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Chatham Islands Species: 59 - Subspecies: 62

Name	Scientific Name	Max
Swans, Ducks	4	
Greylag Goose	Anser anser	6
6 Chatham Islands		
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	
Introduced and thriving on Chatham Islands		
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
Common throughout New Zealand with many hybrids, very few pure birds		
Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	
Several seen Te Whanga Lagoon. Declining due to hybridisation with Mallards		
Penguins	1	
Little Penguin	Eudyptula minor chathamensis	2
2 off Pitt, 1 Chatham Islands main harbour		
Albatrosses	5	
Buller's Albatross	Thalassarche bulleri platei	283
c283 off the Chatham Islands group. Readily visits boats for fish scraps. Northern form breeds mainly on The Sisters and Forty Fours Island groups.		
Chatham Albatross	Thalassarche (cauta) eremita	500
Numerous around the Pyramid Rock in the Chatham Islands its only known breeding site		
White-capped Albatross	Thalassarche (cauta) steadi	1
5 off Chatham Island often close to harbours		
Southern Royal Albatross	Diomedea epomophora	1
2 on the pelagic trips from the Chatham Islands		
Northern Royal Albatross	Diomedea (epomophora) sanfordi	3
11 on the pelagic trips from Chatham Island		
Petrels, Shearwaters	10	
Southern Giant Petrel	Macronectes giganteus	1
Uncommon with 1 bird off Chatham Island		
Northern Giant Petrel	Macronectes halli	20
c55 South East Island, 3 off Chatham Island. Appears to be breeding at the former		
Cape Petrel	Daption capense australe	15
30 off Chatham Islands		
Cape Petrel	Daption capense capense	30
A few off the Chatham Islands		
Chatham Petrel	Pterodroma axillaris	2
Seen off Chatham Islands		
Cook's Petrel	Pterodroma cookii	1
1 off Chatham Island was a surprise find		
Fairy Prion	Pachyptila turtur	4
10 off The Horns, Chatham Island		

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Broad-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila vittata</i>	3
Off The Horns in extreme southwest Chatham Island. Best identified by distinctive flight and larger size. Comes ashore in the early hours of darkness		
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	1
3 on pelagic trips off the Chatham Islands		
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	
Very common within the Chatham Islands group		
Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	1
1 Chatham Islands		
Storm-petrels	1	
White-faced Storm Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina maoriana</i>	40
c110 within the Chatham Islands pelagic trips		
Diving-petrels	1	
Common Diving Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides urinatrix chathamensis</i>	10
Observed on the pelagic trips within the Chatham Islands		
Cormorants	3	
Great Cormorant (Australasian)	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae</i>	5
30 Chatham Island, 5 off Pitt		
Chatham Islands Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax onslowi</i>	370
c300 Round Island, 70 on main Chatham Island. Declining and rare shag confined to this small area of the Pacific Ocean		
Pitt Island Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax featherstoni</i>	165
Widespread on all islands in the Chatham group		
Hérons	2	
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	3
Small numbers on the Chatham Islands		
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	1
Vagrant to the Chatham Islands with 1 off Flowerpot on Pitt Island		
Hawks, Eagles, Harriers	1	
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	2
Conspicuous and widespread		
Rails, Crakes	2	
Weka	<i>Gallirallus australis hectori</i>	10
Common species in the Chatham Islands where it was introduced		
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus</i>	
Uncommon on main Chatham Island		
Plovers, Lapwings	3	
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles novaehollandiae</i>	
c30 Chatham Islands where it is slowly increasing		
Double-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	6
Scarce on Chatham Islands with 6 birds on Te Whanga lagoon		
Shore Plover	<i>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</i>	6
One of the rarest waders in the world being confined to small islands in the Chatham Islands. 6 South East Island		

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Oystercatchers	1	
Chatham Oystercatcher	Haematopus chathamensis	5
Another rare shorebird with 4 Waitangi West and 1 Pitt Island. Numbers around c250 birds in total		
Avocets, Stilts	1	
Pied Stilt	Himantopus leucocephalus	3
Rare on Chatham Islands		
Waders	1	
Bar-tailed Godwit (Siberian)	Limosa lapponica baueri	100
c.100 on Te Whanga Lagoon		
Gulls and terns	3	
Red-billed Gull	Chroicocephalus scopulinus	30
Common in coastal areas		
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	40
Common in all areas		
White-fronted Tern	Sterna striata aucklandornis	160
Present in the Chatham Islands group		
Skuas	1	
Brown Skua	Stercorarius antarcticus	6
c30 Chatham Islands (various)		
Pigeons, Doves	1	
Chatham Pigeon	Hemiphaga chathamensis	6
34 on Chatham Island where it is slowly increasing in numbers		
Parrots	2	
Red-fronted Parakeet	Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae chathamensis	10
8 Chatham Islands, 2 Pitt		
Chatham Islands Parakeet	Cyanoramphus forbesi	6
Only seen on Mangere and South-East Islands from the boat. Endangered with c250 birds on two small islands		
Honeyeaters	1	
(Chatham) Tui	Prothemadera chathamensis	21
Confined to the Chatham Islands with 10 on Pitt, 5 Mangere, 5 Southeast, remainder on main-island		
Larks	1	
Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	
Abundant on farm land and rough pastures in all areas		
Swallows, Martins	1	
Welcome Swallow	Hirundo neoxena	
Recorded daily, recent colonist to offshore Chatham Islands		
Thrushes	2	
Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula	
Abundant		
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	
Abundant		

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Fantails	1	
New Zealand Fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa penita	2
Seen in small numbers in forested areas and on Pitt Island		
Australasian Robins	1	
Tomtit	Petroica macrocephala chathamensis	8
Endangered with up to 8 birds on Pitt Island		
White-eyes	1	
Silver-eye	Zosterops lateralis	5
Widespread, 36 Chatham/Pitt Islands		
Thornbills, Flyeaters	1	
Chatham Island Gerygone	Gerygone albofrontata	14
8 Chatham Island, 6 Pitt Island. Declining due to loss of habitat		
Starlings, Mynas	1	
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	
Abundant, could be seen as a serious risk to the native nest-hole species		
Accentors	1	
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	
Widespread and common		
Wagtails, Pipits	1	
Chatham Pipit	Anthus (novaeseelandiae) chathamensis	9
Endemic with all sightings from Chatham Island		
Buntings	1	
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	
Widespread and common especially around farms and areas of gorse		
Finches	4	
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	
Abundant and almost certainly under-recorded		
European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	
Widespread in small numbers		
Common Redpoll	Carduelis flammea	
Common in farmland		
European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	
Abundant		
Old World Sparrows	1	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	
Abundant		

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