BLACK PETREL

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FAST FACTS

- The black petrel is one of New Zealand's at risk seabirds.
- They spend half their lives in South America, in the waters of Ecuador and Peru. When it's time to breed they return to New Zealand, arriving in October.
- Black petrels have one chick each summer and it needs both adults to feed it. If one parent dies the chick starves to death.
- They mate for life, meeting their partner in the same burrow each year. If one bird dies the survivor has to find another life partner and can miss a breeding season.
- In May the chicks are ready to leave the burrow and fly to South America. Only a small percentage make it to breeding age.

FEATURES

- Bill pale yellow with a grey/black tip
- Body medium-sized, very dark brown or black
- Wings dark brown or black
- Legs black

RANGE

Black petrels forage mainly off the eastern North Island and in the Tasman Sea. They migrate across the Pacific to South America after breeding.



- Commercial longline and trawl fisheries
- · Recreational fishing
- Feral cats

TOP TIPS FOR FISHERS

- Sink your baits fast
- Avoid attracting birds by managing your bait and offal
- · Learn more at www.southernseabirds.org



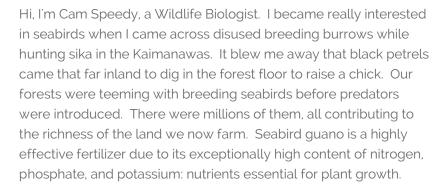


PETREL HEAD



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CAM SPEEDY



Unfortunately, the black petrel's choice of home made them particularly vulnerable to predators. Stoats have wiped them out everywhere but for small populations on Great Barrier Island (Aotea) and Little Barrier Island (Te Hauturu-o-Toi). We currently only know of about 2700 breeding pairs, and the biggest threat to these survivors is fishing.

When you are fishing in the outer Hauraki Gulf you may see black petrels diving - sometimes as deep as 16 metres - to catch a feed of squid, or soaring low across the water as they follow your boat, looking for food. The birds are oblivious to the risk and a lot of fishers don't know how vulnerable black petrels are.





JOIN ME

It's critical we all work together, looking after seabirds, inspiring and educating other commercial and recreational fishers, New Zealanders and visitors to New Zealand. How?

- Always fish 'Seabird Smart' and teach others to do the same.
- Think up, test and share new ways to protect seabirds while fishing.
- Subscribe to Southern Seabird Solutions' YouTube channel and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.
- Check out www.southernseabirds.org and give feedback.
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