

Blue duck Whio

Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical
National | Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Climate change, introduced
mammalian predators

A bit about me...



Length:
50–55 cm



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



 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.