

Birds of WILDERNESS LODGE ARTHUR'S PASS

INTRODUCED BIRDS OF FOREST AND FARMLAND

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Seen</i>	<i>Heard</i>
Blackbird	25cm Male black with orange bill & "eye liner" <u>Female dark brown with paler throat.</u>		
Duck (Mallard)	58cm Orange legs & feet. Blue spectrum with <u>thin black & thick white bands front & back.</u>		
Finch (Chaffinch)	15cm Sparrow sized finch with conspicuous white <u>shoulder, wingbar & outer tail feathers. M. pink under.</u>		
Finch (Greenfinch)	15cm Robust olive-green finch with pale heavy bill. <u>yellow on sides of tail & edges of closed wing.</u>		
Finch (Goldfinch)	13cm Gold bars on wings, red face (more so on M.), <u>white ear coverts & side of neck, black crown/collar.</u>		
Goose (Canada)	83cm Pale brown and white barring on body. <u>Black head and neck, white patch chin & cheeks.</u>		
Magpie	41cm Large black & white bird with pale blue, black <u>tipped bill. Hind neck white in M/ finely barred in F.</u>		
Red Poll	12cm Dull brown finch with crimson forehead & black <u>chin. Breeding male crimson flush on breast.</u>		
Skylark	19cm Dull yellow-buff bird, streaked & spotted on <u>underparts & breast. Small crest raised when alert.</u>		
Sparrow (Hedge or Dunnock)	21cm Like House Sparrow, except body slimmer, <u>& fine black bill. Red eye. Orange-brown legs.</u>		
Sparrow (House)	14cm A gregarious & quarrelsome associate of <u>humans!</u>		
Swallow (Welcome)	15cm Adult has blue-back head & back. Dull <u>white underside. Deeply forked tail.</u>		
Swan (Black)	120cm Large black swan. Files with long neck <u>and slow wing beats. Prominent white wing tips.</u>		
Thrush (English Song Thrush)	23cm Warm brown above. Buff white below. <u>Breast boldly spotted with dark brown.</u>		
Yellowhammer	16cm Mainly yellow with red-brown underparts <u>streaked darker. Red rump. White outer tail feathers.</u>		

NATIVE BIRDS OF THE ALPINE ZONE

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Seen</i>	<i>Heard</i>
Kea	46cm Olive green parrot, scarlet underwings & <u>rump. Call a loud ringing "keaaa" – usually in flight.</u>		
Rock Wren	10cm Short tail, rounded wings, long legs & toes, <u>fine black bill, cream eyebrows. Bobs up & down.</u>		

NATIVE FOREST BIRDS

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Bellbird	20cm Green bird with short curved bill, slightly forked <u>tail. Male dark olive green. F. lighter, white bill stripe.</u>		
Brown Creeper	13cm Crown, black, rump & tail red-brown. Ash grey face <u>face & neck. White stripe behind eye. Noisy flocks.</u>		
Cuckoo (shining)	16cm Short tailed metallic bronze-green cuckoo <u>with barred white & green face & underside.</u>		
Cuckoo (Long tailed)	40cm Large brown cuckoo with v. long tail. Upper <u>barred in dark browns. Underside lighter bars.</u>		
Falcon (NZ)	43-47 cm Fast flying raptor with rapid beats of long <u>pointed wings. Call a rapid kek-kek-kek.</u>		
Fantail (Black)	16cm (including 8cm tail) Same species as more <u>common pied fantail. Mainly found Sth Island</u>		
Fantail (Pied)	16cm (incl 8cm tail). Long tail-often fanned, grey <u>head, white eyebrow, brown black, yellow/white under</u>		
Harrier (Australasian)	55-60cm Large brown hawk with long fingered <u>wings held in shallow. V. Becomes paler with age.</u>		

NATIVE FOREST BIRDS contd.

Common Name	<u>Identification</u>	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Heard</u>
Kaka	45cm Large forest parrot with crimson underwings & rump. Olive feathers browner than kea.		
Morepork	29cm Dark brown owl. Nocturnal. Territorial call "morepork". Roosts in thick vegetation in day.		
Parakeet (yellow crowned)	25cm Bright green forest parrot with yellow crown & red band on top of bill. Blue wing coverts.		
Rifleman	8cm NZ's smallest bird. Male bright yellow-green. Female streaked light & dark brown		
Robin (NZ)	18cm Inquisitive. Dark slaty-grey forest bird with long thin legs & an upright stance. White patch on belly.		
Tomtit (Yellow breasted)	13cm Male black head, bib & back. Underside white with yellow smears. Female brown instead of black.		

NATIVE BIRDS OF THE RIVERBED AND OPEN HABITAT

Common Name	<u>Identification</u>	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Heard</u>
Dotterell (Banded)	20cm Brown back. Breeding adult white belly except 2 bands; thin black (upper). t & thick orange		
Duck (Grey)	55cm. Like female Mallard, but with pale, stripped head, grey bill, green/brown legs.		
Duck (Paradise)	63cm. Large goose-like duck with orange undertail. Female white head. Male dark head.		
Gull (Black Backed)	60cm Only large gull in NZ. Black wings, yellow beak, white belly, black & white tail.		
Gull (Black Billed)	37cm V.pale inland gull. Longer thinner black bill (otherwise similar to Red-Billed gull)		
Pied Oyster Catcher (SI)	48cm Conspicuous noisy plover. Black head, back & bib. White Belly, red bill & eyes.		
Pipit (NZ)	19cm Like Skylark, but more slender & habit of frequently flicking it's long tail up & down.		
Plover (Spur Winged)	38cm Conspicuous noisy plover. Black crown neck & upper shoulder. Brown back. White rump.		
Plover (Wrybill)	20cm V.Pale stocky wader. Short thick neck, black bill-tip curved to one side. Black neck band		
Scaup (Black Teal)	40cm Round "toy rubber duckie" profile. Male dark glossy black with golden eye. Female lighter		
Tern (Black Fronted)	29cm Blue-grey body, wings & short, shallow forked tail. White rump. Orange bill & legs.		