

Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22. — Protection of Native Birds.

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THE public are earnestly requested to assist in preserving for posterity the native birds of New Zealand.

Under the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, it is illegal for any person to take or kill any protected birds, or have in possession the skins, feathers, or eggs of any such birds, without the consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs.

It is also illegal for any person to rob or destroy the nest of any bird to which the Act applies.

Every person who offends against such provisions is liable to a fine of £25 for every such offence.

NATIVE GAME.

Native game can only be shot during the open season, and then only such kinds of native game as are specified in the annual shooting-season warrants.

The following is a list of native game :—

Black swan (except in Chatham Islands County).

Duck—

- Grey duck.
- Shoveller.
- Paradise duck.
- Godwit or curlew.
- Pukeko.

ABSOLUTELY PROTECTED BIRDS.

The following is a list of the absolutely protected birds :—

Albatross—

- Black-browed mollymawk (*Thalassarche melanophrys*).
- Bounty Island mollymawk (*Thalassogeron cautus*).
- Campbell Island mollymawk (*Thalassogeron chrysostratus*).
- Chatham Island mollymawk (*Thalassarche eremita*).
- Royal albatross (*Diomedea epomophora*).
- Snares Island mollymawk (*Thalassarche bulleri*).
- Sooty albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*, *P. fusca*).
- Wandering albatross (toroa) (*Diomedea exulans*).
- Yellow-nosed mollymawk (*Thalassogeron chlororhynchus*).

Australian tree-swallow (*Petrochelidon nigricans*).

Avocet (*Recurvirostra novae-hollandiae*).

Bell-bird, or mocky (korimako) (*Anthornis melanura*).

Auckland Island bell-bird (*Anthornis melanura incoronata*).

Chatham Island bell-bird (*Anthornis melanocephala*).

Bittern (matuku-hurepo) (*Botaurus poeciloptilus*).

Little bittern (kioriki) (*Ixobrychus minutus*).

Canary—

- Bush canary (mohua) (*Mohua ochrocephala*).
- White-head canary (popokotea) (*Certhiopsis albicollis*).
- Creeper (South Island) (pipipi, toitoi) (*Finschia novae-zealandiae*).

Crow—

- North Island crow (kokako) (*Callaeas wilsoni*).
- South Island crow (kokako) (*Callaeas cinerea*).

Cuckoo (Family Cuculidae)—

- Long-tailed cuckoo (koekoea) (*Urodynamis taitensis*).
- Shining cuckoo (pipiwharauroua) (*Chalcococcyx lucidus*).

Dottrel—

- Banded dottrel (*Cirripedasmus bicinctus*).
- New Zealand dottrel (*Orthodromus obscurus*).

Duck—

- Auckland Island duck (*Nesonetta aucklandica*).
- Blue or mountain duck (whio) (*Hymenoloechus malacorhynchus*).
- Brown duck (*Elasmonetta chlorotis*).
- Black teal (*Fuligula novae-zealandiae*).
- Grey teal (*Nettion castaneum*).
- Eastern golden plover (*Charadrius dominicus*).

Fantail—

- Black fantail (tiwakawaka) (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*).
- Chatham Island pied fantail (*Rhipidura flabellifera penita*).
- Pied fantail (tiwakawaka) (*Rhipidura flabellifera*).

Fern-bird (matata)—

- Chatham Island fern-bird (*Bowdleria rufescens*).
- Mainland species (*Bowdleria punctata* and *Bowdleria fulva*).
- Snares Island fern-bird (*Bowdleria punctata caudata*).

Gannet—

- Gannet (takapu) (*Sula serrator*).
- Masked gannet (*Sula dactylatra*).

Grebe—

- Crested grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).
- Little grebe, or dabchick (totokipio) (*Potiocephalus rufipectus*).

Gull—

- Black-billed gull (*Larus bulleri*).
- Red-billed gull (tarapunga) (*Larus scopulinus*).

Heron—

- Blue heron (matuku) (*Demigretta sacra*).
- Nankeen night-heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*).
- White-fronted heron (matuku-moana) (*Notophox novae-hollandiae*).
- White heron (kotuku) (*Herodias alba*).

Huia (*Heteralocha acutirostris*).

Kaka—

- Brown kaka (*Nestor occidentalis*).
- Kaka (*Nestor meridionalis*).

Kakapo (ground-parrot) (*Strigops habroptilus*).

Kingfisher (kotare) (*Halcyon vagans*).

Kiwi—

- Brown kiwi (*Apteryx mantelli*).
- Great spotted kiwi (roaroa) (*Apteryx haasti*).
- Grey kiwi (*Apteryx oweni*).
- Spotted kiwi (*Apteryx occidentalis*).
- Southern kiwi (roa) (*Apteryx australis*).
- Stewart Island kiwi (*Apteryx australis lawryi*).

Knot (*Tringa canutus*).

Magpie (Australian)—

- Black-backed magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*).
- White-backed magpie (*Gymnorhina leuconota*).

Martin (*Chelidon urbica*).

Owl—

- Laughing-owl (whekau) (*Sceloglaux albifacies*).
- Morepork (ruru, koukou) (*Ninox novae-zealandiae*).
- Rufous-faced owl (North Island) (*Sceloglaux albifacies rufifacies*).

Oyster-catcher, or redbill—

- Black oyster-catcher, or redbill (torea) (*Haematopus niger*).
- Pied oyster-catcher, or redbill (torea) (*Haematopus ostralegus*).

Parakeet—

- Antipodes Island parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus unicolor*).
- Auckland Island parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus novae-zealandiae aucklandicus*).
- Chatham Island parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus auriceps forbesi*).
- Kermadec Island parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus novae-zealandiae cyanurus*).
- Orange-fronted parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus malherbei*).
- Red-fronted parakeet (kakariki) (*Cyanorhamphus novae-zealandiae*).
- Yellow-fronted parakeet (*Cyanorhamphus auriceps*).

Parson-bird (tui) (*Prothemadera novae-zealandiae*).

Penguin—

- Big crested penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocomus sclateri*).
- Blue penguin (korora) (*Eudyptula minor*).
- Campbell Island crested penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocomus filholi*).
- Crested penguin (tawaki) (*Eudyptes chrysocomus pachyrhynchus*).
- King penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonica*).
- Rock-hopper penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*).
- Royal penguin (*Eudyptes schegeli*).
- Tufted penguin (*Eudyptes chrysocomus*).
- White-flipped penguin (*Eudyptula albigisnata*).
- Yellow-eyed penguin (hoihoi or hoihoi) (*Megadyptes antipodum*).

Petrel—

- Black petrel (toanui) (*Procellaria parkinsoni*).
- Black-bellied storm petrel (*Fregata melanogaster*).
- Black-capped petrel (*Pterodroma externa*).
- Black-winged petrel (*Cookilaria nigripennis*).
- Blue petrel (*Halobaena caerulea*).
- Brown petrel (*Priofinus cinereus*).
- Cape pigeon (*Daption capensis*).
- Chatham Island petrel (*Cookilaria axillaris*).
- Cook's petrel (titi) (*Cookilaria cooki*).
- Diving petrel (*Pelecanoides urinatrix*).
- Grey-backed storm petrel (*Garrodia nereis*).
- Grey-faced petrel (*Pterodroma macroptera*).
- Giant petrel, or nelly (*Macronectes gigantea*).
- Kermadec Island mutton-bird (*Pterodroma neglecta*).
- Rainbird (*Pterodroma inexpectata*).
- Silver-grey petrel (*Priocella antarctica*).
- Whale-bird (*Prion vittatus*).
- Whale-bird (whiroia) (*Prion desolatus* and *Prion turtur*).
- White-chinned petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*).
- White-faced storm petrel (*Pelagodroma marina*).
- White-headed petrel (*Pterodroma lessonae*).
- Wilson's storm petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*).

Pigeon (kereru) (*Hemiphaga novae-zealandiae*).

Chatham Island pigeon (*Hemiphaga chathamensis*).

Pipit (pihoihoi, ground-lark) (*Anthus novae-zealandiae*—

- Antipodes Island pipit (*Anthus novae-zealandiae steindachneri*).
- Auckland Island pipit (*Anthus novae-zealandiae aucklandicus*).
- Chatham Island pipit (*Anthus novae-zealandiae chathamensis*).