

Southern Buller's mollymawk | toroa

Thalassarche bulleri bulleri



Otago
Regional
Council



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | At Risk: Declining



Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution

A bit about me...



Length:
80 cm



Weight:
2.5–3.5 kg



Otago Distribution



Migratory range

Range:

Breeds under forest canopy on Tini Heke / Snares Islands and Hautere / Solander Islands near Fiordland. Common in mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters, particularly in winter.

Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons
- Te Awa Ōtākou / Otago Harbour
- Otago coast
- Commonly seen inshore



New Zealand endemic

A small albatross with a striking yellow-and-black bill. Head is grey aside from a dark eye patch and pale crown. Upperwings are black, and underwings are mostly white with a thick black border. Rump and underside are white, but tail is black. Diet includes fish, squid and scraps from fishing vessels. Mostly silent at sea but can give brays, growls and wails.

Similar birds:



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