

# Black-browed mollymawk | toroa

*Thalassarche melanophris*



## Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | Coloniser



## Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution

A bit about me...



**Length:**  
80–95 cm



**Weight:**  
2.9–4.7 kg



Migratory range

## Range:

Regular visitor to waters off mainland Aotearoa New Zealand. Small numbers nest locally on the subantarctic Moutere Mahue / Antipodes and Motu Ihupuku / Campbell Islands. Main colonies based in the South Atlantic Ocean.

## Key Otago sites:



- Otago canyons, particularly in winter
- Often seen offshore



## New Zealand native

Medium-sized albatross with a white head, orange bill and grey-black upperwings. Underwings are white with a broad black border. Eyes dark with a narrow black stripe extending behind them. Young birds have a grey nape, darker underwings and a brown bill tipped black. Diet of fish, squid and krill.

## Similar bird:



Campbell Island  
mollymawk / toroa