

# Australasian gannet Tākapu

*Morus serrator*



## Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | Not Threatened



## Main threats

Climate change,  
pollution

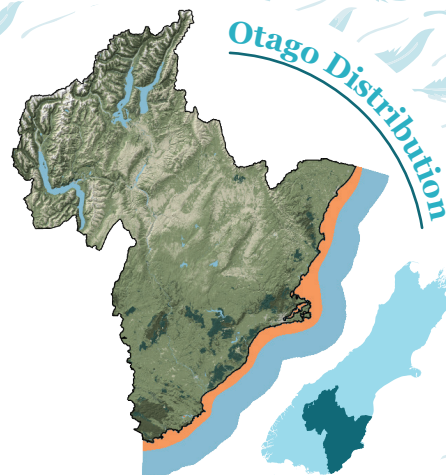
A bit about me...



**Length:**  
90 cm



**Weight:**  
2.3 kg



Migratory range

## Range:

Seen year-round, they forage throughout inshore waters of mainland Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, with nesting colonies on islands and headlands (none within Otago).

## Key Otago sites:

- Otago coast
- Aramoana Mole



## New Zealand native

A large white seabird with a yellow wash to the head. Black skin extends from the base of the wedge-shaped bill to the blue eye rings. Wings are pointed with black flight feathers. Young birds have brown, spotted plumage and whiten with age. Known to plunge from heights of up to 20 metres into the water to catch fish. Calls in colonies are a repeated, whiny 'krek-krek'.