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E) South Island Snipe (Tutukiwi) *Coenocorypha iredalei* Rothschild 1921, Endemic
1913 Big South Cape, Stewart Island

Herbert Guthrie-Smith visited Big South Cape Island in 1913, and found snipe. The type was collected on Jacky Lee Island by H. H. Travers, and described by Rothschild (1921). These were the last remnants of this formerly widespread South Island species, which became extinct in 1964 after the introduced wekas on Jacky Lee eradicated them (C. Miskelly in litt.). Medway (2008a) has recently suggested that it may have been seen (and shot) at Dusky Sound in 1773 by Forster.