

White-capped mollymawk | toroa

Thalassarche cauta steadi

Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | At Risk: Declining

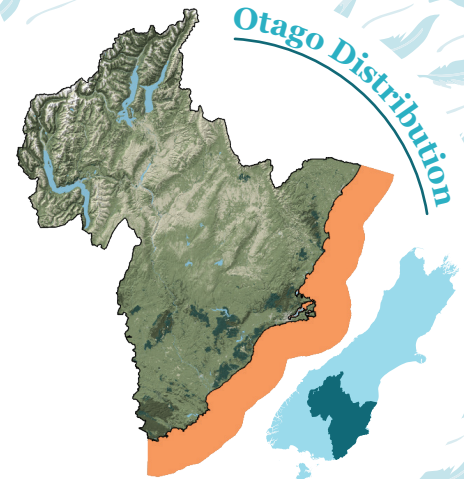
Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution

A bit about me...

 **Length:**
90–100 cm

 **Weight:**
3.4–4.4 kg



 Migratory range

Range:

Breeds in large, dense colonies on the subantarctic Maungahuka / Motu Maha / Auckland Islands and Moutere Mahue / Antipodes Islands. Relatively sedentary compared to other albatrosses. Common in mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters year-round.

Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons
- Otago coast
- Regularly seen inshore



New Zealand endemic

A mid-sized albatross with a white head and underside, dark grey upperwings and white underwings with a narrow black border. Its large grey bill has a yellow tip. Young birds have greyer heads and dark-tipped beige bills. Opportunistic surface feeder, often seen following fishing boats in search of scraps. Gives a nasal screech and makes bill-clapping sounds.

Similar bird:



Salvin's mollymawk / toroa