

# Long-tailed cuckoo Koekoeā

*Eudynamys taitensis*



Otago  
Regional  
Council



## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable  
National | Threatened: Vulnerable



## Main threats

Host species decline



**Length:**  
40 cm



**Weight:**  
125 g

A bit about me...



## New Zealand endemic

A striking brown-and-white patterned cuckoo with a tail that doubles its length. Rarely seen but often heard if present, giving a very loud rising screech from dense cover. Young birds have orange undersides. Parasitises the nests of whiteheads / pōpokotea, yellowheads / mohua, and brown creepers / pīpī instead of raising its own young.



Range

## Range:

Sparse in native forest across Aotearoa New Zealand, migrating to islands across the South Pacific during the austral winter.

## Key Otago sites:



- Mount Aspiring National Park
- Te Ākau Tai Toka / The Catlins

## Similar birds:



Eastern falcon / karearea



Australasian harrier / kāhu