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Cape Barren goose: pp 102-103.



### CAPE BARREN GOOSE

**Family** Anatidae

**Species** *Cereopsis novaehollandiae*

**Common name** Cape Barren Goose

**Status** Introduced

**Abundance** Rare

**Size** 870 mm (House Sparrow 145 mm, Feral Goose 800 mm)

**Habitat** Parks, lakes and pastureland.

**New Zealand range** Regularly sighted in Canterbury. Odd ones turn up away from waterfowl collections. Birds are popular in private collections about New Zealand.

**Description**

**Upper and underparts** Pale grey. **Wings** Pale grey with occasional black spots.

**Primary feathers** Black. **Legs** Pink. **Feet** Black. **Bill** Greenish-yellow.

### **Conspicuous features**

- Pale grey colouring.
- Greenish-yellow bill.

### **Conspicuous characteristic**

- Continually grazes with head down.

**Call** Usually silent but a high-pitched trumpet call at times.

**Nest** A bowl of grass and rushes on the ground. Five white eggs are laid.

### **Where to find – South Island**

**North Canterbury** – St Annes Lagoon. P. 347.

**Canterbury** – Travis Wetlands – occasionally seen here. P. 350.

**Westland** – Records come from wetlands in the Hokitika district.

**Other** – Expect in wetland areas in the Canterbury district.