

# Kea

*Nestor notabilis*



## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical  
National | Threatened: Endangered



## Main threats

Climate change, introduced  
mammalian predators

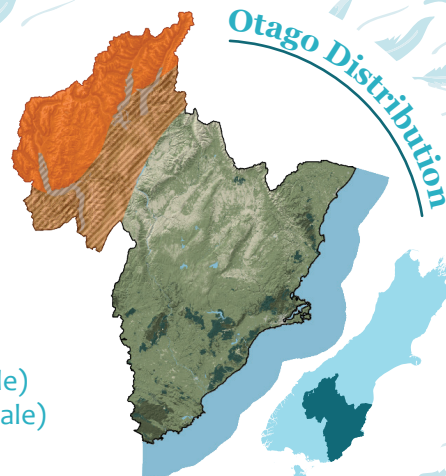
A bit about me...



**Length:**  
46 cm



**Weight:**  
900–1100 g (male)  
700–900 g (female)



Range



Occasional  
range

## Range:

Widespread in the high  
country and native forest of  
western Otago. Occasionally  
seen in Central Otago and  
even further afield. Also found  
along the Southern Alps and  
Kaikōura Ranges.

## Key Otago sites:

- Mount Aspiring National Park
- Routeburn Track
- Te-taumata-o-Hakitekura /  
Ben Lomond



## New Zealand endemic

A large, mischievous parrot with dark olive-green  
plumage and a large, hooked bill. Brilliant orange  
feathers hide under its wings, and blue lines the flight  
feathers. Juveniles are recognised by their yellow  
nostrils and eye rings. Call is a piercing 'keeaa'.

## Similar bird:



South Island kākā