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BRaid coordination as per ECan contract dated 12 October 2018

Report #1: January 2019.

Notes:

- There was still sufficient funding from Lotto and DOC to complete the scheduled requirements until December 2018. Funding from ECan was allocated to these since then.
- We have included in this the costs of a treasurer.

Description of Products	Delivery date	Outputs completed
Manage website including content design and writing plus online calendar	January 2019	<p>On January 01, the website was composed of: 143 pages, 202 posts, and 230 calendar entries for 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All 2018 calendar pages were removed and 144 new pages added.- 1 new posts added (newsletter)- Due to changes in the websites and access to species databases of external providers, primarily DOC, Landcare Research, NatureWatch, and ECan, every page contained multiple broken and/or dated links. These pages are being updated and the entire website being given a bit of a facelift. Total pages completed to end January: 112- Snapshot of statistics of website use (attached) show total usage plus January usage to 28 January 2019- New SSL certificate issued for the website purchased along with technical assistance to overcome a site shutdown due to a hack (all fixed now)

Manage social media content (primarily Facebook but also videos as needs be)	January 2019	Facebook posts January: total 25. Posts reach 129 - 14,400+ people, depending on content/topic (see screen grabs). Several people banned as they tried to hijack posts with off-topic/blatantly incorrect claims about 1080. No threats were made or they would have been reported to the police. Negative issues raised became opportunities to explain the differences between SBBG and BBG.
Maintain communications between all interested parties and organisations	December 2018 - January 2019	Respond to emails and calls in a timely manner – up to date. Respond to requests from landowners and potential 'partners' to investigate potential nesting sites. Survey 4 sections of rivers as a result (reports attached)
Organise and manage Braided River seminar	January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lincoln University venue booked - Potential speakers contacted - Marketing material designed - Event listed on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/braided-rivers-seminar-2019-tickets-54687597075 - Event advertised on front page of website, calendar of events, and page (http://braid.org.nz/seminar-2019/) - Currently 8 speakers confirmed - Currently 91 people booked to attend - In anticipation of cost over-runs for catering in order to provide free lunches, morning and afternoon teas, an application has been made to the Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Fund . If this is not received, we can adjust catering and maximum numbers of tickets available, accordingly.
Produce 6 x e-Newsletters	November - January, 2019	Two newsletters delivered to verified emails that signed up online to receive the newsletter: http://braid.org.nz/newsletter-43-15-january-2019/ .
Design and create graphics for print and web-based outlets	October 2018	River birds signs Requested by Donna Field (see attached). Seminar graphics designed for online marketing of the event

Meet the birds



Pied stilt
poaka
Declining



Spotted shag
Pārekareka
Not threatened



South Island pied oystercatcher
tōrea
Declining



Banded dotterel
pohowera
Nationally vulnerable



Black-billed gull
tarāpuka
Critically endangered



Black-fronted tern
tarapiroa
Critically endangered



White-fronted tern
tara
Declining



STOP



Do not enter.
Protected birds are breeding.



Black-billed gulls / tarāpuka are not ordinary 'seagulls'. Found only in NZ they are 'nationally critical' - just one step from extinction.



Black-fronted terns / tarapiroe also are found only in NZ and are equally endangered. **Both birds nest on bare shingle, not grass.**

Under the Wildlife Act it is
ILLEGAL to disturb or kill them.

PENALTY:
up to \$100,000 &/or
2 years PRISON

 **Environment
Canterbury
Regional Council**
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

Meet the birds



Tuturiwhatu - Banded dotterel

Most of us fly north for the winter, but some of us fly 2,000km to winter in Australia, before coming home in Spring to breed, often on braided rivers.

National threat status:

**Nationally
Vulnerable**

Meet the birds



Tarapiroe - Black-fronted tern

When it's breeding season I have a bright orange beak and wear a black cap.

National threat status:

**Nationally
Endangered**

Meet the birds

Kawau -
black shag



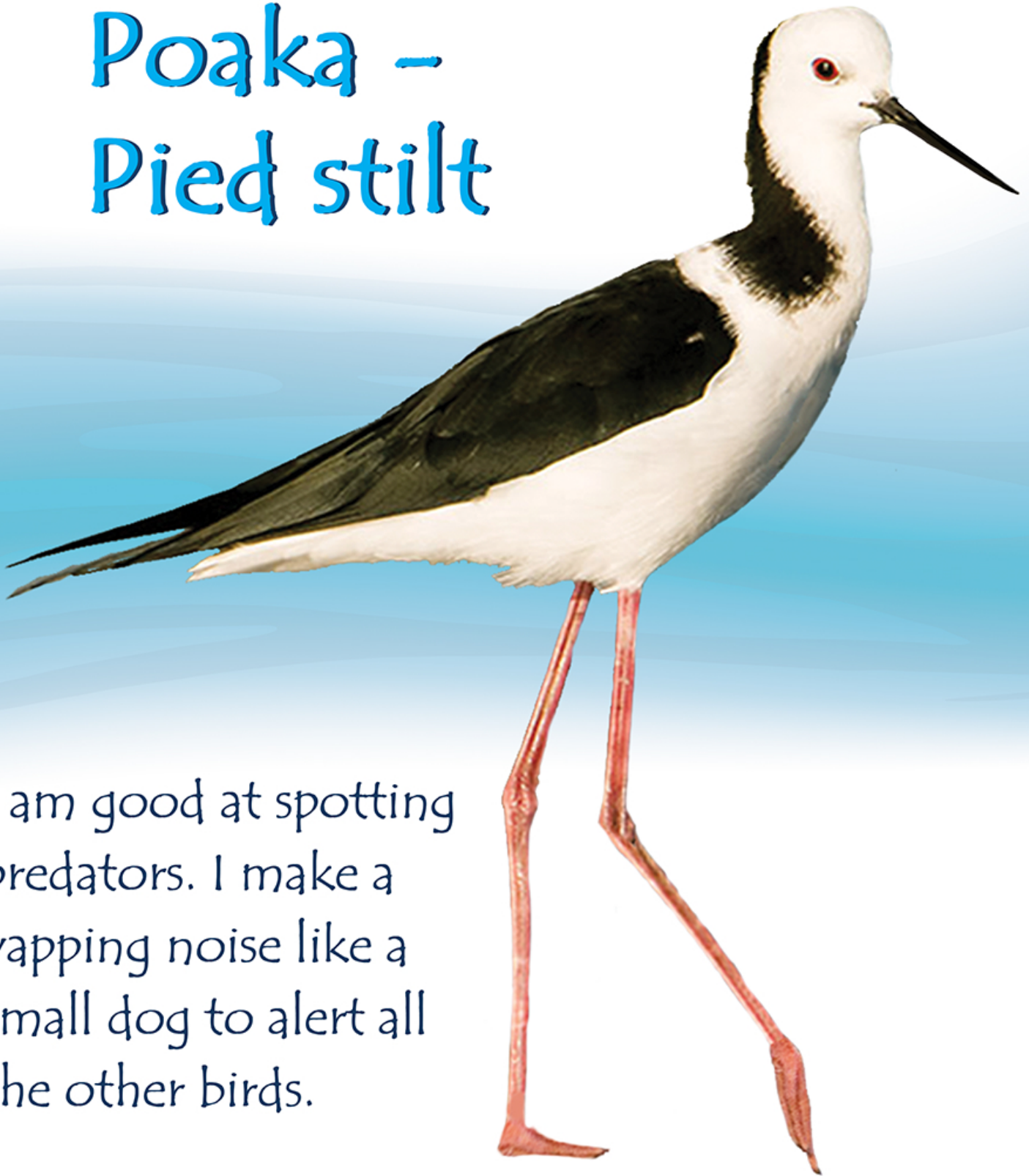
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National threat status:

**Naturally
Uncommon**

Meet the birds

Poaka - Pied stilt



I am good at spotting predators. I make a yapping noise like a small dog to alert all the other birds.

National threat status:

**At Risk,
Declining**

Meet the birds

Torea -



South
Island pied
oystercatcher (SIPO)

I do eat shellfish and lots of other things,
but I never eat oysters!

National threat status:

**At Risk,
Declining**

Meet the birds

Tara-white fronted tern



We are the most frequently seen tern in New Zealand. We often nest in large dense colonies on shingle river beds and in sand dunes.

National threat status:

Declining

Meet the birds

Ngutuparore - wrybill



I am the **only bird in the world** with a **bill that's bent sideways**. It curves to the right so that I can get grubs and insects under river stones, without having to lift them. Clever, eh?

National threat status:

**Nationally
Vulnerable**

Meet the birds



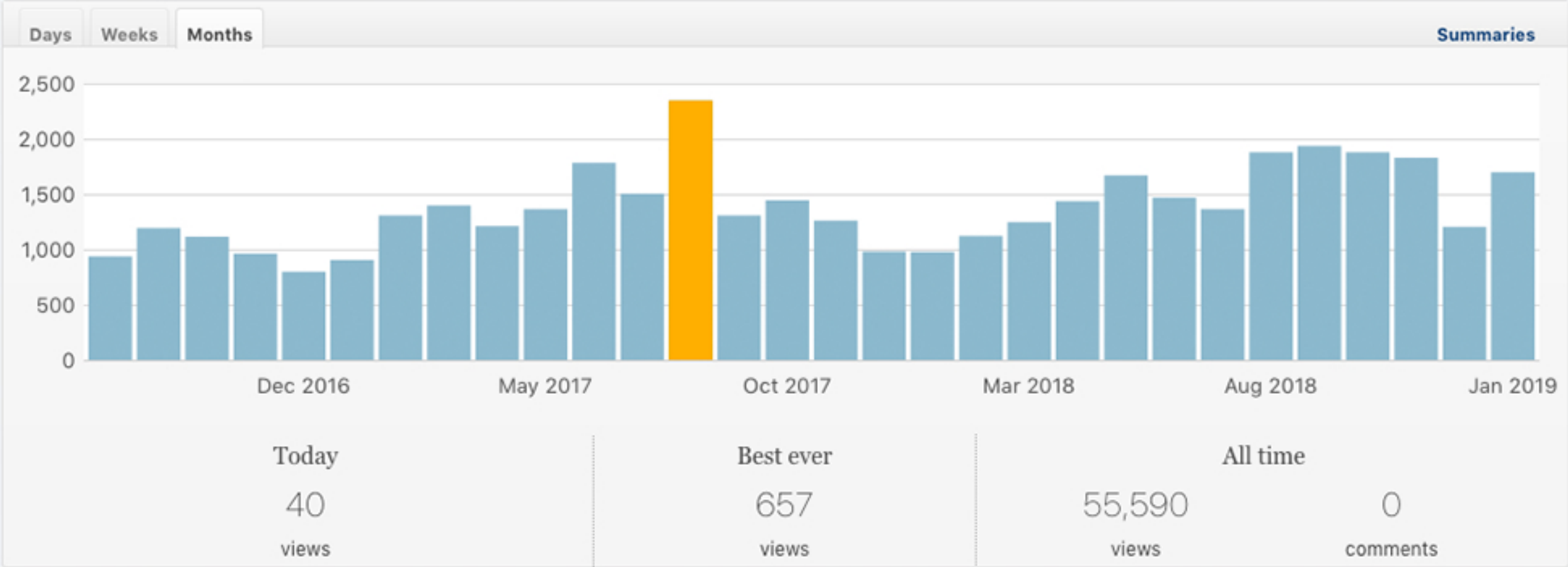
Tarapuka Black-billed gull

I live only in NZ, nowhere else in the world. My population has fallen 85% in 30 years because predators kill my eggs and chicks, and people let their dogs chase us or run over our nests in 4-wheel drives.

Will you let me go extinct?

National threat status:

**Nationally
Critical**



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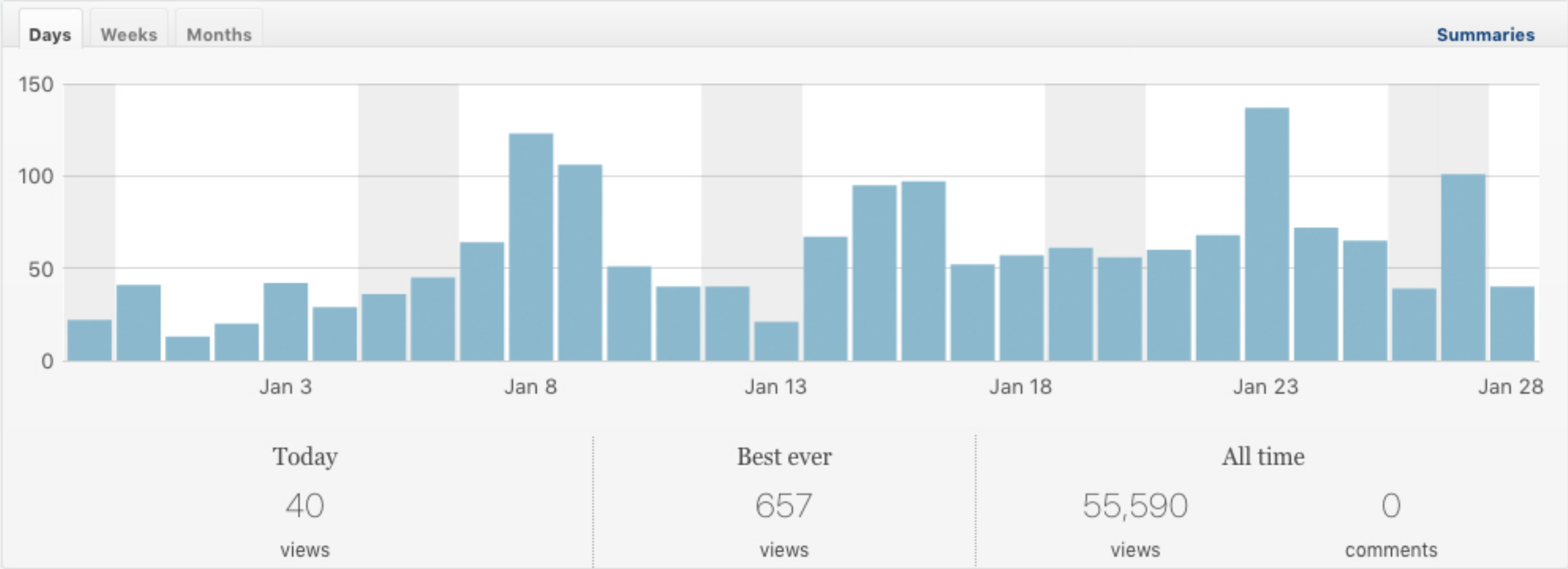
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This is what freedom camping looks like on South Bay, Kaikoura. As Ailsa Howard points out, "Banded dotterel numbers are plummeting throughout NZ, and South Bay, Kaikoura is a particular stronghold. National population estimates have dropped from 50 000 in 2013 to 19 000 last year (2018) a reduction of over 60% in a very short time. At this rate, extinction is on the cards."

Campers are setting up tents right beside nests. "There are two dotterel families directly in the... [See More](#)



9,921

People Reached

4,227

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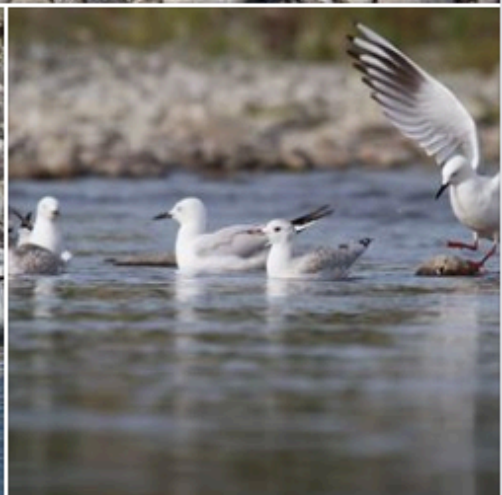
"An act of recklessness and stupidity," says Grant Davey from the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group (ARRG).

Last November, a colony of around 2,500 critically endangered black-billed gulls moved from the washed out Waimakariri River to the Ashley Rakahuri River. A week or so later, a flood on the Ashley washed out their nests. Determined birds that they are, they re-nested. By January 21, there were some 500 chicks from an estimated 850 nests.

Then a few days ago, a 4X4 driver ran over the colony of fledgling birds.

The sheer frustration is hard to convey. With the co-operation of the Combined 4WD club, the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group and ECan have made comprehensive efforts over the years to close access to the river to 4WD vehicles during the nesting season. Many signs have been erected. Education efforts to inform the public about the effects that people, vehicles and dogs can have on nesting birds have continued. There's a fine of over \$100,000 for killing endemic wildlife. Yet the evidence that a 4X4 was responsible is very clear. Vehicle tracks could be seen leading directly to the colony. Sure, the vehicle apparently backed off and attempted to go around the colony, so it doesn't seem to be a deliberate attempt to kill the birds. But it's not like the colony was invisible or hard to avoid. Why drive through them in the first place? Are we really asking too much for these birds, which are just one step from extinction, to have just one tiny patch of river to themselves?

As Nic Toki pointed out in her Tweet [#imagineifitwasakakapo](#)



14,470

People Reached

3,673

Engagements

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