Blue duck Whio

Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos





Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical | National | Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Climate change, introduced mammalian predators



Length: 50-55 cm



Weight: 900 g (male) 770 g (female)



A bit about me...

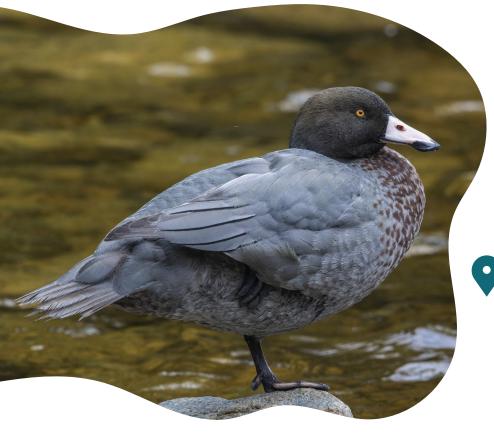




Range

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Occurs along waterways in native forest and subalpine habitats in western Otago. Also found in other parts of Te Waipounamu / South Island and Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island.



Key Otago sites:

- Mount Aspiring National Park
- Routeburn Track

New Zealand endemic

A stocky blue-grey duck with a penchant for pristine, fast-flowing rivers. Its pale pink bill has a fleshy black tip, and its eyes are bright yellow. Males give a wheezy two-note whistle while females give a low growl. Chicks can swim against the current days after hatching.