

Eastern bar-tailed godwit | kuaka

Limosa lapponica baueri



Otago
Regional
Council



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | At Risk: Declining



Main threats

Habitat degradation,
climate change,
disturbance

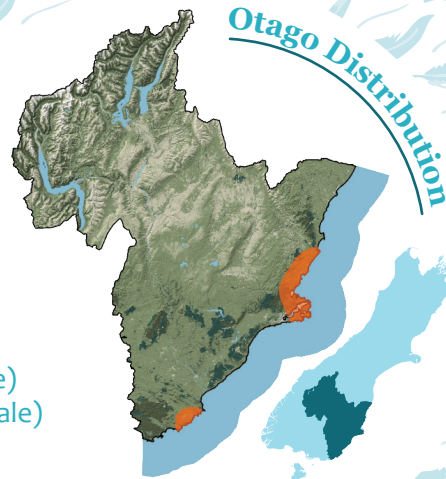
A bit about me...



Length:
39–41 cm



Weight:
275–400 g (male)
325–600 g (female)



Migratory range

Range:

Forages on coastal mudflats across Aotearoa New Zealand. Migrates to Alaska to nest in autumn, via the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Come spring, the non-stop return flight takes 8–9 days.

Key Otago sites:



- Waitete / Waitati Inlet
- Aramoana
- Puketuroto / Hooper's Inlet
- Pounaweia / Catlins Lake

New Zealand native

A champion migrant wader with a long, upcurved bill. Beige and white plumage gives way to russet tones prior to breeding season. Underwings, back and tail have neat brown barring. Females are larger with longer bills, and young birds can be identified by their patterned upperwings. Mostly silent but can give a 'wek-ek-ek' call in flight.