

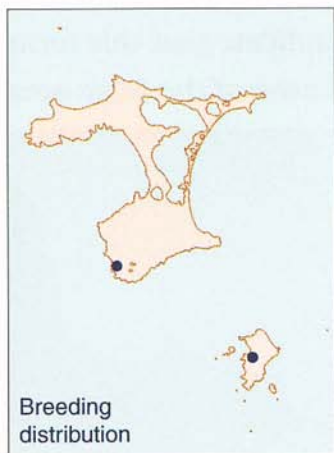
## Antipodean albatross

*Diomedea [exulans] antipodensis*

100 cm

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A form of wandering albatross, the Antipodean albatross is similar in size to the royal albatross, but with more dark feathering on the body. Females are darker than males, being dark brown over most of the body, but with a white face, under-wings and belly. One pair attempted to breed (but failed) on farmland on southern Chatham Island in both 2003 and 2004, and another pair was raising a chick on Pitt Island when this book went to press (June 2004). The bulk of the population breeds on the Antipodes Island 650 km south-southwest of the Chatham Islands.



Adult female Antipodean albatross  
incubating, Chatham Island, April 2003.  
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