

Buff weka Weka

Gallirallus australis hectori



Otago
Regional
Council



Conservation status

Regional	Threatened: Endangered Conservation Translocation
National	At Risk: Relict



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators

A bit about me...



Length:
50–60 cm



Weight:
500–1500 g



Known
presence



Potential
presence

Range:

Uses all habitats where there is dense cover to retreat to. Translocated to islands in Whakatipu Waimāori / Lake Wakatipu and Lake Wānaka, and to Motatapu Station, where they may no longer remain. This subspecies went extinct on the mainland but survives through birds liberated on Rēkohu / Wharekauri / Chatham Islands.

Key Otago sites:

- Mou Waho



New Zealand endemic

A large dappled brown rail with a pinkish bill and legs, grey throat and red eye. Can be secretive, or extremely tame around well-trafficked areas. Loud 'coo-eet' calls give away its presence, particularly around dawn and dusk.

Similar bird:



Western weka / weka