

# South Island robin Kakaruai

*Petroica australis australis*



## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable  
National | At Risk: Declining



## Main threats

Introduced mammalian  
predators

A bit about me...



**Length:**  
18 cm



**Weight:**  
35 g



Range

## Range:

Sparse, persisting in large stands of native forest, particularly where predator control takes place. Also found in other parts of Te Waipounamu / South Island. Translocated to Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka.



## Key Otago sites:

- Routeburn Track
- Dart Valley
- Matukituki Valley
- Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka

## New Zealand endemic

A confident blue-grey bird with long legs, big eyes and a pale breast that is larger and neater on males. Young birds have soft-grey undersides. Most of their time is spent on the forest floor foraging for invertebrates in leaf litter. Males are territorial and have a loud, descending song.

## Similar bird:



South Island tomtit / miromiro