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Pallid Cuckoo *Cacomantis pallidus* (Latham 1801), Vagrant (8)

May 1939 Craig Flat, Otago

23/5/1984 Norfolk Island

A bird that visited Craig Flat, on the banks of the Molyneaux River five miles above Beaumont, for three consecutive years, arriving before May and departing in October, was sent in to the Otago Museum on 17/9/1941. Dr Marples (1942) identified the specimen. Mrs Adams said that it whistled in the spring, and would allow a close approach if replied to. It would accompany the settler as he walked, flying from post to post along the road.

28 black caterpillars and an earthworm chaetae were found in its stomach. There have only been six subsequent records, in December 1941 (Okarito), March 1942 (Greymouth), 1977 (Wairarapa), 1984 (Norfolk Island), 1990 (Otago & Macquarie Island) & November 2006 (Wellington).