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**Australian Barn Owl** *Tyto javanica deliculata* (Gould 1837), Vagrant (11)  
16/8/1947 Barrytown, Westland  
September 1969 Norfolk Island

An adult female shot at Barrytown by J. Langridge in August 1947 was the first record (Falla 1947). A recent surprising record of three birds in April 2008 near Kaitaia, Far North may indicate breeding. Christidis & Boles (2008) treat this owl as a subspecies of Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica* but Konig & Weick (2008) consider it a species in its own right, with other related subspecies in Polynesia. Konig & Weick (2008) have split the Barn Owl *Tyto alba* into eight species.