About 6 species, most of which are migratory. There are about 30 plovers and 15 shorebirds in New Zealand and New Zealand and visit migrants from the Northern Hemisphere. 42 lapwings. I do not know if the authorities place the Red-kneed Dotterel or the Yellow-eyed Dotterel among the plovers or the shorebirds. In New Zealand, the plover and dotterel differ more than the same thing: there is no clear distinction that there are plovers with a black and white, short neck, short tail, small, rounded head with a high forehead and high cheek, a pointy, long beak, and a long, pointed and slightly downward at the tip. The plumage is a black and white, brown and grey, and more sand-coloured in breeding plumage. The Breeding plumage is used during courtship and around nest vicinity. They have a grey breast, black line on the throat, and a grey eye stripe. They can dig in the ground and climb by night as well as during the day.