Please take EXTREME care if you see these rare & endangered river birds during nesting season late August - early February







Black-billed gulls

Critically endangered

35-38cm long

230 grams
(turn page to compare gulls)

White-fronted terns

Declining

42cm long

160 grams

Black-fronted terns
Endangered
28-29cm long
95 grams

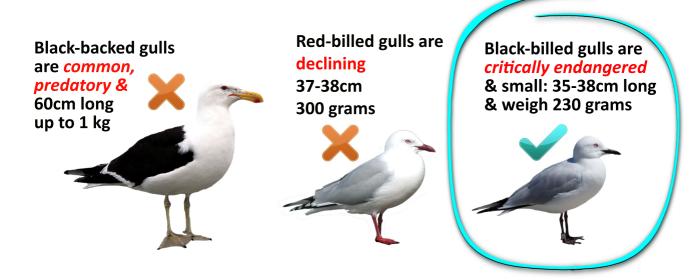
Distinctive sideways bent bill

Wrybill Vulnerable 20cm long 55-60 grams

Banded dotterel
Vulnerable
20cm long
60 grams



Not all gulls are the same!



Black-billed gulls are unique to New Zealand. Like black-fronted terns (see over) they are plummeting towards extinction.

All birds on the opposite page nest on braided river beds, often on open shingle.



Please avoid spending too much time in areas where you see these birds during late Aug - early Feb during the nesting season. A single abandoned nest could contribute to their extinction.

You can help protect them by reporting sightings to:
manager@braid.org.nz
(sending a mobile phone photo would be fantastic!) or calling: 0226378931

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