

*Silvereye Zosterops lateralis*

12 cm

NEW ZEALAND NATIVE, NOT THREATENED

Named for the distinctive white ring around its eye, this small, predominantly olive-green bird is also called white-eye or waxeye. Silvereyes arrived in New Zealand from Australia in the mid 1800s, hence their Maori name of tauhou (stranger). Abundant on Chatham and Pitt Islands, Rangatira, and Mangere, loose flocks are often seen in winter, feeding on fruit, nectar and insects in gardens and forest habitats.



Silvereye. Photo: John  
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