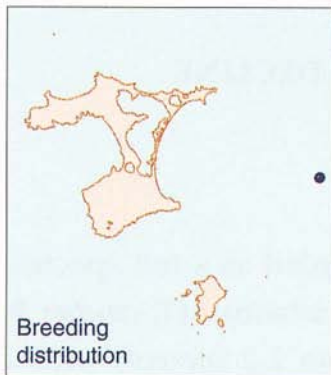


White-capped mollymawk
Thalassarche [cauta] steadi

90 cm

NEW ZEALAND ENDEMIC, RANGE RESTRICTED



White-capped mollymawk
incubating, The Forty Fours,
December 1996. Photo:
Christopher Robertson.

Also called shy mollymawk, or shy or white-capped albatross (previously *Diomedea cauta steadi*), the white-capped mollymawk has a white head, neck, body and rump, with black upper-wings, back and tail. The white under-wings have a very



narrow black border with a small triangular black notch at the base of the leading edge. The bill is greenish horn with a yellowish tip. Juveniles have dark bills, and grey shading on the head. One pair was recorded incubating on The Forty Fours in December 1991 and 1996, and with a chick in January 1997. Most of the population breeds on the Auckland Islands.