

Morepork Ruru

Ninox novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Vulnerable
National | Not Threatened



Main threats

Introduced mammalian predators

A bit about me...



Length:
29 cm



Weight:
175 g



Range



Potential
presence

Range:

Anywhere with suitable native forest habitat, more common in southern and western Otago. Also found across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Key Otago sites:

- Orokonui Ecosanctuary – Te Korowai o Mihiwaka
- Ōtepoti Dunedin Town Belt
- Te Ākau Tai Toka / The Catlins



New Zealand endemic

A small brown owl with yellow eyes and pale, mottled plumage. Young birds have fluffier orange plumage. Both names are given for its distinctive call, which can be heard at night. Its flight is completely silent to catch rodents, insects and small birds by surprise.

Similar bird:



Little owl / ruru nohinohi