

# Marsh crake

## Kotoreke

*Porzana pusilla affinis*

### Conservation status

Regional | *Threatened: Endangered*  
National | *At Risk: Declining*

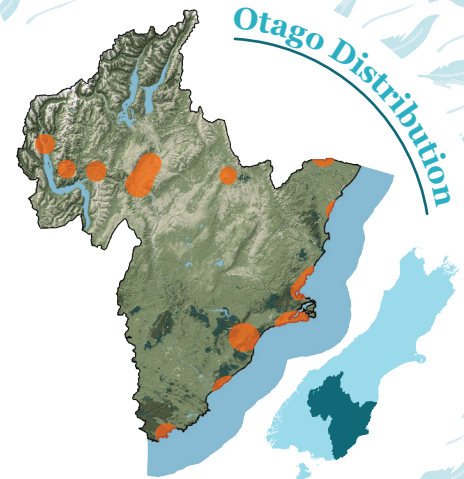
### Main threats

Habitat loss and degradation,  
introduced mammalian  
predators

A bit about me...

 **Length:**  
15–18 cm

 **Weight:**  
30–40 g



 Range

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Found in suitable wetland habitat across Otago and Aotearoa New Zealand, but generally rarer in Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island than Te Waipounamu / South Island.

### Key Otago sites:

- Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau / Sinclair Wetlands
- Tomohaka / Tomahawk Lagoon
- Waiwhakaata / Lake Hayes
- Te Wairere / Lake Dunstan



### New Zealand endemic

A tiny grey-brown rail with black-and-white patterning, a red eye and a greenish bill. Often overlooked and very secretive, it can be spotted feeding along the verge of dense vegetation. Gives a range of gargling and rattling calls at any time of day or night.

### Similar bird:



Spotless crake / pūweto