

# Antipodean albatross | Toroa

*Diomedea antipodensis antipodensis*

## Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | Threatened: Critical

## Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution

A bit about me...



### New Zealand endemic

A large, pink-billed seabird that ranges from chocolate brown to white in colour as it ages. The tail, upperwings and crown stay dark brown, except for the oldest males. Wingspan can reach over three metres. A long, hooked bill helps it seize squid. Courtship routine is elaborate and involves dancing, screaming and bill-clapping.

 **Length:**  
110 cm

 **Weight:**  
4.5–7.5 kg



 Migratory range

### Range:

Regular visitor to mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters. Breeds on the subantarctic Moutere Mahue / Antipodes Islands, apart from a few pairs on Rēkohu / Wharekauri / Chatham Islands. Ranges throughout the Southern Ocean.

### Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons, particularly in winter
- Rarely seen inshore

### Similar birds:



Southern royal albatross / toroa



Gibson's albatross / toroa, which is typically larger and paler



Northern royal albatross / toroa