



## South Island Pied Oystercatcher

*Haematopus finschi* Martens, 1897

**Length:** 46cm **Weight:** 550g

**Similar species:** Variable oystercatcher, Chatham Island oystercatcher

**New Zealand status:** Endemic

**Conservation status:** Declining

A large solidly-built black-and-white wader with a long straight bright orange bill and stout pink legs. The sharply delineated border on the lower breast between the black upperparts and white underparts is diagnostic.

**Voice:** flight call a loud shrill “kleep”. Loud piping calls are given when defending breeding and feeding territories.