CHATHAM ISLAND PETREL

Family Procellariidae
Species Pterodroma axillaris
Common name Chatham Island Petrel
Status Endemic
Abundance Rare
Size 300 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm)
Breeding island South-east (Rangatira) Island near Chatham Island.
Breeding months December to June. 1 white egg is laid in a deep burrow.
Range worldwide A found only around the Chatham Islands.

Description
Forehead White with pale grey feather-scalation to pale grey crown. Head Pale grey, the grey extending down the neck to the rump and forming an incomplete collar to the throat. Dark patch through eye. Upperwings Grey with a dark grey open M marking. Underparts White. Underwings White with a bold heavy black leading edge from base of wings, black wing-tips and a lighter black trailing
edge which encircles the white. Tail Grey, with dark grey tip. Undertail White, with dark grey tip. Bill Black. Feet Pink.

**Differences between Chatham Island Petrel and Black-winged Petrel**

- Chatham Island Petrel has far greater areas of underwing black.
- Chatham Island Petrel is found only around the Chatham Islands.

**Call** “Chee chee chee chee”, heard throughout the evening.

**Where to find**

Chatham Islands – South-east Island.