# Antarctic Cape petrel Karetai hurukoko



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## **Conservation status**

Regional | Migrant | National | Migrant



# **Main threats**

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution





**Length:** 40 cm



Weight: 450 g





Migratory range

## Range:

Breeds on cliffs and ledges around Antarctica, and on islands throughout the Southern Ocean. Uncommon visitor to Aotearoa New Zealand waters.

## **Key Otago sites:**

- Otago canyons
- Occasionally seen inshore



#### New Zealand native

A small, stocky seabird with chequered black-and-white patterning across its wings. Compared to the more common Snares Cape petrel, they have more extensive white backs and upperwings, and visit from much further afield. Gives a rapid chittering call in colonies or when competing for small crustaceans and fish, as well as discards from fishing vessels.

#### Similar bird:



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