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ANTARCTIC FULMAR

Family Procellariidae

Species *Fulmarus glacialis*

Common names Antarctic Fulmar, Silver-grey Fulmar

Status Native

Abundance Uncommon.

Size 500 mm (House Sparrow 145 mm, Flesh-footed Shearwater 450 mm)

Breeding islands close to New Zealand On islands at the fringes of the Antarctic.

Breeding months December onwards in colonies. One white egg is laid in a shallow scrape.

Range worldwide Around southern oceans.

New Zealand range Widely spread north to the Bay of Plenty on the east coast and to the Kaipara Harbour on the west. At Kaikoura can be seen feeding close to land especially when the weather is rough.

Description

Head, neck and underparts White. **Underwing** White with black trim to trailing edges. **Upperwings and mantle** Soft grey, with dark edges to primary feathers.

Tail White. **Bill** Pinkish with dark tip. **Legs and feet** Pinkish blue.

Conspicuous features

- Larger than Flesh-footed Shearwater.
- White head and tail.

Conspicuous characteristics

- Usually seen alone.
- Will join in seabird feeding frenzies.

Where to find – South Island

Kaikoura – From pelagic excursions. Also seen from Stewart Island.