

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



Pied stilt
Declining
35cm long
190 grams



Black stilt
Critically endangered
(just 70 left)
40cm long
220 grams

South Island Pied Oystercatcher

Declining
46cm long
550 grams



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-backed gulls are **common, predatory &** 60cm long up to 1 kg



Red-billed gulls are **declining** 37-38cm 300 grams



Black-billed gulls are **critically endangered** & small: 35-38cm long & weigh 230 grams



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