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CHATHAM ISLAND WARBLER

Family Acanthizidae

Species *Gerygone albofrontata* A close relative of the Grey Warbler but larger and browner in colour and with a larger bill.

Common name Chatham Island Warbler

Status Endemic

Abundance Locally common

Size 120 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm, Grey Warbler 100 mm)

Habitat Forests and low vegetation similar to the Grey Warbler.

New Zealand range Chatham Island, Pitt Island, Mangere Island and South-east Island.

Description

Forehead and eyebrow White. **Upperparts** Olive-brown. **Underparts** White, with flanks tinged with yellow. **Tail** Brown, with obscure white spots on outer feathers.

Call Fragile warble of three weak notes and a pause, before another three notes and a pause. Delivered by the male bird.

Nest Heavy, domed and bulkier than the Grey Warbler's nest. 3 white eggs are laid.

Where to find

Chatham Islands group.