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European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis britannica* (Hartert 1903)
1862 Nelson
Self-introduced 1904 Norfolk Island

It was introduced to Nelson in 1862 (Thomson 1922). Over 500 birds were released up to 1883. Schodde et al. (1983) and Christian (2005) said it had been first recorded as recently as 1963 on Norfolk Island, but Moore (in litt) said North (1904) had recorded it by 1904.

