

Australian little penguin | kororā

Eudyptula novaehollandiae



Conservation status

Regional | Not Threatened
National | At Risk: Recovering



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, climate change, disturbance

A bit about me...



Length:
33 cm



Weight:
1 kg



Range

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Otago is a national stronghold. Burrows and colonies are found in banks, boulders and caves along the Otago coastline. Forages in harbours, inshore and at sea beyond the 12 nautical mile Coastal Marine Area. Also found in Australia.

Key Otago sites:

- Oamaru
- Pukekura / Taiaroa Head



New Zealand native

A small, stout penguin with deep blue to teal upperparts and a white underside (countershaded plumage which protects it from threats while at sea). Birds congregate at dusk after foraging at sea and come ashore in groups. In late summer it undergoes a two-week catastrophic moult, growing new feathers in place of old ones. Extremely vocal, particularly in breeding season.

Similar bird:



Southern blue penguin