

# Shakespear Open Sanctuary

## Bird Checklist



Shakespear Open Sanctuary is an accessible haven for wildlife. Close to the island bird sanctuary of Tiritiri Matangi, and positioned on the end of Whangaparaoa Peninsula in the Hauraki Gulf, Shakespear Regional Park is an ideal site for an open sanctuary.

The sanctuary was established in 2010 by the construction of a pest-proof fence across the peninsula, after which all pest species were removed. An extensive and ongoing system of trapping and monitoring is required to ensure that the Sanctuary remains free of pests while allowing open access to visitors.

The range of natural and farmland habitats present in Shakespear Park provides homes to many bird species. The absence of pest predators in the sanctuary has led to increasing numbers in many resident species and is allowing birds from Tiritiri Matangi such as kakariki and bellbirds to become established. Newly recorded species such as banded rail and fernbird are also beginning to appear. About 80 species of bird may be seen in and around the park and this number will grow as species once present return or are re-introduced.

This checklist is comprised of all known birds recorded in the park and its surrounds, and provides a guide as to when and where they may be seen. For more information about these birds, useful references are Heather & Robertson "*The Field Guide to the Birds of New Zealand*" and the *NZ Birds Online* site [nzbirdsonline.org.nz](http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz).

Please report unusual sightings to: Auckland Council (09) 366 2000 or Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society at [info@sossi.org.nz](mailto:info@sossi.org.nz)

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### KIWI

Kiwi pukupuku/Little spotted kiwi <i>Apteryx owenii</i>	Endemic. Translocated to the Park	
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### ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS and PETRELS

Toanui/Flesh-footed shearwater <i>Puffinus carneipes</i>	Native. Offshore in summer	
Rako/Buller's shearwater <i>Puffinus bulleri</i>	Endemic. Offshore in summer	
Pakahā/Fluttering shearwater <i>Puffinus gavia</i>	Endemic, Offshore year round Breeding recorded 2015	
Kuaka/Diving petrel <i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i>	Native, Offshore year round	
Tītī/Cook's petrel <i>Pterodroma cookii</i>	Endemic, Offshore in summer; heard passing overhead at night in summer	
Ōi/Grey-faced petrel <i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>	Native, Offshore year round. Breeding	

## PENGUINS

Kororā/Little penguin <i>Eudyptula minor</i>	Native, Offshore year round Spring and summer breeder along rocky coasts	
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## GANNETS and BOOBIES

Tākapu/Gannet <i>Morus serrator</i>	Native, Offshore year round	
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## SHAGS

Kawau/Black shag <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Native, occasional visitor Coast, wetlands	
Kāruhiruhi/Pied shag <i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	Native, breeding on coast year round Coast	
Kawau tūi/Little black shag <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Native, common Coast, pond and wetlands	
Kawaupaka/Little shag <i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Native, common Coast, pond and wetlands	

## HERONS and BITTERNS

Matuku moana/White-faced heron <i>Ardea novaehollandiae</i>	Native, breeding, common Coast, wetlands, coastal pasture	
Matuku moana/Reef heron <i>Egretta sacra</i>	Native, breeding, occasional Rocky coast, lagoon	
Matuku-hūrepo/Bittern <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Native, possible occasional visitor Wetlands, drains	

## IBISES and SPOONBILLS

Kōtuku-ngutupapa/Royal spoonbill <i>Platalea regia</i>	Native, occasional visitor to Okoromai Bay	
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## SWANS, GEESE and DUCKS

Kakīānau/Black swan <i>Cygnus atratus</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Coastal at Okoromai Bay, pond	
Canada goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>	Introduced, occasional visitor Pasture, coastal	
Pūtangitangi/Paradise shelduck <i>Tadorna variegata</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Wetlands, pasture	
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Wetlands, pond, pasture	
Pāpera Grey duck <i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Native, occasional visitor Wetlands, pond	
Tētē/Grey teal <i>Anas gracilis</i>	Native, occasional visitor Wetlands, pond	
Pāteke/Brown teal <i>Anas chlorotis</i>	Endemic, breeding Wetlands, pond	
Kuruwhengi/New Zealand shoveler <i>Anas rhynchos</i>	Native, occasionally breeding Wetlands, pond	

## BIRDS of PREY

Kāhu/Harrier <i>Circus approximans</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, wetlands, dunes, pasture	
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## GAMEBIRDS

California quail <i>Callipepla californica</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, wetlands, dunes, pasture	
Brown quail <i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, wetlands, dunes, pasture	
Peafowl <i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Introduced, females only Te Haruhi Bay	
Ring-necked pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, wetlands, dunes, pasture	

## RAILS

Moho-pereru/Banded rail <i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Native first seen in 2013, breeding Wetlands and Okoromai Bay salt marshes	
Pūweto/Spotless crane <i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	Native, breeding, becoming common Wetlands and throughout sanctuary	
Pūkeke <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, wetlands, salt marshes, pasture	

## WADERS, GULLS and TERNS

Tōrea/Pied oystercatcher <i>Haematopus finschi</i>	Endemic, mainly in winter Beaches, mainly Okoromai Bay	
Tōrea pango/Variable oystercatcher <i>Haematopus unicolor</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Beaches, rocky coast	
Poaka/Pied stilt <i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	Native, breeding, common Beaches, wetlands, pond	
Tūturiwhatu/Banded dotterel <i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	Endemic, visitor Beaches, pasture	
Tūturiwhatu/New Zealand dotterel <i>Charadrius obscurus</i>	Endemic, breeding Aug-Feb Beaches, pasture	
Spur-winged plover <i>Vanellus miles</i>	Native, breeding, common Beaches, wetlands, pasture	
Kuaka/Bar-tailed godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Migrant, Okoromai Bay	
Arctic skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Migrant Offshore in summer	
Karoro/Southern black-backed gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Native, breeding, common Offshore year round, beaches, rocky coast, pasture	

Tarāpunga/Red-billed gull <i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	Native, common Beaches, rocky coast, lagoon, pasture	
Taranui/Caspian tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	Native, resident, common Offshore year round, beaches	
Tara/White-fronted tern <i>Sterna striata</i>	Native, common Offshore year round, beaches	

### PIGEONS and DOVES

Kererū/New Zealand pigeon <i>Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Spotted dove <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Introduced, breeding, occasional Bush edges	
Barbary dove <i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>	Introduced Possible visitor from suburban Whangaparaoa	
Rock pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Pasture, coastal cliffs	

### PARROTS

North Island kākā <i>Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis</i>	Endemic, visitor Bush	
Eastern rosella <i>Platycercus eximius</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, plantings, pasture	
Kākāriki/Red-crowned parakeet <i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i>	Endemic, breeding, becoming common Throughout sanctuary	

### CUCKOOS

Pīpīwharau/roa/Shining cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Native, breeding migrant, spring-summer only Bush, scrub, plantings	
Koekoeā/Long-tailed cuckoo <i>Eudynamis taitensis</i>	Endemic, possible visitor Bush, scrub, in spring-summer	

### OWLS

Ruru/Morepork <i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, most easily seen in Waterfall Gully at night	
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### KINGFISHERS

Kookaburra <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	Introduced Rare visitor to Whangaparaoa Peninsula	
Kōtare/Kingfisher <i>Halcyon sancta</i>	Native, breeding, common Coast, wetlands, bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	

## PASSERINES

Warou/Welcome swallow <i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Native, breeding, common Coast, wetlands, pasture, buildings	
Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Pasture, gravel roads	
Pīhoihoi/New Zealand pipit <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Endemic, breeding but has declined and rarely seen Pasture, beaches, gravel roads	
Dunnock <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Introduced, breeding in low numbers Bush, scrub, plantings	
Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Song thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Mātātā/Fernbird <i>Poodytes punctatus</i>	Endemic, widespread Scrub, wetlands	
Pōpokotea/Whitehead <i>Mohoua albicilla</i>	Endemic, reintroduced 2015 Bush, scrub and plantings	
Riroriro/Grey warbler <i>Gerygone igata</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Pīwakawaka/Fantail <i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Tauhou/Silvereye <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Hihi/Stitchbird <i>Notiomystis cincta</i>	Endemic, reintroduced 2024 Bush, scrub	
Korimako/Bellbird <i>Anthornis melanura</i>	Endemic, breeding Bush, scrub, plantings	
Tieke/Saddleback <i>Philesturnus carunculatus</i>	Endemic, reintroduced 2017 Bush, scrub	
Tūi <i>Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citronella</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush edge, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Introduced, breeding Bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	
Redpoll <i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Introduced, breeding, occasional Scrub, plantings, dunes	
House sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Plantings, pasture, around buildings	
Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, plantings, pasture, around buildings	
Common myna <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, plantings, pasture, around buildings	
Australian magpie <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, plantings, pasture	