

## Snares cape pigeon

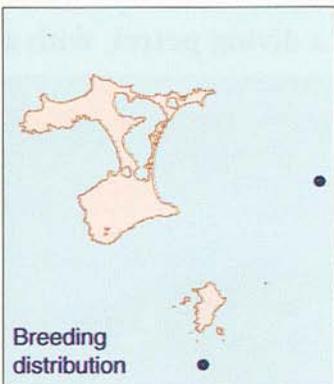
*Daption capense australe*

40 cm

NEW ZEALAND ENDEMIC SUBSPECIES,  
RANGE RESTRICTED

Also known as cape petrel or pintado petrel, the cape pigeon is a medium-sized petrel with distinctive black-and-white check patterning on the back and upper-wings. Noisy flocks often follow fishing vessels at sea. The smaller of the two subspecies breeds in small

numbers (tens of pairs) on The Forty Fours and The Pyramid, and in larger numbers on Snares, Bounty, Auckland and Campbell Islands. Cape pigeons are summer breeders on cliff ledges.



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