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Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis* (Jameson 1835), Vagrant (3)

Summer 1961 Norfolk Island

21/2/2009 Tarras, Wanaka, Southland

One with a damaged leg was often seen on Kingston Common, Norfolk Island in the summer of 1961 (per Mrs Merval Hoare to H. Wakelin (1968)). This record is accepted as it (or another) was later seen in October 1962 (Lindsay 1963). One finally made it to New Zealand in February 2009. It was found by Erik Forsyth, and also seen by Brent Stephenson and party on the 23rd.

“It was seen on the road between Wanaka and Tarras about 2-2.5km before you reach the Tarras junction. There is a farm on the right JR Parcell, Canefield (on the letterbox) and a ‘green’ field with sheep and scores of Masked Lapwings. The ibis was seen walking in the field 100m from the road around 7:00pm. Conditions were awful with pouring rain and poor light but I did manage some blurry shots which show its identity.”