



## Tomtit

*Petroica macrocephala* (Gmelin, 1789)

**Length:** 13cm

**Weight:** 11g

**Similar species:** North Island robin, South Island robin

**New Zealand status:** Endemic

**Conservation status:** Not Threatened

A small songbird with a large head and small black tail. Adult males have a black head, upper breast and back, black wings with a white bar, and white underparts. Females are duller, with brown-and-white rather than black-and-white. In the South, Chatham and Auckland Islands, males have some yellow/orange colouration on the breast, both sexes have a white spot above the bill.

**Voice:** both sexes make short "seet", "zet" or "swee" contact calls throughout the year, most often given singularly, but up to five in quick succession.

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