

Australasian crested grebe | pūteketeke

Podiceps cristatus australis



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, habitat degradation

A bit about me...



Length:
48–61 cm



Weight:
1100 g



Breeding range



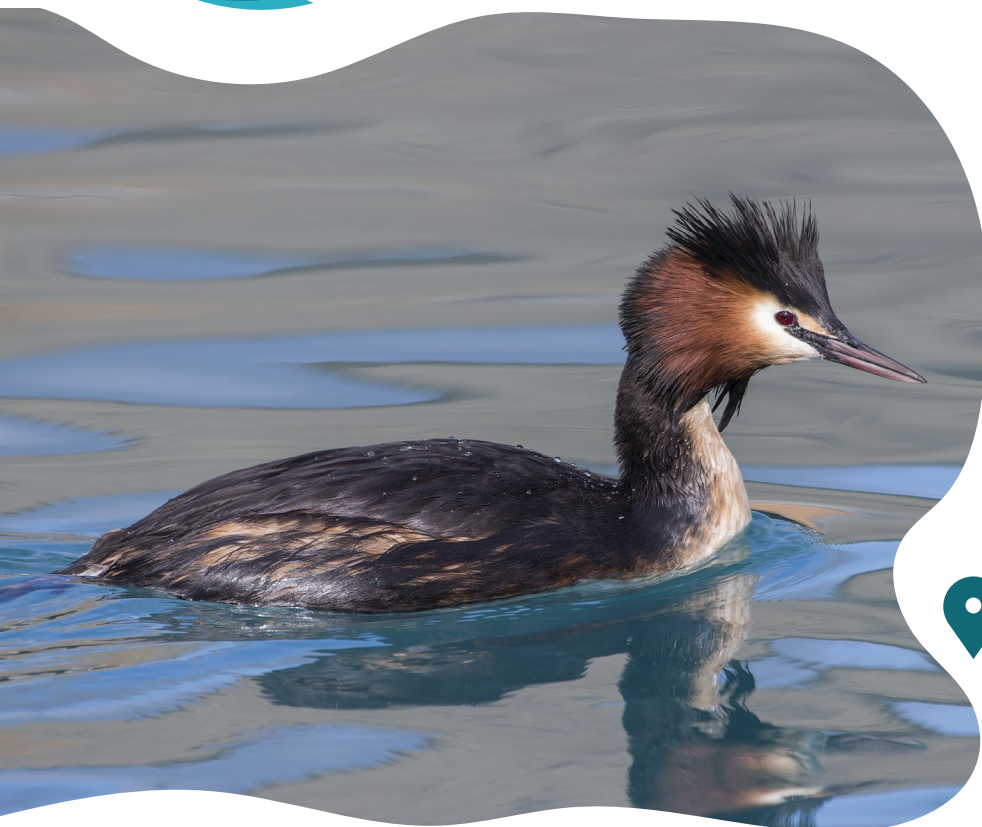
Non-breeding range

Range:

Otago is a national stronghold. On vegetated lakes across Te Waipounamu / South Island, particularly inland Otago and Waitaha / Canterbury. Some birds migrate to lowland lakes and sheltered estuaries in winter. Also found in Australia.

Key Otago sites:

- Waiwhakaata / Lake Hayes
- Te Wairere / Lake Dunstan
- Lake Wānaka



New Zealand native

A distinctive waterbird with large chestnut crests and a sharp bill. Leaving the water only to nest, it lumbers about on land with legs set far back on the body and lobed toes. Constructs floating nests of lakeweed in spring. Sometimes gives rhythmic grunts and growls.