

Eastern falcon Kārearea

Falco novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators, habitat degradation

A bit about me...



Length:
40–50 cm



Weight:
205–340 g (male)
420–740 g (female)



Range

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Otago is a national stronghold. Widespread yet sparse across Otago in both open and forested habitats, and other parts of Te Waipounamu / South Island, with different forms in Southland and Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island.



Key Otago sites:

- Tāhuna / Queenstown
- Wānaka
- Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka
- Tokatā / Nugget Point

New Zealand endemic

A sleek bird of prey with dark brown plumage, mottled buff underparts, rufous trousers and yellow accents around the eyes and bill. Females can be twice the size of males, while young birds are darker overall. Can be aggressive towards any perceived threats during nesting season.

Otago Distribution



Similar birds:



Long-tailed cuckoo / koekoeā



Australasian harrier / kāhu