

Black-bellied storm petrel | takahikare-rangi

Fregetta tropica



Otago
Regional
Council



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | Not Threatened



Main threats

Climate change, pollution

A bit about me...



Length:
20 cm



Weight:
55 g



Migratory range

Range:

Breeds locally on the subantarctic Maungahuka / Motu Maha / Auckland Islands and Moutere Mahue / Antipodes Islands. Uncommon visitor to the waters of mainland Aotearoa New Zealand. Also found across the Southern Ocean.

Key Otago sites:



- Otago canyons, particularly in summer and autumn
- Rarely seen inshore



New Zealand native

A small, compact seabird with a steep forehead and tiny black bill. Upperparts black; while the rump and underside are white, often with a black line running down the centre of the belly. Feeds by picking zooplankton off the water's surface and skips off waves using one leg.

Similar bird:



Wilson's storm petrel