

White-chinned petrel Karetai kauae mā

Procellaria aequinoctialis



Otago
Regional
Council



Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | Not Threatened



Main threats

Fisheries competition
and bycatch, climate
change, pollution

A bit about me...



Length:
51–58 cm



Weight:
1250–1450 g



Otago Distribution



Migratory range

Range:

Breeds on subantarctic islands throughout the Southern Ocean. Regular visitor to mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters, especially from spring to autumn south of the Raukawa Moana / Cook Strait.

Key Otago sites:



- Otago canyons
- Regularly seen inshore



New Zealand endemic

A large brown-black seabird with a white chin patch that varies from a few white feathers to most of the throat. Its large, stout bill is pale yellow outlined in black. Wings are long and broad; tail is short. Forages for fish and squid and will also follow fishing vessels. Calls range from squeals to groans.

Similar bird:



Westland petrel / tāiko