

Takahē

Porphyrio hochstetteri

Conservation status

Regional | Conservation Translocation
National | Threatened: Vulnerable

Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, climate change

A bit about me...

 **Length:**
50 cm

 **Weight:**
2–3.5 kg



 Translocated range

Range:

Translocated to Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka, near Ōtepoti Dunedin, and the Greenstone and Rees Valleys, both near Glenorchy, as well as other sites across Aotearoa New Zealand. Once widespread across Te Waipounamu / South Island, the only remnant population is in the Murchison Mountains, in subalpine Fiordland.

Key Otago sites:

- Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka
- Greenstone Valley
- Rees Valley



New Zealand endemic

Bulky, flightless rail – the largest in the world. Upperparts mossy green with a turquoise trim blending into the dark blue head and underside. Huge brick red bill and frontal shield, legs stout and orange. Young birds have sooty black down and blackish bills. Thought to be extinct for fifty years until 1948, when rediscovered in Fiordland's Murchison Mountains.

Similar bird:



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