

# White-faced storm petrel | takahikare

*Pelagodroma marina maoriana*



## Conservation status

Regional | Migrant  
National | At Risk: Relict



## Main threats

Climate change, pollution

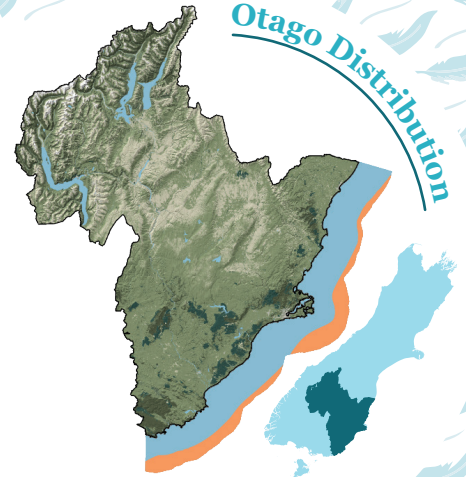
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Length:  
20 cm



Weight:  
45 g



Migratory range

## Range:

Nests in burrows under native forest on islands scattered around Te Ika-a-Maui / North Island, Te Waipounamu / South Island, Rakiura / Stewart Island and Rēkohu / Wharekauri / Chatham Islands. Common in waters off mainland Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Key Otago sites:

- Otago canyons, particularly in summer and autumn
- Rarely seen inshore



## New Zealand endemic

A small, lightly built seabird with a narrow, downcurved bill and long legs. Plumage is grey-brown with white underparts and a grey half-collar. Distinctive white face and brow, with dark grey patches over the eyes. Bill and legs are black. Bounces off the water in arcs with its legs stiff and wings held high. Often silent at sea, but the main call heard in colonies is a gentle piping.

## Similar bird:



Grey-backed storm  
petrel / reoreo