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Caspian Tern (Taranui) *Hydroprogne caspia* (Pallas 1770), Native
1861 New Zealand

It was first recorded by J.B. Ellman, an “itinerant Englishman”. Ellman (1861) described the “Great Tern (Tara Kakao) *Sterna major*. Expanse of wings four feet. Primaries tipped with black. A very noisy bird. Confined to the coast”. The next record was at Onehunga about 1865, when Richard Laishley painted a young bird. Mathews & Iredale described a New Zealand race from a bird obtained in December 1870 from the west coast of the South Island, from Otto Finsch.

