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Rook *Corvus frugilegus* Linnaeus 1758
1873 Christchurch, Canterbury

Although liberated in small numbers in Nelson, Canterbury and Auckland between 1862 and 1871, none of these releases were successful (Thomson 1922). Five were liberated in 1871 in Christchurch, and then in 1873 a further 35 were liberated. By 1885 at least four rookeries were known in Christchurch. 1880 nests were counted in the Christchurch area in 1956. Between 7000 and 10, 000 birds were estimated to be present in 1957.

A recent range expansion has been attributed to pest-control operations aimed at eliminating the Rook. This was also found in 1956 at Paparua, when the cutting down of rookeries caused a breeding range expansion.

