

Grey-faced petrel Ōi

Pterodroma gouldi



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | Not Threatened



Main threats

Fisheries competition
and bycatch, climate
change, pollution

A bit about me...



Length:
42 cm



Weight:
550 g



 Migratory range

Range:

Nests under native forest
along coast and on islands
around the upper North
Island. Common in waters off
Aotearoa New Zealand, and
throughout Te Tai-o-Rēhua /
Tasman Sea.



Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons,
particularly in spring
- Rarely seen inshore

New Zealand endemic

A large, sleek petrel with dark grey-brown plumage and a pale face. Its heavy, stout bill is black with a sharp hook at the tip. Underwing appears reflective in strong light. Can dive as deep as 20 metres. Very active at night, with birds calling, displaying and prospecting for burrows. Call is reminiscent of a squeaky wheel.

Similar birds:



White-chinned petrel /
karetai kauae mā



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