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SHORT NOTE

CORRECTION: NORTH ATLANTIC SHEARWATER TO PINK-FOOTED SHEARWATER

First sightings of the North Atlantic (Cory's) Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* (Scopoli, 1769) in Australasian seas (*Notornis* 29: 85-91, 1982).

Overseas correspondence I have received in response to my report on the sightings of Cory's (North Atlantic) Shearwater, *Calonectris diomedea*, off the east coast of the South Island, has convinced me that my identification was incorrect. Indisputable evidence has been presented in support of Pink-footed Shearwater, *Puffinus creatopus*.

In May 1983 the OSNZ Rare Birds Committee met and reappraised the colour transparencies which featured as Figures 1, 2 and 3 in *Notornis* 29: 85-91 (1982). The Committee sent colour prints of the transparencies to Professor R. Schlatter, Universidad Austral de Chile, and Dr F. Roux, Museum of Natural History, Paris; both confirmed the birds in the photographs as Pink-footed Shearwater.

This is the first record of Pink-footed Shearwater in New Zealand.

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