

Sooty shearwater Tītī

Puffinus griseus



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | At Risk: Declining



Main threats

Fisheries bycatch, introduced
mammalian predators,
climate change

A bit about me...



Length:
40–46 cm



Weight:
650–950 g



 Range

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Nests in colonies at several sites along the Otago coast and can be seen off any beach during summer. Also found across Aotearoa New Zealand, particularly on offshore islands. Forages out at sea and migrates to the North Pacific during the austral winter.

Key Otago sites:

- Whakahekerau / St Clair
- Tokatā / Nugget Point
- Otago canyons



New Zealand native

A dark, stocky seabird with a hooked grey bill and silver underwings. Crooning calls are given in colonies. Typically seen in flocks of hundreds or thousands of birds at sea. Strong winds allow it to soar in great arcs instead of flapping near the water. Young are known as muttonbirds and are traditionally harvested.

Similar bird:



Short-tailed shearwater