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CHATHAM ISLAND PETREL

Family Procellariidae

Species *Pterodroma axillaris*

Common name Chatham Island Petrel

Status Endemic

Abundance Rare

Size 300 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm)

Breeding island South-east (Rangatira) Island near Chatham Island.

Breeding months December to June. 1 white egg is laid in a deep burrow.

Range worldwide A found only around the Chatham Islands.

Description

Forehead White with pale grey feather-scalation to pale grey crown. **Head** Pale grey, the grey extending down the neck to the rump and forming an incomplete collar to the throat. Dark patch through eye. **Upperwings** Grey with a dark grey open M marking. **Underparts** White. **Underwings** White with a bold heavy black leading edge from base of wings, black wing-tips and a lighter black trailing

edge which encircles the white. **Tail** Grey, with dark grey tip. **Undertail** White, with dark grey tip. **Bill** Black. **Feet** Pink.

Differences between Chatham Island Petrel and Black-winged Petrel

- Chatham Island Petrel has far greater areas of underwing black.
- Chatham Island Petrel is found only around the Chatham Islands.

Call “Chee chee chee chee”, heard throughout the evening.

Where to find

Chatham Islands – South-east Island.