

Westland petrel Tāiko

Procellaria westlandica



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | Naturally Uncommon



Main threats

Fisheries competition
and bycatch, climate
change, pollution

A bit about me...



Length:
50–55 cm



Weight:
1.1 kg



 Migratory range

Range:

Only breeds in the native forest of the Paparoa Range on Te Tai Poutini / West Coast of Te Waipounamu / South Island. Common in waters around mainland Aotearoa New Zealand in winter and spring. Migrates to South American waters after breeding.

Key Otago sites:

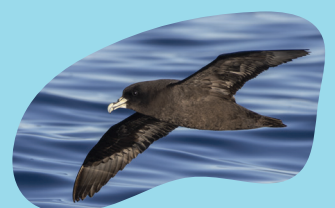
- Otago canyons
- Occasionally seen inshore



New Zealand endemic

A large, robust seabird with uniform brown-black plumage and long, broad wings. Its heavy ivory-coloured bill is black at the tip. Mostly solitary at sea, where it feeds via surface-seizing and diving. Moans and rattling shrieks are heard in the colony after dusk.

Similar bird:



White-chinned petrel /
karetai kauae mā