Aotearoa: The penguin capital of the world!

Here in New Zealand, we have more penguins species than any other country. They live on the mainland (the North Island and South Island), and our smaller islands – including the Subantarctic Islands. So where are our six species currently at? Read our penguin profiles to find out...

Kororā | Little blue penguin 🔵

Eudyptula minor

Our smallest and most widespread penguin. Also found in Australia and called Fairy penguins.

Conservation status:
At risk – declining.

Key locations:
Found all over NZ – but major breeding areas include Northland, Auckland/Hauraki Gulf islands, Wellington Harbour, Marlborough Sounds, West Coast, Fiordland, Banks Peninsula, Oamaru, Otago Peninsula, Stewart Island, and the Chatham Islands.

Snares-crested penguin 🟥

Eudyptes robustus

Our only penguin not suffering from a drop in numbers.

Conservation status:
Naturally uncommon.

Key locations:
Snares Islands only.

Fill in the map yourself using the coloured symbols provided. We have already put in two to help you get you started...

Hoiho | Yellow-eyed penguin 🔺

Megadyptes antipodes

Our largest penguin. A unique and ancient species.

Conservation status:
Threatened – nationally vulnerable.

Key locations:
The Catlins, Otago Peninsula, North Otago, Banks Peninsula, Stewart Island and the Auckland and Campbell Islands.

Eastern rockhopper 🔶

Eudyptes filholi

Our smallest crested penguin.

Conservation status:
Threatened – nationally critical.

Key locations:
Campbell, Auckland, and Antipodes Islands.

Why are there more species living in the south? One explanation comes from the legend of Kupe. Search "penguins" at **kcc.org.nz/blog** and find out more...

Erect-crested penguin ⭐

Eudyptes sclateri

Our least studied penguin.

Conservation status:
At risk – declining.

Key locations:
Antipodes and Bounty Islands.

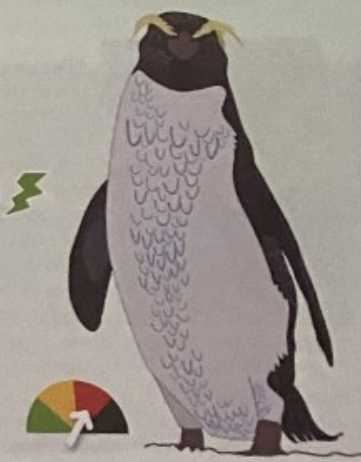## Tawaki | Fiordland crested penguin ⚡

Eudyptes pachyrhynchus

Our rugged rainforest penguin.

Conservation status:
Threatened – nationally endangered.

Key locations:
Southern West Coast, Fiordland, and Stewart Island.

Chatham islands

Bounty Island

Snares Islands

Subantarctic Islands   Antipodes Island

Auckland Island

Campbell Island

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