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OROKONU ECOSANCTUARY

Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a 307ha nature reserve providing predator-free habitat for the conservation of endangered wildlife. The Ecosanctuary will provide easy access for observation of particularly South Island subspecies and those of the Coastal Otago region including South Island (SI) Tomtit, Rifleman, SI Robin, SI Kaka and the critically endangered Haast Kiwi in a fully-functioning ecosystem and natural habitat.

Just 20 kilometres north of Dunedin, Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a forest-based ecotourism attraction which complements the marine wildlife attractions for which the region is famous – Royal Albatross, Penguins, NZ Fur Seals and NZ Sea Lions.

Tours with an ornithologist are offered, with 8 people maximum per guide.

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FIORDLAND

KNOBS FLAT: ACCOMMODATION, HISTORY, CONSERVATION

Knobs Flat in Fiordland National Park's Eglinton Valley offers more than just a spectacular location to stop and stay on the road to Milford Sound. An active wildlife monitoring and management programme is long established in the beech forested valley. A number of rare species are present along with the common: Mohua (Yellowhead), Kaka, NZ Falcon, Yellow-crowned Parakeet, Robin, Rifleman, Brown Creeper and Australasian Bittern to name a few. Short- and long-tailed Bats are also present and Kea, Blue Duck and Rock Wren can be found a short distance away.

Self-catering units are warm and comfortable and take you back a simpler life with no cell phones, TV or radio. We do have an ever-expanding library. For further information check our website or give us a call. We look forward to hosting you at Knobs Flat and can tailor a guided trip to suit your interests.

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LOCATION MAP



NEW ZEALAND BIRDING DIRECTORY

New members 2008

The New Zealand Birding Network is a group of operators throughout New Zealand who offer bird-watching orientated tours, excursions and accommodation.

This pamphlet updates the NZ Birding Directory.

MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

MYTHS AND LEGENDS ECOTOURS

Join Pete and Takutai on a unique birding expedition. Take advantage of their local knowledge and passion for the natural environment, be enthralled by their wonderful stories of the history and culture of the area. Maori say the King Shag *kawau a Toru* guided Polynesian explorer Kupe to Aotearoa (New Zealand). Weather permitting, you can visit one of the colonies of the rare King Shag; Marlborough Sounds is the only place in the world where you can see this seabird.

Group sizes are small for a personalised experience. Lunch is included. As you cruise on their 42ft classic launch *Tutanekai* you may encounter dolphins, NZ Fur Seals and other wildlife.

Takutai has the uncanny ability to sense, see and hear the birds and will guide you onto island bird sanctuaries to see rare Saddlebacks and Kakariki (Yellow-crowned Parakeet). South Island Robins, NZ Bellbirds, Fantails and Kereru may be seen.

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MARLBOROUGH

DRIFTWOOD ECOTOURS

Will Parsons offers personalized guided tours throughout Marlborough. He is the sole concessionaire to the Vernon lagoons where 94 species of bird have been recorded, including both migratory and endemic waders. The surrounding hills offer viewing of Kingfisher, NZ Bellbird, Tomtit, NZ Fantail, Grey Warbler, Brown Creeper, NZ Falcon and Australasian Harrier. Seabirds often rest and preen at the northern end of the spit where the Wairau River flows into Cloudy Bay. This location, known as Wairau Bar, is where one of New Zealand's most important archaeological sites was discovered. Moa hunters lived here approx 700 years ago. Accommodation can be arranged locally to suit your budget. Driftwood Ecotours has an environmental policy of planting one tree per tour to help reduce its carbon footprint.

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NELSON

MAPUA ADVENTURES

The Waimea Estuary is the largest in the South Island and is an internationally significant habitat for migratory waders. Our tours provide a comfortable, intimate and comprehensive experience and allow close encounters with the abundant birdlife including Godwit, Royal Spoonbill, White Heron, a Caspian Tern colony and many other bird species.

Tours generally operate three hours either side of high tide between November and April. Private charters are available year-round. Bookings are essential as tours cater for 2 to 8 passengers per trip. Mapua Adventures operates from Mapua Wharf, just 30 minutes from Nelson, home to several great restaurants, galleries and one of NZ's finest aquariums.

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STEWART ISLAND

SAILS ASHORE

Stewart Island is a special birding destination on the edge of the Great Southern Ocean offering abundant wildlife viewing. Ulva Island open sanctuary is a few minutes from the village. Sails Ashore offers birders luxury hosted accommodation with two guest suites and the very best of Stewart Island hospitality. We are Qualmark 4 star Plus with everything you would expect for that grading. Guests get all our attention.

We also offer guided birding experiences both to Ulva Island and during pelagic boat trips using our own large charter yacht. Group size is never more than 6 guests per guide as we strongly believe that larger numbers degrade our guests' experience.

Iris and Peter have over 70 years' combined Island experience. Peter was at one time Ranger in Charge of Stewart Island. We aim to ensure your Stewart Island experience truly memorable.

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STEWART ISLAND LODGE

Stewart Island Lodge is now owned and operated by Real Journeys. New contact details are:

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WEST COAST

OKARITO KIWI TOURS

A Department of Conservation concession allows owner operated Okarito Kiwi Tours to take limited numbers into the bush at night. Our trips are aimed at being low key, low impact and education regarding kiwi is a key element.

Strong local knowledge of the birds' habits and characteristics is key to viewing the Okarito Brown Kiwi *rowi* in such dense podocarp forest: our success-rate is a surprising c.85%. Good general fitness is required, as we walk 4km (in total) to get deep into kiwi habitat, a chance to see a rare Fernbird, Morepork, the native owl, and even late-night Long-tailed Cuckoo during summer months.

Generally, the trips start 30 mins prior to sunset. We meet at Okarito for a pre-tour briefing. Trips run all year round. Winter is a great time for a trip as the calls are more frequent and the mosquito is non-existent! Accommodation is available for those wishing to stay in Okarito.

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