Finding whio

Find out more about where whio/ blue ducks live and how we boost their populations in captivity and keep them safe in the wild.

Partnering to protect nature so whio thrive

With Genesis Energy's help, the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC) is able to operate whio security sites throughout the country, boost predator control efforts, and enhance the breeding and survival of these rare ducks.

Security sites 🗳

These high-priority areas are intensively managed, with the goal of having at least 50 pairs at each site. With the support of Genesis Energy, protection efforts are focused on ensuring that the sites have effective predator control regimes and maintain healthy duck populations.



Recovery sites +

These sites help to maintain whio across their natural range. They are managed through community efforts and DOC initiatives.

> Northern (**Fiordland**

Glaisnock River

& Nitz Creek

Murchison Mountains +



Ōpārara & **Ugly Rivers**

Paparoa National Park Moonlight (+

Central Southern Alps 🛹

Dart River/Te Awa Whakatipu

Kiwi Park

Upper Hollyford River/

Punanga Manu o

Te Anau/Te Anau

Bird Sanctuary

akatipu Kā Tuka

Orana Wildlife Park

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve Abel Tasman National Park Pearse River Wangapeka & Fyfe Rivers

Egmont National Park

Streams

Gouland

Lewis Pass

+ Arthur's Pass National Park

Auckland Zoo

Hamilton Zoo 😭

Tongariro Forest 🛹

Victoria '

Ōtorohanga 👩

Kiwi House

Manganuioteao & Retaruke Rivers

Flora & Grecian Esplanade

Pureroa

Forest Park

Whirinaki Forest

Tongariro River

Ruahine Range

🧑 Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre

Staglands Wildlife Reserve

Maungataniwha

Pohokura Forest

The Isaac Conservation & Wildlife Trust

Willowbank Wildlife Reserve

The orange shading on the man represents the main areas where whio populations are found in **Aotearoa New Zealand**

Captive facilities

There are many places where you can see captive whio living in comfortable and safe homes. These birds are involved in breed-for-release programmes, through which whio are bred, hatched, raised and hardened before being tagged and released into security sites.

Rearing facilities

These facilities aim to speed up the recovery of wild whio populations at sites with existing predator control.

To find out more about whio, visit doc.govt.nz/whio or join the Whio Forever community @WhioForever









