

Black-fronted tern Tarapirohe

Chlidonias albostratus



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Endangered
National | Threatened: Endangered



Main threats

Habitat loss and degradation,
disturbance, introduced
mammalian predators

A bit about me...



Length:
28 cm



Weight:
95 g



Breeding
range



Non-breeding
range

Range:

Breeds inland on braided
riverbeds, dispersing to coastal
areas in late summer. Forages
for invertebrates on the wing
in any open habitat, including
out to sea. Found across
Aotearoa New Zealand but
only a rare migrant to Te
Ika-a-Māui / North Island.

Key Otago sites:



- Te Awa Whakatipu / Dart River
- Makarore / Makarora River
- Mata-au / Clutha River
- Aramoana

New Zealand endemic

A small grey tern with a bright orange bill and legs,
and a forked tail. Breeding adults have a solid-black
cap that recedes in the off season. Juvenile birds
have black bills and mottled brown back feathers.
Harsh calls are given, particularly in colonies.

Similar birds:



White-fronted tern / tara



Caspian tern / taranui