

# Southern rock wren Pīwauwau

*Xenicus gilviventris rineyi*



## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical  
National | Threatened: Endangered



## Main threats

Climate change, introduced  
mammalian predators

A bit about me...



**Length:**  
10 cm



**Weight:**  
16–20 g



Range

## Range:

Otago is a national stronghold. Breeds in mountainous areas in western Otago, in habitat ranging from dense scrub to bare rock. Also found along the Southern Alps, typically from 900 to 2500 metres in altitude.



## Key Otago sites:

- Tarahaka Whakatipu / Harris Saddle
- Taka Ra Haka / Eyre Mountains
- Mount Aspiring National Park



## New Zealand endemic

Our only truly alpine bird is a tiny olive-green wren with a bold white brow, short tail and long legs. Females and young have drab plumage. Bobs up and down often and gives a high-pitched 'peep-eep-eep' call.

## Similar bird:



South Island rifleman / tītīpounamu