

Expanding the indigenous habitats in the East Otago landscape

The Landscape Connections Trust's project "Expanding the indigenous habitats for forest and wetland bird populations in the East Otago landscape" aims to understand the bird distribution of a key suite of indigenous forest birds, to identify their habitat requirements, and in doing so to identify the best dispersal corridors to enable their expansion as well as the restoration requirements of existing habitat.



Without this information there is no strategic basis to justify dispersal corridors, or promote ecological restoration in particular sites to increase the abundance of the unevenly distributed species. Volunteers from the Otago branch of OSNZ will complete consistent and repeatable bird counts across the East Otago project area, focussing on specific habitat types.

The results of this sampling will contribute to the development of a management plan which will summarise the extent and distribution of indigenous bird habitats within the project area, and provide landscape-scale guidance on ecological enhancement of indigenous bird habitat quality and extent.

