

# Buller's shearwater

## Rako

*Puffinus bulleri*



### Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | Naturally Uncommon



### Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution



**Length:**  
46 cm



**Weight:**  
420 g

A bit about me...



### New Zealand endemic

A large grey-brown shearwater with a long bill, a wedge-shaped tail and a distinctive dark 'M' shape across its wings. Underparts and cheeks are white, while the cap, tail and tip of its bill are dark. Legs are grey and feet have pink webbing. Very active at night and can be heard crashing through the forest canopy to get to nesting burrows.



 Migratory range

### Range:

Tawhiti Rahi / Poor Knights Islands off Northland are its sole breeding grounds. Common in Aotearoa New Zealand waters, migrating throughout the Pacific Ocean after breeding season.

### Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons, in summer and autumn
- Sometimes seen inshore

### Similar birds:



Fluttering shearwater /  
pakahā



Hutton's shearwater /  
kaikōura tīti