

LETTER

Sir

Extinct birds of New Zealand spelling errors

In the 1st edition of the book *Extinct Birds of New Zealand* by Alan Tennyson and Paul Martinson (Tennyson & Martinson 2006), the scientific name of the New Zealand owllet-nightjar was incorrectly spelled *Aegotheles novaeselandiae* and the scientific name of the North Island giant moa was incorrectly spelled *Dinornis novaeselandiae*. Te Papa Press wishes to advise readers of *Notornis* that the correct spellings are *Aegotheles novaesealandiae* and *Dinornis*

novaesealandiae, respectively. The publishers sincerely regret this error, which is in no way the fault of the authors.

LITERATURE CITED

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