

Wrybill Ngutu pare

Anarhynchus frontalis



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical
National | At Risk: Increasing



Main threats

Habitat loss and degradation,
flooding, introduced
mammalian predators

A bit about me...



Length:
20 cm



Weight:
55 g



Breeding
range



Migratory
range

Range:

Thinly distributed. Breeds on
braided rivers in West Otago
but visits coastal estuaries
while on migration. Also
breeds in Waitaha / Canterbury
and can be found across the
rest of Aotearoa New Zealand,
with most birds migrating to
Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland.

Key Otago sites:

- Te Awa Whakatipu / Dart River
- Makarore / Makarora River



New Zealand endemic

A tiny, plain plover – the only bird in the world with a
bill bent to the side. White below and pale grey above
(adults gain a black bib in the breeding season).
Makes ‘chip’ and ‘chattering’ calls. Eggs blend in
perfectly with their nests of pebbles.

Similar bird:



Banded dotterel / pohowera