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**Eastern Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo longipennis* Nordmann 1835, Vagrant (32)  
27/1/1984 Pukerua Bay, Wellington

In 1992, the Rare Birds Committee accepted the above record as being the first New Zealand record (Guest 1992). This pre-empted a record from Rangitaiki Estuary, Bay of Plenty on 8/4/1984, identified by P.C.M. Latham and Brian Chudleigh. There had been earlier unconfirmed records since 1959. A.J.D. Tennyson found the Pukerua bird and two others at Waikanae subsequently.