



Kororā – Little Penguins live here

What you need to know about kororā

Kororā, also known as little blue or fairy penguins, are the world's smallest penguins. They are struggling to survive on the Kāpiti Coast.

Kororā are just 30cm tall, stocky, metallic blue and white with a dark bill, blue-grey eyes, short flipper-like wings, and pale pink legs and feet.

Their conservation status is 'At Risk – Declining'.

They live mostly at sea and come ashore on Kāpiti and Mana Islands and in this coastal area

They usually spend the day at sea, arriving on land in the evening and returning to the water in the early morning, **EXCEPT** during breeding and moulting seasons (August to March) when they are ashore 24/7.

Kororā are flightless and very vulnerable to attack by rats, stoats, cats and especially dogs.

Kororā come ashore in this area at all times of the year.



You can help!



Keep dogs on leads at all times on the beach where kororā come ashore
Keep cats away from these areas



Join local trapping groups to control non-native predators
Join local planting groups to revegetate natural habitats



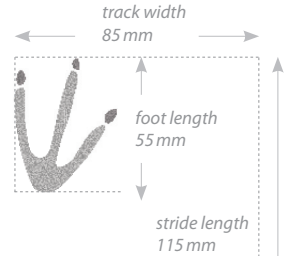
Protect and monitor native wildlife in your backyard
Consider nest boxes in coastal locations



Advocate for larger Marine Protected Areas to prevent over-fishing, oil spills and sand-mining



Prevent plastic from entering the sea, including micro-plastic particles



When walking on the beach



Check for penguin footprints and let us know if you see some



Talk to others about keeping dogs under control on the beach



**If you find a sick, injured or dead kororā
phone DOC 0800362468 or a local veterinary clinic**



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