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SHORT NOTE

Second New Zealand record of the Bird of Providence

On 22 September 1984 I found a beach-wrecked Bird of Providence (*Pterodroma solandri*) on the west coast of Northland between Maunganui Bluff and Omamari. The bird was identified by D. E. Crockett and subsequently the identification was confirmed by M. J. Imber. This is only the second record of this species in New Zealand, the first being that found by Falla on Muriwai Beach in January 1921. The specimen from Northland is now held at the National Museum.

Description: Back grey-brown. Head dark brown. Uppertail brown. Face and forehead freckled. Belly white in centre, grey on sides — each feather mostly white with a 10 mm grey tip on the end. Small pale tip right on the end of some feathers. Underside of tail grey-brown.

Underwing: primaries grey-brown on outer vane and tips, paler to white on basal half of inner vane.

Feet: black — paler at base of toes
Legs: paler — brown
Bill: black — large

Measurements (mm)

Culmen: 33.22
Bill width: 14.40
Bill depth: 16.08
Tarsus: right 42.14, left 41.36
Mid-toe & claw: right 59.0, left 59.10
Wing: 310
Length: 420

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