



Tui

Prothemadera novaeseelandiae (Gmelin, 1788)

Length: 30cm

Weight: 125g (male); 90g (female)

Similar species: Eurasian blackbird, Bellbird

New Zealand status: Endemic

Conservation status: Not Threatened

A large dark honeyeater with a decurved black bill, dark brown eyes, black legs and feet, and black head, underparts, wings and tail showing iridescent blue-green on the head and wings. The upper back and flanks are brown with a bronze sheen, the nape and sides of the neck have filamentous white feathers, and there are two curled white feather tufts on the throat.

Voice: a loud and complicated mix of tuneful notes interspersed with coughs, grunts and wheezes. Males make a distinctive whirring with their wings in flight. Predators are sometimes mobbed with a repetitive scream.

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