# Black shag Māpunga

Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae



Otago Distribut



### **Conservation status**

Regional | Threatened: Endangered National | At Risk: Relict



# **Main threats**

Disturbance, pollution



A bit about me ...



Length: 80-88 cm



**Weight:** 2–2.4 kg



Range

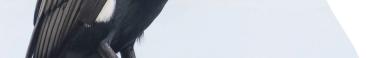
# Range:

Uses all habitats with enough water to fish in, both coastal and inland. Also found across Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.



# **Key Otago sites:**

- Mata-au / Clutha River
- Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau / Sinclair Wetlands
- Karitane



#### New Zealand native

A large glossy-black cormorant with a yellow face, black feet and turquoise eyes. Breeding adults gain a shaggy crest and white flank patches. Juveniles have duller plumage and a whiter underside. Black shags were historically persecuted by fishermen, who believed they impacted trout numbers.

#### Similar birds:



Pied shag / kāruhiruhi



Otago shag / matapo