

Spotted shag Kawau tikitiki

Stictocarbo punctatus



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
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Main threats

Bycatch, pollution,
climate change

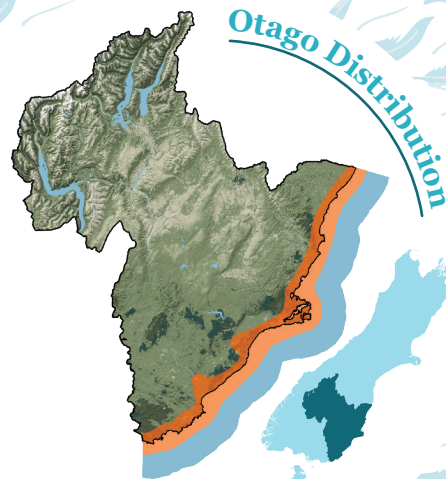
A bit about me...



Length:
64–74 cm



Weight:
700–1200 g



Range

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Forages in harbours and coastal waters, rarely in freshwater. Nests in colonies on cliffs along the Otago coast. Also found across Aotearoa New Zealand but rarer further north.

Key Otago sites:



- Oamaru Harbour
- Te Awa Ōtākou / Otago Harbour

New Zealand endemic

A slender grey cormorant with yellow feet. Back feathers are tipped with a black spot. Breeding adults develop turquoise facial skin, two large shaggy crests and white racing stripes down their necks. Young birds have pinker feet and a paler underside.