Location of Caspian tern colonies in 1971-75 and 1991-95 surveys

| Region | 1971-75 | 1991-95 |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Far North | Rangaunu Harbour Hokianga Harbour (Motuti) | Rangaunu Harbour (Walker Island) Parengarenga Harbour |
| Northland | Whangarei Harbour Kaipara Harbour, North Head | Whangarei Harbour (Knights Island) Kaipara Harbour, North Head Kaipara Harbour (Rat Island, off Shelly beach) |
| Auckland | Mangawhai Spit South Kaipara Head | Mangawhai Spit South Kaipara Head |
| South Auckland | Whangapoua Harbour Waikato River Mouth (North Waikato Heads) | Whangapoua Harbour Waikato River Mouth (North Waikato Heads, Sand Island) |
| Waikato | | Kawhia Harbour (Te Motu Island) |
| Bay of Plenty | Tauranga Harbour Ohiwa Harbour | Matakana Island |
| Hawkes Bay | | Porangahau Beach |
| Waiarapa | Onoke Spit | Onoke Spit |
| Marlborough | Wairau Lagoons | Wairau Lagoons |
| Nelson | Takaka Farewell Spit | Bells Island, Shell Banks Farewell Spit |
| Canterbury | | Lake Ellesmere |
| Southland | Invercargill Estuary | Invercargill Estuary |

If your region is not listed it is because no colonies were found in your area. However please note we do want records of isolated breeding birds sent in also. In 1991-95 isolated breeding pairs were recorded from the Volcanic Plateau, Wanganui, West Coast and Otago but are likely to occur in all regions.