

Song thrush *Turdus philomelos*

23 cm

INTRODUCED TO NEW ZEALAND



Song thrush at nest. Photo:
Barry Harcourt (DOC).

Slightly smaller than a blackbird, the song thrush is brown above and whitish below, with speckled dark brown spots on the breast. Song thrushes originate from Europe and western and central Asia, and were introduced to mainland New Zealand in the 1860s and 1870s, arriving on the Chatham Islands about 1922. They are well established throughout New Zealand and the Chatham Islands.