Fairy prion Tītī wainui

Pachyptila turtur





Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable National | At Risk: Relict



Main threats

Pollution, climate change



Length: 25 cm



Weight: 120 g











Range

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The only colony on mainland Aotearoa New Zealand persists in sheer cliffs near Whakahekerau / St Clair, Ōtepoti Dunedin. Breeds on islands and rock stacks off the Otago coast, as well as around Aotearoa New Zealand and the Southern Hemisphere.



Key Otago sites:

- Whakahekerau / St Clair
- Otago canyons

New Zealand native

A small light-blue seabird with a stout blue bill, a distinctive dark 'M' across its upperwings and a broad black tail tip. Nests in underground burrows. Typically waits until nightfall to visit nesting areas and can be vocal doing so. Forages on zooplankton at sea in sizeable flocks.







Antarctic prion / totorore

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