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## SHORT NOTE

## An early sighting of the Welcome Swallow

In view of the interest taken in the colonization of New Zealand by the Welcome Swallow it is worth making a belated recording of an early sighting which escaped registration at the time. In April 1953 I was with a party preparing the field trips for the Ecological Society's meeting in May. We were visiting Lake Ellesmere, near the outlet, when I saw a swallow and pointed it out to Professor Edward Percival. It was agreed that he should report the sighting to Dr Falla, but it appears this was not done. As swallows soon were seen regularly in this area, this early occurrence is of particular interest.

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