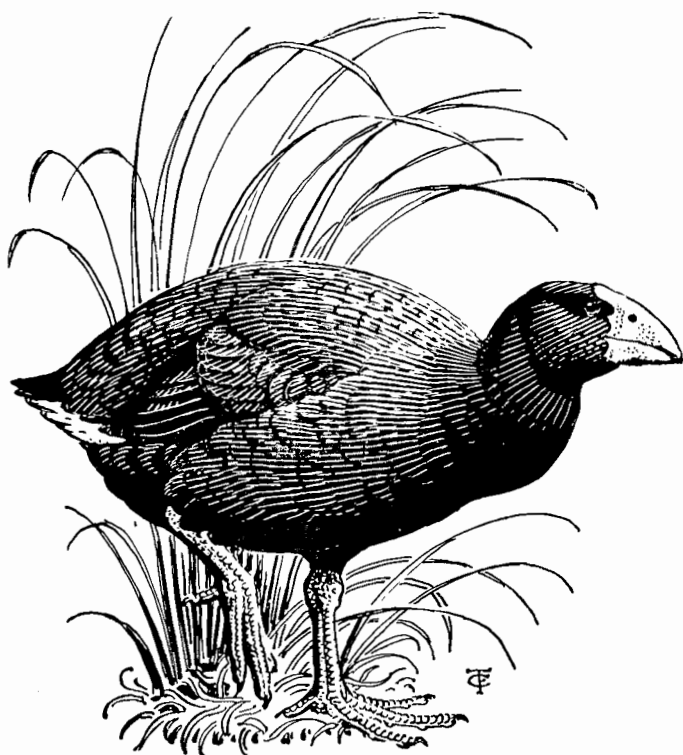


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FALCON IN CHATHAM ISLANDS.—The former existence of the falcon (*Falco novaeseelandiae* Gmelin) in the Chatham Islands does not seem to have been recorded. Neither our Society's recent Check List nor Oliver's N.Z. Birds, records it from the Chathams. In the collection of the Canterbury Museum are several bones which are indistinguishable from those of skeletons of the New Zealand falcon. They are: Av. 5423, r. femur (probably collected by H. O. Forbes); Av. 7594, cranium and pre-maxilla, from the Kinsey collection; Av. 9814, pelvis, from the Fougare collection; Av. 9930, l. tibia, from the Jefferson collection; and Av. 11.367, a l. ulna, collected from Owenga by Jim Eyles in 1952. The fact that so few falcon bones have been found among the thousands of bird bones from the Chathams that I have examined would show that it was probably not plentiful there.—Ron. J. Scarlett, Christchurch.