

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 predator 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 predators in the sanctuary has led to increasing numbers in many resident species and is allowing birds from Tiritiri Matangi such as kakariki and bell-birds 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.

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

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ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS and PETRELS

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

PENGUINS

Blue penguin (Korora)	Native, Offshore year round	
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<i>Eudiptula minor</i>	Summer breeder along rocky coasts	
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GANNETS and BOOBIES

Gannet (Takapu) <i>Morus serrator</i>	Native, Offshore year round	
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SHAGS

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

HERONS and BITTERNS

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

IBISES and SPOONBILLS

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

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	
Paradise shelduck (Putangitangi) <i>Tadorna variegata</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Wetlands, pasture	
Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Wetlands, pond, pasture	
Grey duck (Parera) <i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Native, occasional visitor Wetlands, pond	
Grey teal (Tete) <i>Anas gracilis</i>	Native, occasional visitor Wetlands, pond	
Brown teal (Pateke) <i>Anas chlorotis</i>	Endemic, breeding, occasional Wetlands, pond	
New Zealand shoveler (Kuruwhengi) <i>Anas rhynchos</i>	Native, occasionally breeding Wetlands, pond	

BIRDS of PREY

Harrier (Kahu) <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, breeding Only at Te Haruhi Bay around park office	
Ring-necked pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, scrub, wetlands, dunes, pasture	

RAILS

Banded rail (Moho-pereru) <i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Native first seen in 2013, breeding Wetlands, Okoromai Bay salt marshes	
Spotless crane (Puwheto) <i>Porzana tabuensis</i>	Native, breeding, becoming common Wetlands, rank grass on bush margins, Okoromai Bay salt marshes	
Pukeko <i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, wetlands, salt marshes, pasture	

WADERS, GULLS and TERNS

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

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

PIGEONS and DOVES

New Zealand pigeon (Kereru) <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 kaka <i>Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis</i>	Endemic, visitor Bush	
Eastern rosella <i>Platycercus eximius</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Bush, plantings, pasture	
Red-crowned parakeet (Kakariki) <i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i>	Endemic, breeding, self-introduced from Tiritiri Island, occasional Bush, bush edge, scrub	

CUCKOOS

Shining cuckoo (Pipiwaharuroa) <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Native, breeding migrant, spring-summer only Bush, scrub, plantings	
Long-tailed cuckoo (Koekoea) <i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Endemic, possible visitor Bush, scrub, in spring-summer	

OWLS

Morepork (Ruru) <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	
Kingfisher (Kotare) <i>Halcyon sancta</i>	Native, breeding, common Coast, wetlands, bush, scrub, plantings, pasture	

PASSERINES

Welcome swallow <i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Native, breeding, common Coast, wetlands, pasture, buildings	
Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Introduced, breeding, common Pasture, gravel roads	
New Zealand pipit (Pihoihoi) <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	
Fernbird (Matata) E,V <i>Bowdleria punctata</i>	Endemic, confirmed sightings 2015 Scrub, wetlands	
Whitehead <i>Mohoua albicilla</i>	Endemic, reintroduced 2015 Bush, scrub and plantings	
Grey warbler (Riroriro) <i>Gerygone igata</i>	Endemic, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Fantail (Piwakawaka) <i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Silvereye (Tauhou) <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Native, breeding, common Bush, scrub, plantings	
Stitchbird (Hihi) <i>Notiomystis cincta</i>	Endemic, rare visitor Two individuals seen 2008	
Bellbird (Korimako) <i>Anthornis melanura</i>	Endemic, a small number breeding Bush, scrub, plantings	
Tui <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	