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**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* (Bechstein 1803), Migrant  
24/3/1959 Puketutu, Auckland  
31/10/1981 Norfolk Island

R. B. Sibson (1959) found the first one on an evening visit to Puketutu (Mangere), at a time of construction of new sea-walls which had impounded brackish shallows. Sibson identified it straight away, being familiar with it from “the islands of the Aegean” twenty years previously. Its size, disproportionately long legs and flight-silhouette were all distinguishing features. A juvenile, it attracted much interest from local observers, and was present until May 13th.