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## FERAL GOOSE

**Family** Anatidae

**Species** *Anser anser*

**Common name** Feral Goose

**Status** Introduced

**Abundance** Common in selected areas

**Size** 800 mm (House Sparrow 145 mm, Mute Swan 1500 mm)

**Habitat** Open pasture and wetlands.

**New Zealand range** Scattered throughout in selected rural areas of open pasture.

**Description – male**

**Upperparts and underparts** White. **Bill legs and feet** Orange.

**Description – female**

**Upper and underparts** White. **Wings, neck and thighs** Grey.

**Conspicuous features**

- Grey wings on female birds.
- Straight neck.

**Conspicuous characteristic**

- Usually with heads down grazing.

**Call** Loud honking sounds.

**Nest** Bowl in tall grass. Up to six cream eggs are laid.

**Where to find**

**New Zealand** – Open countryside.