

# Salvin's mollymawk

## Toroa

*Thalassarche salvini*

### Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | Threatened: Critical

### Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution

A bit about me...

 **Length:**  
90 cm

 **Weight:**  
3.4–4.4 kg



 Migratory range

### Range:

Breeds in large, dense colonies on the subantarctic Tini Heke / Snares Islands and Moutere Haurere / Bounty Islands. Common in mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters from spring to autumn. Migrates to waters off South America after breeding.

### Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons
- Regularly seen inshore



### New Zealand endemic

A mid-sized albatross with a white head and underside, dark grey upperwings and white underwings with a narrow black border. Its large grey bill has a yellow tip. Young birds have greyer heads and dark-tipped beige bills. Opportunistic surface feeder, often seen following fishing boats in search of scraps. Gives a nasal screech and makes bill-clapping sounds.

### Similar bird:



White-capped mollymawk / toroa