Snares Cape petrel Karetai hurukoko

Otago Regional Council

Daption capense australe



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant National | Naturally Uncommon



Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution





Length: 40 cm



Weight: 450 g



Migratory range

Range:

Regular visitor to mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters. Breeds on cliffs and ledges on subantarctic islands in Aotearoa New Zealand, as well as the smaller islands of Rēkohu / Wharekauri / Chatham Islands.

Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons
- Commonly seen inshore
- Occasionally in Te Awa Ōtākou / Otago Harbour



New Zealand endemic

A small, stocky seabird with chequered black-and-white patterning across its wings. Compared to the uncommon Antarctic Cape petrel, they have mostly black backs and upperwings with white panels. Gives a rapid chittering call in colonies or when competing for small crustaceans and fish. Noisy gatherings often attend fishing boats.

Similar bird:



Antarctic Cape petrel / karetai hurukoko