Stejneger’s Petrel *Pterodroma longirostris* (Stejneger 1893), Vagrant (9)
3/12/1961 Baring Head, Wellington

A beach-washed specimen was found at Baring Head in December 1961 by Robert Falla (Falla 1962a). This was a fresh specimen that had been mauled by gulls. Falla was able to distinguish it from the very similar Gould’s Petrel by its darker primaries and longer tail. There have been very few records of this Chilean breeder, which usually winters off Japan.

Most of the other birds were found dead: Ohope Beach (2) 5/1/1962; Turakina Valley 1963; Ruakaka Beach 1980; Northland 1981; Ninety Mile Beach (3) December 1983; 2005; Pukerua Bay December 1989. Live birds were seen east of Hawkes Bay in 1978.