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## Pacific golden plover *Pluvialis fulva*

25 cm

This mottled brown-and-golden-buff plover is a regular summer visitor, in small numbers, to Te Whanga Lagoon, especially near Hapupu. It has a comparatively large head, a short black bill and long dark legs. Adults often develop the black face and underparts of breeding plumage before leaving New Zealand for their Siberian and Alaskan breeding grounds in April.



Pacific golden plover in non-breeding plumage.  
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