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KAKAPO

Family Cacatuidae

Species *Strigops habroptilus*

Common name Kakapo

Status Endemic

Abundance Rare

Size 630 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm, Kaka 450 mm)

Discussion The Kakapo is an ancient New Zealand species probably related to the Australian Night Parrot (*Pezoporus occidentalis*) and the Ground Parrot (*Pezoporus wallicus*). In predator-free New Zealand it has become large, slow breeding and flightless (Fleming 1982). It is a nocturnal species which feeds and carries out its courtship behaviour at night. Now totalling about 90 birds, it is confined to Codfish Island off Stewart Island, Anchor Island in Dusky Sound, and Chalky Island at entrance to Chalky Inlet in Fiordland. Efforts to raise the population have been underway for some years.

Description

Upper and underparts Greenish-yellow. **Tail** Brownish.

Call A “booming” noise, made when male birds are on lek “booming bowls”.

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