

Southern giant petrel Pāngurunguru

Macronectes giganteus

Conservation status

Regional | Migrant
National | Migrant

Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, pollution, disease

A bit about me...

 **Length:**
80–100 cm

 **Weight:**
3.8–5 kg



 Migratory range

Range:

Nearest colony is on subantarctic Macquarie Island. Also on islands across the Southern Ocean. Infrequent visitor to mainland Aotearoa New Zealand waters.

Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons
- Sometimes seen inshore



New Zealand native

A large, stocky seabird with a huge pale orange bill (pale green at the tip). Young birds are dark brown, getting lighter with age. Around one in ten birds are white morphs with scattered dark feathers. Short tail and broad wings are distinctive in flight. Aggressive predator that often kills other seabirds. Growls noisily, whinnies and bill-snaps.

Similar bird:



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