

# THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND BIRDING GUIDE

Your guide to the best birding tours, accommodation  
and locations in New Zealand.



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## **New Zealand is famous for its birds.**

### **Why and how did this happen?**

When the New Zealand land mass separated from Gondwanaland 85 million years ago, an odd assemblage had gathered. This assemblage was odd not just for what was present, but what was absent.

This has led to the New Zealand avifauna being truly weird and wonderful, and having a very high level of endemism (currently around 28% of bird species only breed in New Zealand). To name a few we have an alpine parrot (kea), a shorebird with a beak bent to one side (wrybill), an iconic flightless and nocturnal bird with nostrils at the end of its beak (kiwi), and a multitude of seabird species (94 species breed in the NZ region, with nearly 40% being endemic) making it the seabird capital of the World).

It's what was missing that seems to have really shaped our birds, with an apparent lack of land mammals except for three species of bats. This meant that birds were able to proliferate and occupy niches normally occupied by furry counterparts. With the Southern Ocean lapping our shores, the islands of New Zealand have provided a nesting site for hordes of seabirds for millions of years.

Today there are six bird families that are endemic to New Zealand, the Kiwi (Apterygidae), the New Zealand parrots (Strigopoidea), the New Zealand wrens (Acanthisittidae), the New Zealand wattlebirds (Calleaidae), the Stitchbird (Notiomystidae), and the New Zealand creepers (Mohouidae). These six families and the seabirds often form a focus for overseas birders visiting New Zealand. With a short visit to our shores it is possible to see representatives of all six plus a good assemblage of seabirds. For many a trip to New Zealand is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and whether self-driving or an organised tour, it is possible to see many more.

With breath-taking scenery as a backdrop, there is no better way to see New Zealand than on a birding holiday or adventure. You are sure to see some of our premier scenery and visit many places regular tourists will not see.

*Planning ahead is advised as accommodation and activities can often be booked well in advance.*

*With the help of our New Zealand Birding Directory we look forward to making your visit a special one.*



# ABOUT NEW ZEALAND

## General Information

New Zealand's spectacular landscape includes vast mountain ranges, lakes, fiords, lush temperate rainforests and sweeping coastlines.

Comparable in size to Japan, New Zealand's population is only just over 4.8 million people.

## New Zealand Seasons

New Zealand weather can change unexpectedly. You should be prepared for sudden changes in weather and temperature if you're going hiking, especially in alpine areas.

Winter temperatures can be below freezing with Summer reaching highs of over 35°C.

For information on planning  
a New Zealand holiday visit  
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**Spring** - September, October, November

**Summer** - December, January, February

**Autumn** - March, April, May

**Winter** - June, July, August

### International calling

Please note that all phone numbers listed are New Zealand local numbers. If you wish to call a New Zealand number from an overseas location New Zealand's country code is +64.

0800 phone numbers are free from within New Zealand only.

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We also offer pelagic trips around the country (inc the Hauraki Gulf) and if you are a photographer then a photographic tour with Brent (one of NZ's top bird photographers) might be for you. Or we can save you money and time by producing an itinerary and site information for the independent traveller. Just tell us what you want to do and we will make it happen!

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**To discover New Zealand's unique bird-life and finest natural wonderlands, contact the specialists in custom designed birding tours for small groups, couples and individuals.**

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**Birders Rest offers quality accommodation in attractive riverside garden surroundings, coupled with trips to see local birds.**



We are passionate about New Zealand native birds and our speciality is the North Island Brown Kiwi. The Kiwi is traditionally a bird of dense native forest and is notoriously difficult to see. Some Kiwi sites near us are areas of open paddocks with swamps with more limited bush, and in this habitat sightings are more reliable. We see kiwi on nearly all our trips.

Other birds we can find include the morepork which can be seen in our garden before dusk, the skulking fernbird in nearby swamps, tomtit, New Zealand dotterel, royal spoonbill, New Zealand dabchick, New Zealand pipit, wrybill (in season), and occasionally Australasian bittern and spotless crane.

We have run many day pelagic trips from Whangaroa Harbour which have so far produced 29 tubenose species including 6 species of albatross, New Zealand storm petrel, Cook's, Pycroft's, black-winged, grey-faced and white-naped petrels; also grey ternlets and brown & South Polar skuas.

We are able to assist with birding itineraries in other parts of New Zealand and sites between Auckland and here.

We have 2 self-contained units attached to the house. These have ensuite bathroom & kitchenette and access to the deck, garden and swimming pool. Please contact us for prices and availability.

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**Chosen by the BBC to film New Zealand's rare birdlife, Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park offers you the unique opportunity to see and hear north island weka and kiwi in their natural environment. Itineraries and guided walks by arrangement.**

Accommodation options include privately situated self contained bungalows and cabins or Lodge rooms with shared amenities for solo travellers through to groups. The accommodation features decks with outdoor seating to make the most of indoor/outdoor living in a sunny climate and to interact with the abundant birdlife. Choose your own spacious powered or unpowered camp site and enjoy facilities which include a swimming pool, playground, BBQ's, wood fired pizza oven, campfire and a free information and cruise/tour booking service. Adjacent to the Bay of Islands walkway and conveniently located to Russell village, Twin Coast Rail Trail (bikes for hire) boattrips, beaches, wineries and the Cape Brett Track.



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**Bird watching and nature day tours from Auckland are the specialty of Habitat Tours taking small group tours to Tawharanui, a 'mainland island', and the Waitakere Ranges.**

Tawharanui is a significant conservation success story with 18 endemic birds, many threatened, being reintroduced in addition to the many more endemic and native birds that are now thriving and breeding.

Habitat Tours offer two tours to Tawharanui, a full day tour and a day/night tour where guests have the opportunity to see some of New Zealand's nocturnal birdlife including the North Island brown kiwi, morepork and pateke (brown teal). Personalised tours are available on request.

The Waitakere Ranges tour, although not as prolific with bird life, gives the visitor some different opportunities for bird watching with tomtits, fernbird and pipit; spring and summer also offer the opportunity to visit a gannet colony.

In addition to our guided tours we provide our guests with delicious homemade picnic lunches and dinners.



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**With forty three species recorded here, Pukorokoro Miranda - on the south west corner of the Firth of Thames, is one of the best wader sites in New Zealand.**

It is the best place for large flocks of wrybill – birds are here all year round, but between December and July over 2000, (40 % of the population) are present. Other endemics include New Zealand dotterel, black-billed gull, variable and pied oystercatchers. The 8500 ha intertidal area on the Firth also attract large numbers of Arctic tundra-breeding species– particularly bar-tailed godwit, red knot, ruddy turnstone, Pacific golden plover, sharp-tailed sandpiper and red-necked stint. Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird centre is an information and education centre, open 9am to 5pm 7 days a week. We have accommodation – self contained units or bunk dormitories. Visit us for interpretive displays and recent sightings. In our shop you will find an extensive range of natural history books – one of the most comprehensive collections in New Zealand.



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# MOUTOHORĀ: ISLAND SANCTUARY



## Moutohorā (Whale Island) birding tour

Moutohorā (Whale Island) is one of New Zealand's little known treasures and home to a number of New Zealand's rare and endangered plants, birds and reptiles.

Sitting only 9 kilometres off the coast of Whakatane the journey to Moutohorā is just a short 15 minute boat ride aboard our comfortable catamaran "The Moutohorā Cat."

The fully guided tour of the island allows visitors to learn about the flora and fauna and the conservation effort focused on Moutohorā for the past 50 years. The tour provides the opportunity to see tieke (saddleback), kakariki (red crowned parakeet), pied shag, variable oyster catcher, bellbird, tui, grey warbler, shining cuckoo, NZ dotterel, little blue penguin and many species of sea bird.

The island is also home to the world's largest colony of grey-faced petrel. It is a sanctuary for the North Island brown kiwi and during our tour we will remotely monitor some of the birds that are fitted with transmitters.



Our walk includes a visit to the island's saddle for spectacular views out to White Island and a visit to Sulphur Bay where there is a chance to dig your own hot pool on the beach where geothermal hot springs come up through the sand.

Due to the precious nature of this pest free island, access is highly restricted to the general public and the only way to visit the island is with a Department of Conservation approved concessionaire. We are privileged to be allowed to take a small number of visitors to the island each day.

Our Moutohorā /Whale Island tours operate daily subject to weather conditions and demand.

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## Birding Experiences from 1-8 days

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Our forest birdwatching experiences are set in Whirinaki Forest among massive 1000-year-old trees. Birds include: kaka (North Island parrot), yellow-crowned kakariki (parakeet), toutouwai (North Island robin), karearea (NZ falcon), whio (blue duck), titipounamu (rifleman), koekoeko (long tailed cuckoo), miromiro (tomtit), keruru (wood pigeon), tui and more.

Our shore bird sites are spread around Bay of Plenty sites and we aim to see species including: NZ dotterels, Bar-tailed godwits, Royal Spoonbills, white fronted terns, pied stilts, various cormorants and many more.



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Enjoy the birdlife from the metalled tracks in the southern enclosure, along the two hour trek to Pukeatua peak, or via the 6 hour tramp across the mountain.

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Blue Duck Station is involved in several conservation, biodiversity and history preservation projects including surveying and protecting blue ducks, kiwi, native bats and weta as well as restoring some of the history that still exists on Blue Duck Station. Our core values are based on conservation of our endangered wildlife, our forests and rivers, and preserving the historic buildings, roads and tales of the area.

Blue Duck Station is a destination with everything to offer so come on in to see it for yourselves but above all come on in to have some fun! See you soon!

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Our nocturnal kiwi house allows visitors to view kiwi during the day.

During breeding season, our kiwi house also enables visitors to see behind the scenes of our kiwi nursery.

You can take in a walk to the summit on the Loop Walk and enjoy the breathtaking view from the top, find out some fascinating facts when you take in the Eel Feed at 1.30pm and enjoy the antics of the kaka at their feed at 3pm daily.

## **Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre**

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Ngā Manu is a charitable trust and your visit directly supports education, research and conservation programmes.



**Bird feed out tour 11am.**  
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Standard cost of entry (2017)  
\$18 adults, \$8 child,  
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Kāpiti Island is a world-renowned bird sanctuary and one of New Zealand's only publically (limited) accessible nature reserves. It is blessed with an abundance of native and endangered species like takahē, kākā, kōkako, stitchbird and saddleback.

**Kāpiti Island Nature Tours provides your best chance of seeing little spotted kiwi in the wild.**

Other birds include weka, kererū, NZ robin, whitehead, kākāriki and ruru. Keen 'birders' will have great access and interaction with the widest range of species in thriving regenerating forest, all at one easily accessible site.



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# ZEALANDIA ECOSANCTUARY



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**Farewell Spit is a nature reserve and a wetland of international importance right on the northern tip of the South Island.**

Farewell Spit is a nature reserve and a wetland of international importance right on the northern tip of the South Island. The Farewell Spit tour began as the mail run to the Lighthouse keepers at the tip of this 35km sand bar. Farewell Spit tours have the only permit to visit the gannet colony 2km beyond the Lighthouse and between September and April run tours to observe the large numbers of godwits, knots and other Arctic waders roosting at high tide.

Our hand picked local guides have a wealth of knowledge to share and we welcome visitors from all over the world. Many of whom return time after time – just like the godwits.



*Farewell Spit Tours*

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This child-free, smoke free resort with pool, spa and massage therapies is accessible by road, 45 minutes from Nelson airport. Every booking contributes to Friends of Flora Community Conservation Group.

***Voted "one of the world's 25 leading luxury eco-lodges" by National Geographic Traveler.***



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You can also hear about the Department of Conservation's endangered species program on the island where we have Rowi Kiwis. A variety of seabirds can also be seen throughout the year - fluttering shearwaters, Australasian gannets and spotted and pied shags are seen on most tours. Frequent sightings of reef and white-faced herons and variable oystercatchers, and occasional sightings of New Zealand Falcons are sure to please.

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## **Lochmara Lodge Wildlife Recovery and Arts Centre is set on the tranquil shores of the Queen Charlotte Sound.**

We offer accommodation and Marlborough Sounds art and nature day trips for trampers, nature lovers, and families. Our Wildlife Recovery and Arts Centre is a facility for rehabilitating injured wildlife and we have several captive breeding programmes in place.

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# ALBATROSS ENCOUNTER KAIKOURA



**Kaikoura is regarded as the best place in New Zealand to see albatross and a range of other seabirds including petrels, shearwaters, terns, shags, and penguins.**

The number of different seabird species which can be viewed in one location within close proximity to shore, has established Kaikoura as an exciting and sought after birding location.

Albatross Encounter tours operate all year round and are 2.5 hours in duration. If a longer tour is preferred this can be arranged with prior notice.

Species sightings vary slightly between summer and winter but irrespective of the time year, the diversity of species sighted will not disappoint.

*Check out the sightings info on our website for more information.*



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*Okari Estuary  
Experience*

Images courtesy of Tracy Tibbles.

### Okari Estuary - Accommodation

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## Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass

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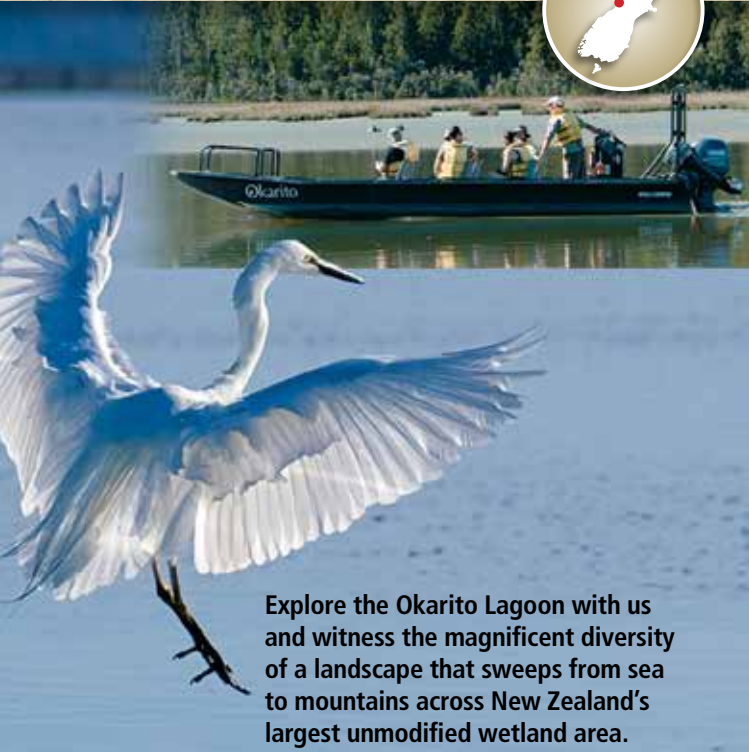
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**Explore the Okarito Lagoon with us and witness the magnificent diversity of a landscape that sweeps from sea to mountains across New Zealand's largest unmodified wetland area.**

It is the main feeding ground for the kotuku (great white heron), as well as many other species including the royal spoonbill, pied stilts, cormorants and shags, white-faced herons, Australasian bitterns and many forest birds including tuis, bellbirds, fernbirds, kingfishers, NZ pigeon (kereru) and tomtits.

The rainforest waterways are a diverse mix of salt and fresh water plants and magnificent rimu and kahikatea trees. Different seasons offer the chance to see flowering rata, orchids, kamahi, manuka, flax, native jasmine and clematis.

Daily departures begin with the **Early Bird Tour** at 7:30am (reservations required) followed by 2 Hour Nature Tours at 9 & 11:30am and **1 Hour Sightseeing Tour** at 2.30pm. Prices from \$50 - \$90 per person, group and children's rates available.



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**Kayaking on Okarito Lagoon, NZ's largest unmodified wetland. We offer Guided Kayaking Tours and Freedom Rental Kayaking (unguided).**



Image courtesy of Tim de Jong.

Okarito Lagoon covers over 3240 hectares of shallow open water and is well known for its outstanding avifauna (over 70 species have been recorded here). The lagoon is a primary feeding ground for kotuku (white heron) and they can be seen on the lagoon all year round. Other species include royal spoonbills, bar-tailed godwits, fernbirds and Australasian bitterns. The lagoon is bordered by the Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary, home to the rare Okarito brown kiwi (rowi).

Paddle the gentle river channels of the Okarito River delta that take you deep into virgin rainforest. A clear day offers magnificent views of Mount Cook and the Southern Alps.

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# WHITE HERON SANCTUARY TOURS



A unique experience.



Image courtesy of Sandra Hommes.

A scenic boat ride down the Waitangi Taona River, into the Waitangi Roto Nature Reserve will let you experience one of the most magical occurrences in today's world, the beautiful white heron (kotuku) nesting in its natural habitat... You will only see this in the Waitangi Roto Nature reserve... the only place in New Zealand!

The tour departs from our office in Whataroa and takes approximately 2 1/2 hours. It consists of a short drive to connect with our jet-boat for a gentle 20 minute scenic cruise into the Waitangiroto Nature Reserve. In the reserve we disembark for a short walk through ancient Kahikatea rainforest to our purpose built viewing hide to observe the magnificent White Heron or Kotuku in their natural nesting environment. The Royal Spoonbill and the Little Shag also share this special area and all can easily be seen from our hide.

**Please Note:** *There is no access from Okarito.*

**Tours:** Tours operate under a Department of Conservation concession. Entry by permit only. All tours are accompanied by a guide. Wet weather gear provided.

**Accommodation:** Motels, studio units and cabins. Peaceful and Affordable. Put your feet up in Whataroa. Use us as a base. No hustle and bustle... Franz Josef Glacier only 20 minutes away.

**Exclusive Use:** We have exclusive access to the white heron nesting site. No kayaks permitted in this area.

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**Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki is a 28 room Nature Lodge in the untouched rainforest of the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area.**

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Specific birdlife includes Fiordland crested penguin, NZ pigeon, NZ falcon, tui and fernbird (total 76 bird species in area).



## Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki

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# OAMARU BLUE PENGUIN COLONY



**The Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony provides you with the perfect opportunity to watch blue penguins as they rest in their burrows during the day or as they return from a busy day at sea. During the day you will see them in a specially-designed building where you can look down into some of their nests.**

Then as dark approaches you will see them arrive on the beach, climb the steep rocks and make their way to their burrows. All this, only a few minutes from Oamaru town centre by car. Oamaru is the easiest place in New Zealand for people to view good numbers of blue penguins up close. The penguins may be viewed every day at nightfall, and the time of arrival on shore varies with the season. There is a charge for admission to support conservation, management and research at the colony. Viewing is from a covered stand overlooking the foreshore and colony. There is a modern visitor centre with informative displays and shop.

Photography is not allowed during the evening and only allowed outside without flash during the day.

Open 7 days a week from 10am.

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# BLUE PENGUINS PUKEKURA



## Discover Korora, the little blue penguin...

Visit the Little Blue Penguin colony at Taiaroa Head, Dunedin. Your tour will begin with an informative story about the cultural and social significance of the Pukekura area. You will then enter the Penguin conservation area to view the endearing Little Blue Penguins - **the world's smallest penguin**. From the viewing platform you are able to watch them scurrying up the beach to their cliff-face burrows after a day out at sea. The conservation area is scattered with nest boxes and the area is predator controlled, which allows young birds to flourish for your benefit.

Tours run every evening from the Royal Albatross Centre on the picturesque Otago Peninsula. There is a souvenir shop and cafe on site to ensure your visit is complete.

**75 minutes** - Tour begins at dusk every evening.

**See Blue Penguins** - Returning to nest in their natural habitat.

**Cultural Experience** - Discover the historical significance of Pukekura.

### *Reservations*

### *Recommended*



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## Daily small-group tours or private exclusive birdwatching/photographic expeditions by request.

Find out why overseas visitors and birders have described this wildlife experience as the highlight of their visit to New Zealand. Absolutely unrivalled, up close viewing of many marine and wading species plus royal albatross at Taiaroa headland and yellow-eyed and blue penguins within our exclusive conservation reserve in a beautiful beach location.

Within this conservation area, at the extreme eastern edge of the peninsula, you can observe many species of albatross plus many pelagic seabird species flying in close proximity. We provide options to experience a royal albatross tour or include a boat cruise to add further viewing opportunities to this unique experience.

'Peninsula encounters' tours depart from Dunedin City accommodation or the Dunedin visitor centre during the afternoon and return in the evening around six hours later.

Multi-day expeditions of the southern coastline can be arranged on request.



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## Get closer to our unique Southern Ocean wildlife.

From the water is the natural way to see the world's only mainland breeding colony of albatross (northern royal) at Taiaroa Head. Just offshore you can see more albatross species along with petrels, shearwaters and other birds. Nesting seabirds include blue penguins, sooty shearwaters, gulls (2 species), shags (3 species), and white-fronted terns. NZ fur-seals breed here, and you might see NZ sea-lions, Hector's dolphins and dusky dolphins. Harbour and inlets support resident and migratory wading and water birds.

Wildlife cruises (60 or 90min) depart Weller's Rock on Otago Peninsula. Half and full day tours depart Dunedin and include the wildlife cruise and a harbour cruise, with optional land tours on Otago Peninsula – yellow-eyed penguin reserve, Royal Albatross Centre and Larnach Castle.

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Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a 307ha fenced nature reserve providing predator free habitat for the conservation of endangered wildlife.



The Ecosanctuary provides for observation in the wild of particularly South Island subspecies and those of the Coastal Otago region including kaka, robin (pictured), Haast tokoeka kiwi (pictured), fernbird, rifleman, grey warbler, tomtit, brown creeper, tui, NZ pigeon, bellbird, silvereye, fantail and NZ falcon.

Just 20 kilometres north of Dunedin, Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a forest based experience which complements the marine wildlife for which the region is famous.

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South Island Robin image courtesy of Dave Curtis. Haast Tokoeka Kiwi image courtesy of Kiwi Birdlife Park.



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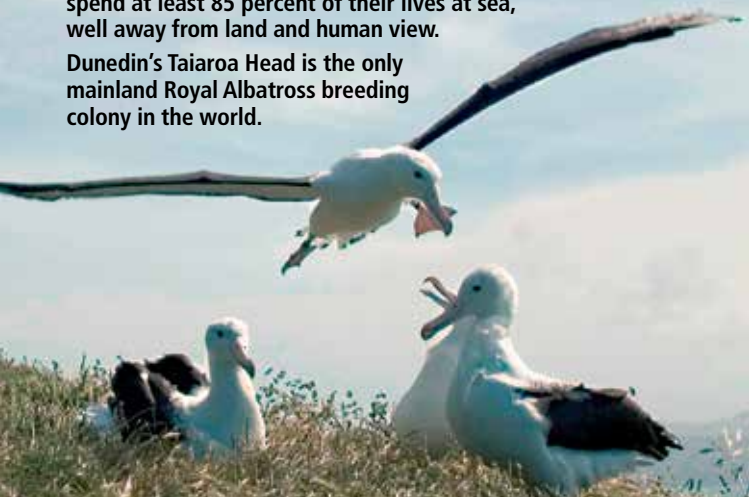




## The Royal Albatross

**Albatrosses are the world's largest seabirds. They normally breed on remote islands and spend at least 85 percent of their lives at sea, well away from land and human view.**

**Dunedin's Taiaroa Head is the only mainland Royal Albatross breeding colony in the world.**



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In partnership with Monarch Wildlife Tours we now offer the Sundowner Package with wildlife cruise, albatross tour, dinner and blue penguin viewing. Reservations Essential.



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## **Lake Cruise & Island Nature Walk** 4 hours (1 hour walking).

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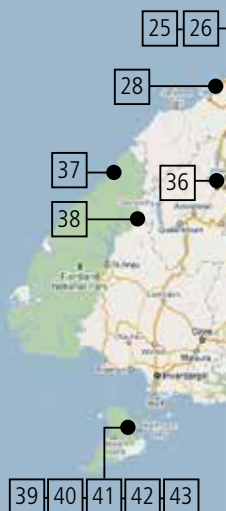
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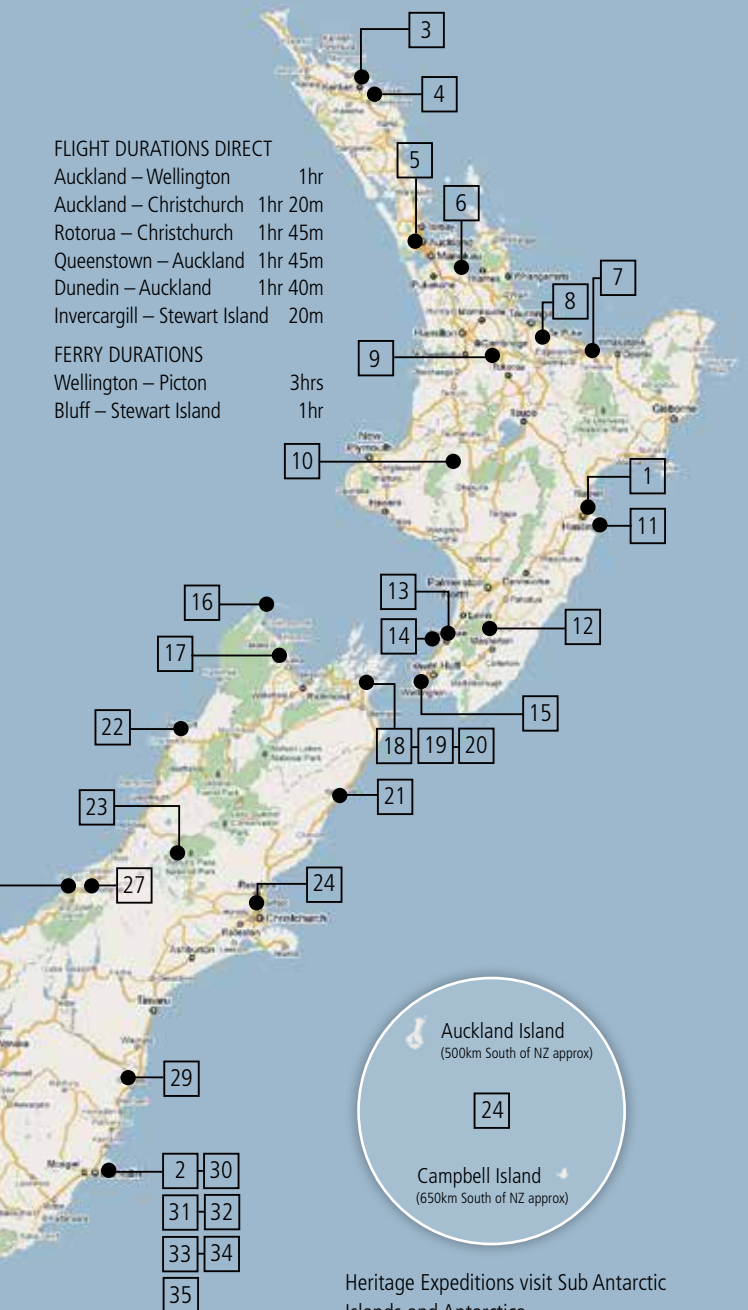


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Auckland – Christchurch	1hr 20m
Rotorua – Christchurch	1hr 45m
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