

Mohua Yellowhead

Mohoua ochrocephala

Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | At Risk: Declining

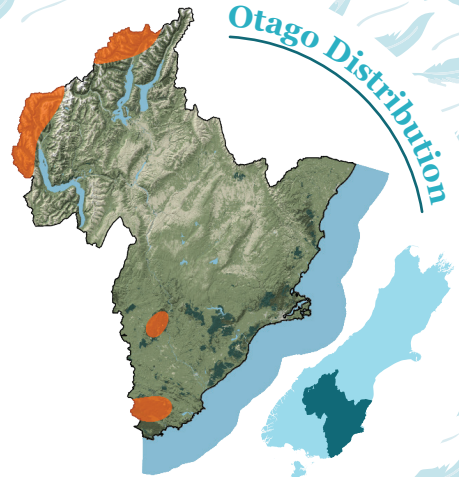
Main threats

Introduced mammalian
predators

A bit about me...

 **Length:**
15 cm

 **Weight:**
26–30 g



 Range

Range:

Otago is a national stronghold. Sparse across Te Waipounamu / South Island, persisting in areas of pristine native beech forest in West and South Otago where predator control takes place. Also in parts of Fiordland and Waitaha / Canterbury, and some offshore islands.

Key Otago sites:

- Routeburn Track
- Dart Valley
- Makarora
- Tapuaeuenuku / Blue Mountains
- Te Ākau Tai Toka / The Catlins



New Zealand endemic

A small bird with a bright yellow head and breast. The upperparts are brown, and females and young birds have duller plumage. Chatters loudly and gives musical calls. Its spiky tail can be used as a prop while it gleans invertebrates from trees. Nests and roosts in tree holes. It can also be found on the \$100 note.

Similar birds:



Brown creeper / pīpī



Yellowhammer / hurukōwhai