

NEW ZEALAND RECOGNIZED BIRD NAMES (NZRBN)

INTRODUCTION

This list of recognized names for bird species in New Zealand is provided by the Ornithological Society of New Zealand Inc. (OSNZ). It is derived from the 3rd Edition (1990) of its *Checklist of the Birds of New Zealand and the Ross Dependency, Antarctica* and includes subsequent decisions of the Rare Birds Committee of the OSNZ. If new birds are added to the list by the decisions of this Committee, the listing attached here will be amended accordingly from time to time.

At the request of the Department of Conservation (DoC) the categories of the New Zealand Threat Classification (details in Molloy, J.; Bell, B.; Clout, M.; de Lange, P.; Gibbs, G.; Given, G.; Norton, D.; Smith, N.; Stephens, T. 2002. *Classifying species according to the threat of extinction. A System for New Zealand. Threatened species occasional publication 22, 26p.* and Hitchmough, R. (comp.) 2002 : *New Zealand Threat Classification System lists-2002. Threatened species occasional publication 23, 210p.* Department of Conservation) have been provided for listed species and sub-species (other than human introduced) where the DoC compilers have made an assessment. Some taxonomically indeterminate taxa not generally accepted as distinct, or yet to be published, are referred to in the DoC published list, but do not currently appear in the OSNZ recognised list.

The OSNZ acknowledges that the current deliberations of its Checklist Committee will probably result in a future list which may be significantly different in some respects to the one provided here. **The present list will be completely revised and updated when the next edition of the OSNZ Checklist of the Birds of New Zealand becomes available.**

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USE & INTERPRETATION.

The Recognised list of bird names is provided as a downloadable Excel sheet held in 5.0/95 & 97-2000 format (BIRDCHECKLIST). It may also be viewed on the website in non-downloadable picture format for quick reference.

To help the understanding of the different parts of the list presentation, the screen background view is colour coded, and the text is in either black or red –

Green/black – represents all parts of the OSNZ Recognized List;

White/black – gives a coded (key below) and summarized distribution and status (assessed by the OSNZ compilers) for each taxon in the New Zealand region;

Yellow/red – gives the DoC Threat Classifications and qualifiers (key below).

Key to Distribution and Status

#	Found within land area of North, South & Stewart Islands
C	Inshore islands and waters
O	Oceanic, outer islands, Antarctica
E	Endemic – breeds only in New Zealand territories
I	Introduced by human agency
S	Straggler – an irregular visitor
V	Rare Vagrant – transitory and unexpected
X	Probably extinct
Z	Extinct / fossil

Key to DoC Threat Classification

1	Nationally Critical
2	Nationally Endangered
3	Nationally Vulnerable
4	Serious Decline
5	Gradual Decline
6	Sparse
7	Range Restricted
N	Not Threatened
C	Colonizer
M	Migrant
V	Vagrant
E	Extinct

Key to DoC Threat Classification Qualifiers

EW	Extinct in the Wild (exists only in captivity)
CD	Conservation Dependent (Likely to move to a higher threat category if current management ceases)

- DP** **Data Poor** (Confidence in listing is low due to poor data available for assessment)
- RC** **Recovering** (Total population showing a sustained recovery)
- ST** **Stable** (Total population stable)
- SO** **Secure Overseas** (Secure in other parts of its natural range outside New Zealand)
- TO** **Threatened Overseas** (Threatened in those parts of its natural range outside of New Zealand)
- HI** **Human Induced** (Present distribution is a result of direct or indirect human activity)
- RF** **Recruitment Failure** (Current population may appear stable, but age structure is such that catastrophic declines are likely in the future)
- EF** **Extreme Fluctuations** (Extreme unnatural population fluctuations, or natural fluctuations overlaying human-induced declines, that increase the threat of extinction)
- OL** **One Location** (Found at one location [geographically or ecologically distinct area] at which a single event [e.g. a predator irruption] could soon affect all individuals of the taxon).

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