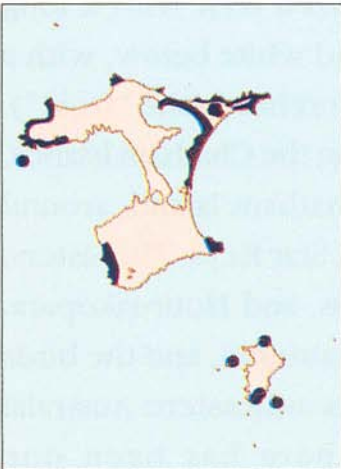


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Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

23 cm

Also called ruddy turnstone, this is a small stocky wader with orange legs, white underparts and tortoise-shell plumage above. During the non-breeding season the plumage on the upper body is a duller brown. Turnstones breed on Arctic coasts and migrate to the southern hemisphere for the northern autumn and winter. Over 500 visit the Chatham Islands during October–April, mainly occurring on the north coast of Chatham Island, and on the northern and eastern margins of Te Whanga Lagoon.



Turnstones in non-breeding
plumage.

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