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Species	Latin name	Māori name	Notes
<b>KIWIS</b>			
Stewart Island Brown Kiwi	<i>Apteryx australis lawryi</i>	Tokoeka	Fairly common & occasionally diurnal
<b>PENGUINS</b>			
Fiordland Crested Penguin	<i>Eudyptes pachyrhynchus</i>	Tawaki	Fairly common summer breeding migrant
Snares Crested Penguin	<i>Eudyptes robustus</i>		Rare autumn visitor
Yellow-eyed Penguin	<i>Megadyptes antipodes</i>	Hoiho	Present all year
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>		Very rare visitor from the south
Blue Penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>	Korora	Present all year
<b>ALBATROSSES</b>			
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		Not a common visitor
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>		Less common than the Southern Royal
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Toroa	Fairly common
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>		More of a spring visitor
Campbell Island Albatross	<i>Thalassarche impavida</i>		More of a spring visitor
Buller's Albatross (Southern & Pacific)	<i>Thalassarche bulleri</i>		Common / tricky to see during Dec/Jan
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chrysostama</i>		Very rare visitor from the south
NZ White Capped Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta steadi</i>		Very common
Salvin's Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta salvini</i>		More common during summer months
Chatham Island Albatross	<i>Thalassarche eremita</i>		Very rare visitor / seen early spring
Light-mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>	Toroa pango	Very rare visitor / winter more likely
<b>PETRELS, SHEARWATERS, FULMARS and PRIONS</b>			
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	Nelly	Common
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Nelly	Not very common / winter more likely
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>		Very rare visitor from the south
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>		Fairly common

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Mottled Petrel	<i>Pterodroma inexpectata</i>	Korure	Summer breeder / can be tricky to see
White-naped Petrel	<i>Pterodroma cervicalis</i>		Very very rare / one recorded on Stewart Island which was the most southern record ever...
White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessonii</i>		Not a common visitor / spring & autumn more likely
Grey-faced Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>	Oi	Not common
Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>		Not a common visitor / spring & autumn more likely
Cook's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma cookii</i>	Tītī	Fairly common
Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>		Very very rare / one recorded on Stewart Island
Broad-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila vittata</i>	Parara	Not common / Stewart Island is one of the best places to see this bird
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>	Tītī wainui	Fairly common
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>		Not very common
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		Very very rare visitor from the south
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Shoemaker	Fairly common
Westland Petrel	<i>Procellaria westlandica</i>	Taiko	Not very common
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>		Very very rare / one recorded on Stewart Island
Buller's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bulleri</i>		Visitor from the north / not common
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Tītī	Very common breeder / less likely to be seen during winter
Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>		Common during spring / seen amongst the Sooties
Fluttering Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gavia</i>		Not very common
Hutton's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus huttoni</i>		Becoming more common / seen amongst the Sooties

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Subantarctic Little Shearwater	<i>Puffinus assimilis</i>		Very rare visitor from the south
<b>STORM PETRELS</b>			
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		Not very common
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Garrodia nereis</i>		Probably the most common Stormie around Stewart Island
White-faced Storm-Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	Takahikare-Moana	Unusual visitor
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>		Not very common
<b>DIVING PETRELS</b>			
Common Diving Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i>	Kuaka	Fairly common
<b>GANNETS</b>			
Australasian Gannet	<i>Morus serrator</i>	Takapu	Unusual visitor
<b>SHAGS or CORMORANTS</b>			
Black Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Kawau	Not very common
Pied Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>	Karuhiruhi	Very common
Little Black Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>		Rare visitor this far south
Little Pied Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucus</i>	Kawaupaka	Very common
Spotted Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax punctatus</i>	Parekareka	Very common
Foveaux Shag	<i>Leucocarbo stewarti</i>		Formerly Stewart Island Shag, now split from mainland Otago Shag. Fairly common.
<b>HERONS, EGRETS and BITTERNS</b>			
Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	Kotuku	Unusual visitor / a few Stewart Island records each year
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>		Very common
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Matuka Moana	Not very common / more likely during winter
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		More common during winter particularly at Ringa Ringa golf course
Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Matuku	Breed on Stewart Island in the wetlands towards Mason Bay
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis facinellus</i>		A freshly dead bird found at Horseshoe Bay beach June 2017 / first record for Stewart Island

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Royal Spoonbill	Platalea regia		Becoming more common particularly in Paterson Inlet
<b>GEESE, SWANS and DUCKS</b>			
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus		Common in Paterson Inlet
Paradise Shelduck	Tadorna variegata	Putangitangi	Very common
Chestnut-breasted Shelduck	Tadorna tadornoides		Very rare Australian vagrant
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		Very common
Pacific Black Duck	Anas supercilliosa	Parera	Not unusual / check for Mallard hybridisation
<b>HARRIER</b>			
Swamp Harrier	Circus approximans	Kahu	Common
<b>FALCONS</b>			
New Zealand Falcon	Falco novaeseelandiae	Karearea	Not very common / more likely during winter
<b>RAILS and WEKA</b>			
Stewart Island Weka	Gallirallus australis		More common on Ulva Island than Stewart Island
Baillon's Crake / Marsh Crake	Porzana pusilla affinis	Kotoreke	Breed on Stewart Island in the wetlands towards Mason Bay
Australasian Coot	Fulica atra		Very rare visitor from the mainland / one confirmed Stewart Island record
Pukeko	Porphyrio porphyrio		Rare visitor from the mainland
<b>OYSTERCATCHERS</b>			
South Island Pied Oystercatcher	Haematopus finschi	Torea	Fairly common
Variable Oystercatcher	Haematopus unicolor	Torea, Toreapango	Very common
<b>STILTS</b>			
Pied Stilt	Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus	Poaka	Very uncommon visitor
<b>PLOVERS and DOTTERELS</b>			
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles		Common

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New Zealand Dotterel (Southern)	Charadrius obscurus	Tuturiwhatu	One of New Zealand's rarest birds / best place to see them is Mason Bay
Double-Banded Plover	Charadrius bicinctus	Tuturiwhatu	Fairly common
<b>GODWITS</b>			
Bar-Tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica	Kuaka	Many spend summer on Stewart Island before heading back to Alaska to breed
Far-Eastern Curlew	Numenius madagascariensis		Very rare visitor / one confirmed Stewart Island record
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>			
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres		A few spend summer on Stewart Island
Sanderling	Calidris alba		Very rare visitor
Wrybill	Anarhynchus frontalis	Ngutu pare / Ngutu parore	Rare visitor from the mainland
Common Sandpiper	Tringa hypoleuco		Mega rare vagrant
<b>SKUAS</b>			
Arctic Skua	Stercorarius parasitcus		Unusual visitor
Pomarine Skua	Stercorarius pomarines		Very rare visitor
Brown Skua	Stercorarius antarcticus	Hakoakoa	Common breeding bird / tricky to see during winter
<b>GULLS, TERNS and NODDIES</b>			
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	Karoro	Very common
Red-billed Gull	Larus scopulinus	Tarapunga	Very common
Black-billed Gull	Larus bulleri		Unusual visitor from the mainland
Black-fronted Tern	Sterna albobstriata	Tarapiroe	Autumn is the best time to see this bird
White-fronted Tern	Sterna striata	Tara	Very common
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo longpennis		Rare vagrant
Antarctic Tern	Sterna vittata		Becoming increasingly difficult to see

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Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		Rare migrant from northern hemisphere / easily overlooked among WF Terns
<b>PIGEONS and DOVES</b>			
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		Very rare visitor from the mainland
New Zealand Pigeon	<i>Hemiphaga novaezealandiae</i>	Kereru, Kukupa, Parea	Very common endemic
<b>PARROTS and PARAKEETS</b>			
South Island Kaka	<i>Nestor meridionalis</i>		Very common endemic
Kakapo	<i>Strigops habroptila</i>		No longer on Stewart Island
Red-crowned Parakeet	<i>Cyanoramphus novaezealandiae</i>	Kakariki	Common on Stewart and Ulva Islands
Yellow-crowned Parakeet	<i>Cyanoramphus auriceps</i>	Kakariki	More common on Ulva Island than Stewart Island
<b>CUCKOOS</b>			
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Pipiwharau	Summer migrant with distinctive call
Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Eudynamis taitensis</i>	Koekoea	Summer migrant / normally heard rather than seen
<b>OWLS</b>			
Morepork	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Ruru	Common breeder
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>			
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon sanctus</i>	Kotare	Easy to see at Mill Creek where they breed / not very common elsewhere
<b>NEW ZEALAND WRENS</b>			
South Island Rifleman	<i>Acanthisitta chloris</i>	Titipounamu	Easiest seen on Ulva Island / tricky to see on Stewart Island
<b>LARKS</b>			
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		European introduction / easy to see near Ringa Ringa golf course
<b>SWALLOWS</b>			
Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>		Occasionally seen flying around township / does not breed on Stewart Island
White-throated Needletail /	<i>Hirundo caudocinctus</i>		Rare vagrant /

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Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Hirundoapus caudacutus</i>		at least three Stewart Island records
Dusky Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cyanopterus</i>		Mega rare / New Zealand's only record at Traill Park on Stewart Island, 24th September 2014
<b>PIPITS</b>			
New Zealand Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Pihoihoi	Breeds at Mason Bay / common around township during winter
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>			
Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>		Very rare overshoot from Australia / only two confirmed Stewart Island records
New Zealand Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i>		Very common endemic
<b>ACCENTORS</b>			
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		Very common European introduction
<b>THRUSHES</b>			
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		Very common European introduction
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		Very common European introduction
<b>GRASSBIRDS and FERNBIRDS</b>			
Stewart Island Fernbird	<i>Bowdleria punctata stewartiana</i>	Matata	Easily seen on walk to Mason Bay
<b>ROBINS and CHATS</b>			
South Island Tomtit	<i>Petroica macrocephala</i>	Ngiru-Ngiru	Fairly common endemic
Stewart Island Robin	<i>Petroica australis</i>	Toutouwai	Easily seen on Ulva Island and on walk to Mason Bay
<b>NEW ZEALAND WARBLERS</b>			
Yellowhead	<i>Mohoua ochrocephala</i>	Mohoua	Much sought after endemic only found on Ulva Island
Brown Creeper / Pipipi	<i>Mohua novaeseelandiae</i>	Pipipi	Fairly common endemic found on Ulva Island and Stewart Island
<b>GERYGONES</b>			
Grey Warbler	<i>Gerygone igata</i>	Riroriro	Very common
<b>SILVEREYES</b>			
Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Tauhou	Very common
<b>NEW ZEALAND HONEYEATERS</b>			

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New Zealand Bellbird	<i>Anthornis melanura</i>	Korimako, Makomako	Common endemic
Tui	<i>Prothemadera novaeseelandiae</i>		Common endemic
<b>NEW ZEALAND WATTLEBIRDS</b>			
South Island Saddleback	<i>Philesturnus carunculatus</i>	Tieke	Rare endemic only found on Ulva Island
<b>FINCHES</b>			
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelabs</i>		Very common European introduction
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		Common European introduction
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>		Fairly common European introduction
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		Least common of European introduced finches, but the most attractive
<b>SPARROWS</b>			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		Very common European introduction
<b>STARLINGS</b>			
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		Very common European introduction
<b>BUTCHERBIRD</b>			
Australasian Magpie	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>		Uncommon visitor from the mainland
<b>BUNTINGS</b>			
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		Fairly common European introduced bunting (the poor man's Yellowhead!)