



BIRDS
NEW ZEALAND
Te Kāhui Mātai Manu o Aotearoa

Grey Warbler

Gerygone igata (Quoy & Gaimard, 1830)

Length: 11cm

Weight: 5.5-6.5g

Similar species: Silvereye

New Zealand status: Endemic

Conservation status: Not Threatened

A tiny slim songbird that is olive-grey above with a grey face and off-white underparts, with a darker grey tail getting darker towards the tip, contrasting with white tips to the tail feathers, and showing as a prominent white band in flight. The finely pointed bill and slender legs are black, the eye is bright red, and birds often glean insects from the outside of the canopy while hovering.

Voice: a characteristic long trilled song. The song is louder than expected, given the bird's size. Only males sing, although females do give short chirp calls, usually as a contact call near the male.