

Banded dotterel Pohowera

Charadrius bicinctus bicinctus



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | At Risk: Declining



Main threats

Habitat loss and degradation,
introduced mammalian
predators

A bit about me...



Length:
20 cm



Weight:
60 g



Breeding
range



Migratory
range

Range:

Breeds on riverbeds and mountaintops in spring, moving to coastal estuaries for the rest of the year. Also found in other parts of Te Waipounamu / South Island and Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island, with some birds migrating to Australia.

Key Otago sites:

- Te Awa Whakatipu / Dart River
- Karitane
- Aramoana
- Puketuroto / Hooper's Inlet
- Pounaweia / Catlins Lake



New Zealand endemic

A small plover with two bold breast bands while in breeding plumage, one in the form of a reddish bib. Males have darker crown, eye and band feathers. Juveniles have mottled tawny upperparts. Common calls are 'peeps' and 'chips'. Big eyes help them pursue small invertebrates by sight.

Similar bird:



Wrybill / ngutu pare