4/1856.
Charles Heaphy probably saw grebes earlier on Lake Rotorua, Nelson on 11/2/1846.