Hutton's shearwater Kaikōura tītī



Puffinus huttoni



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant National | Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution





Length: 36–38 cm



Weight: 350 g





Migratory range

Range:

Breeds in the Seaward Kaikoura Range and common in Aotearoa New Zealand waters. Migrates to Australia after breeding season.

Key Otago sites:

- Otago coast, particularly in summer
- Often seen inshore



New Zealand endemic

A slender seabird with a long, narrow bill. White below with a dark brown head and upperparts. Underwings are smudgy white to brown and armpits are black. While feeding chicks, adults will forage up to 250 kilometres offshore for fish, krill and crustaceans. Colony call is a scratchy chattering.

Similar birds:



Buller's shearwater /



Fluttering shearwater / pakahā