

Red-billed gull

Tarāpunga

Larus novaehollandiae scopulinus



Conservation status

Regional | At Risk: Recovering
National | At Risk: Declining



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, climate change

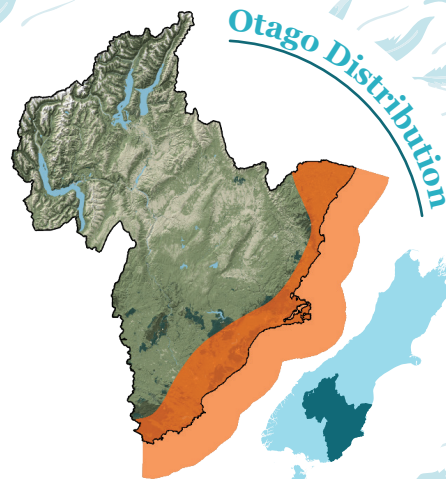
A bit about me...



Length:
37 cm



Weight:
240–320 g



Range

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Otago is a national stronghold, and home to the only increasing colony in the country. They are widespread throughout coastal Aotearoa New Zealand, feeding in urban areas, fields, estuaries, harbours and out to sea. Colonies typically occur on stacks and headlands.

Key Otago sites:

- Pukekura / Taiaroa Head
- Te Awa Ōtākou / Otago Harbour



New Zealand endemic

A familiar pale gull with a stout red bill and legs. Wings are grey with black-and-white tips. Young birds have dark eyes, mottled brown wings and a brown to black bill. Harsh 'kek' and 'caw' calls are given.

Similar bird:



Black-billed gull / tarāpuka