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Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa* Gould 1846, Vagrant (2)
11/8/1968 Lake Hayes, Otago

A party of Southland birdwatchers refound an unusual waterbird on Lake Hayes, south of Arrowtown, in August 1968, following a report of a moorhen by Dr J. Murray Spiers of Toronto University (Barlow 1969). R.R. Sutton, Maida Barlow, L.E. Henderson, Neil Henderson & Owen Linscott made up the group. It was probably a subadult, judging by the plumage details and bill colour. The moorhen fed close to the shore, sometimes in company with another unidentified moorhen. It was last seen on 9/10/1968. Another was seen at Lake Ellesmere in February 2005.