

# Variable oystercatcher Tōrea pango

*Haematopus unicolour*



## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable  
National | At Risk: Recovering



## Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, disturbance

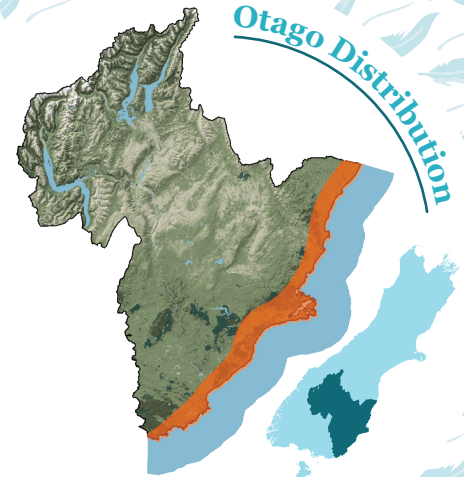
A bit about me...



**Length:**  
48 cm



**Weight:**  
720 g



Range

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Widespread throughout coastal Otago, particularly on sandy beaches, estuaries and rocky shores. Also common across Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Key Otago sites:

- Warrington Spit
- Aramoana
- Muaupoko / Otago Peninsula



## New Zealand endemic

A stocky black shorebird with a long, straight orange bill and red eyes. Some birds have white undersides, more so further north. Young have shorter, darker bills and mottled plumage. Gives a strident 'yelp' and piping calls.

## Similar bird:



South Island pied oystercatcher / tōrea