Reportable rare/unusual birds in New Zealand

This list is constantly under review. The Records Appraisal Committee expects to receive reports of sightings of any species beyond their normal ranges (as depicted in the *Atlas of bird distribution in New Zealand 1999-2004*; Robertson, CJR, Hyvönen, P, Fraser, MJ, Pickard, CR, 2007, Wellington, Ornithological Society of New Zealand). The list below is a general summary only. Sightings of escaped or released cage birds should not be submitted unless the observer believes them to have bred in the wild.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the species listed here, please email the Ornithological Society of New Zealand's Records Appraisal Committee Convenor.

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Stejneger’s petrel  except Hauraki Gulf and east of Coromandel Peninsula
Pycroft’s petrel
Gould’s petrel (including New Caledonian petrel)  except beach-wrecked
Blue petrel  away from breeding locations
Fulmar prion
Bulwer’s petrel
Black petrel
Tahiti petrel
Cory’s shearwater
Streaked shearwater
Wedge-tailed shearwater
Pink-footed shearwater
Great shearwater
Christmas Island shearwater
Newell’s shearwater
Manx shearwater
Kermadec storm petrel  except Kermadec Islands
New Zealand storm petrel  except Hauraki Gulf through to North Cape
Black-bellied storm petrel
White-bellied storm petrel  north of Banks Peninsula
Leach’s storm petrel
Common diving petrel
South Georgian diving petrel
Red-tailed tropicbird
White-tailed tropicbird
Australian pelican
Cape gannet
Brown booby
Masked booby
Little shag
Black shag
Pied shag
Little black shag
New Zealand king shag
Stewart Island shag
Chatham Island shag
Bounty Island shag
Auckland Island shag
Campbell Island shag
Spotted shag
Pitt Island shag
Darter
Great frigatebird
Lesser frigatebird
Grey heron
Pacific (= white-necked) heron
White heron
Cattle egret

Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
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Plumed (= intermediate) egret
White-faced heron
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands except Snares Is
Little egret
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands except Hawke’s Bay
Reef heron
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Nankee night heron
except Whanganui River
Australasian bittern
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Australian little bittern
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
New Zealand little bittern
Breeding records only
Glossy ibis
Royal spoonbill
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Yellow-billed spoonbill
Except Waihopai Valley
Black kite
Northland, Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)
Any species of eagle
Nankeen kestrel
except Waihopai Valley
Black falcon
Northland, Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)
New Zealand falcon
Brolga
Corncrake
Auckland Island rail
except Adams Island and Disappointment Island
Banded rail
North I. south of Kawhia and East Cape, South I. except Nelson and Marlborough, Stewart I., Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
North Island weka
West of Whakatane and south of Gisborne, other than re-introduction sites
Other weka
east of the Southern Alps and south of Blenheim
Spotless crake
Stewart Island, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Marsh crake
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Australian crake
subantarctic islands
Black-tailed native-hen
except Fiordland and introductions
Common moorhen
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Dusky moorhen
South Island (= Stewart Island) snipe
Chatham Island snipe
Japanese snipe
Chatham Island and Pitt Island
Lesser knot
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands
Great knot
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Sanderling
Dunlin
Stilt sandpiper
Curlew sandpiper
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands
Stilt sandpiper
Sharp-tailed sandpiper
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands
Pectoral sandpiper
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Baird's Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Little stint
Red-necked stint

Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Long-toed stint
Least sandpiper
Semipalmated sandpiper
Western sandpiper
Broad-billed sandpiper
Buff-breasted sandpiper
Ruff

Asiatic dowitcher
Eastern curlew

Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Asiatic whimbrel
American whimbrel
Little whimbrel
Bristle-thighed curlew
Bar-tailed godwit
Black-tailed Godwit

Bounty and Antipodes Islands

Hudsonian Godwit

Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Upland sandpiper
Wandering tattler
Siberian tattler

except Kermadec Islands

Common sandpiper
Greenshank
Marsh sandpiper

Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Lesser yellowlegs
Terek sandpiper
Ruddy turnstone
Grey phalarope
Red-necked phalarope
Wilson's phalarope
Painted snipe
Variable oystercatcher

subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)

South Island pied oystercatcher

Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Pied stilt
Black stilt
Red-necked avocet
Pacific golden plover
American golden plover
Grey plover
New Zealand dotterel

Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands

except Canterbury, Nelson, Kawhia, Kaipara, Tauranga

Stewart Island and subantarctic islands

North Island west coast south of Whanganui, South Island except Southland, plus Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Ringed plover
Semipalmated plover
Red-capped plover
Banded dotterel

Lesser sand plover (Mongolian dotterel)
Large sand dotterel
Oriental plover (dotterel)
Wrybill

Black-fronted dotterel
Shore plover
Red-kneed dotterel
Spur-winged plover
Oriental pratincole
Southern skua
South Polar skua
Pomarine skua

Arctic skua
Long-tailed skua
Pacific gull
Southern black-backed gull
Franklin's gull
Red-billed gull
Black-billed gull

Brown (= common) noddy
Black (= white-capped) noddy
Grey noddy (= ternlet)
White tern
Sooty tern
Grey-backed tern
Bridled tern
Little tern
Fairy tern
Gull-billed tern
Caspian tern

White-winged black tern
Whiskered tern
Black-fronted tern
White-fronted tern

Antarctic tern
Arctic tern
Common tern
Crested tern
Rock pigeon

Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Island subspecies on Auckland Islands)
south of the Firth of Thames
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands except Chatham Islands and within 50 km of re-introduction sites
subantarctic islands
north of Otago Peninsula
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands south of Foveaux Strait
Kermadec Islands
Kermadec Islands, Bounty Islands, Antipodes Island
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
except Kermadec Islands
except Kermadec, Three Kings and Mokohinau Islands except Raoul Island except Kermadec
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
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north of Waipu and south of Kaipara Harbour
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands except Marlborough and Canterbury (all breeding records should be reported)
north of Bay of Plenty, plus Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands) except Stewart Island and sub-Antarctic Islands
Stewart Island, Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and
Barbary dove  
except North Island

Spotted dove  
south of Rotorua

New Zealand pigeon  
Kermadec Islands, Three Kings Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Kakapo  
except islands where they have been introduced

Kaka  
South Island east of the Southern Alps (except Orokonui), plus Kermadec Islands, Three Kings Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Kea  
except Southern Alps, Kaikoura Ranges, Nelson, West Coast and western Southland

Sulphur-crested cockatoo  
extcept North Island and Banks Ranges, Nelson, West Coast and western Southland

Galah  
extcept Ponui Island and near Hunua Ranges

Rainbow lorikeet  
except North Island and Otago

Eastern rosella  
on the mainland except Northland and Wellington, also Snares and Campbell Islands

Red-crowned parakeet  
North Island north of Rotorua, plus all outlying island groups except Auckland Islands

Yellow-crowned parakeet  
extcept Hurunui, Poulter and Hawdon Valleys (Canterbury), and island release sites

Orange-fronted parakeet  
except Hurunui, Poulter and Hawdon Valleys (Canterbury), and island release sites

Forbes’ parakeet  
except Northland and Wellington, also Snares and Campbell Islands

Oriental cuckoo  
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands

Pallid cuckoo  
Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Fan-tailed cuckoo  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Shining cuckoo  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Long-tailed cuckoo  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Channel-billed cuckoo  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Morepork  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Laughing owl  
extcept Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury, Otago and Southland

Little owl  
extcept Kaitaia

Barn owl  
extcept Kaitaia

White-throated needletail (spine-tailed swift)  
except between Auckland and Whangarei cities

Fork-tailed swift  
Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Kookaburra  
Great Barrier I., Coromandel Peninsula and south of Taupo, except for Boundary Stream, Mt Bruce, Kapiti Island, Secretary Island and other introduction sites

New Zealand kingfisher  
on the mainland except for re introduction sites and contiguous areas

Dollarbird  
except Little Barrier and introductions

Bush wren  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Rock wren  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)

North Island kokako  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)

South Island kokako  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Saddleback  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Stitchbird  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Grey warbler  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Bellbird  
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)

Tui  
subantarctic islands (except Auckland Islands)
Red wattlebird
Black-faced cuckoo-shrike
White-winged triller
Whitehead
Yellowhead
Northland, Coromandel Peninsula, Great Barrier I. and South I.
except Arthurs Pass, south Westland, Fiordland, western Southland, Catlins, Blue Mountains and introduction sites
except South I., Stewart I. and their inshore islands
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Islands and subantarctic islands

Brown creeper
Australian magpie
Masked woodswallow
White-browed woodswallow
Dusky woodswallow
New Zealand fantail
Kermadec Islands and subantarctic islands (except Snares Islands)

Willie wagtail
Rook
Satin flycatcher
Black-faced monarch
Magpie-lark
Tootit
Kermadec Islands, Chatham Island, Antipodes I. and Campbell Island
except Mangere and Rangatira Islands and re-introduction sites
subantarctic islands

Black robin
Eurasian skylark
Australian reed-warbler
Fernbird
Wairarapa, Wellington (south of Waikanae) and Canterbury
subantarctic islands (except Snares Islands)

Welcome swallow
Fairy martin
Tree martin
Red-vented bulbul
Common myna
New Zealand pipit
Kermadec Islands and Snares Islands
Dunnock
Kermadec Islands
Chaffinch
Kermadec Islands and Antipodes Island
Greenfinch
subantarctic islands (except Snares Islands)
Yellowhammer
subantarctic islands (except Snares Islands)
Cirl bunting
except Wellington south coast and eastern South Island

Any species not on this list and not in the *Checklist of the birds of New Zealand* (4th edition, 2010) should be reported to the Records Appraisal Committee as it may constitute the first recorded sighting for the species in New Zealand.