

National Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting (NBMR) Programme

Recruitment Assessment Bird List



Please read these instructions carefully as they will impact your assessment

This is a list of birds that you will be tested on in the assessment. It comprises the 60 most encountered birds on Tier1 plots across the country. Please note this list includes three relatively common island-specific species:

- Kea (South Island only)
- Brown Creeper/Pīpipi (South Island only)
- Whitehead/Pōpokatea (North Island only).

While there's many commonly accepted names for New Zealand birds, we have aligned this assessment with the nomenclature authority for the NBMR programme which is the OSNZ (Ornithological Society of New Zealand) checklist, and have referenced the most widely used English and Māori names.

Text entry questions

Some questions in this assessment require you to write the name of the bird. We will **only** accept the names listed in the table below, which includes the full OSNZ checklist name, a common Māori name and a shortened version of the English name where it was excessively long in the OSNZ checklist. Macrons are not required as the system does not recognise them.

Correct spelling

Although the system is not case-sensitive, please ensure that your spelling is consistent with that in the list below before submitting your answer.

North Island and South Island Species

In this assessment, we do not distinguish between North Island and South Island species that belong to the same genus and have grouped these together:

- Parakeet spp. (Includes: Orange-fronted, Red-crowned and Yellow-crowned parakeets)
- Robin spp. (Includes: South Island and North Island Robins)
- Saddleback spp. (Includes: North Island and South Island Saddlebacks)

Accepted names for text entry questions

Complete English (OSNZ)	Maori	Shortened English
Australian Magpie	Makipae	Magpie
Banded Dotterel	Tuturiwhatu	-
Bellbird	Korimako	-
Black Swan	Kakianau	-
Black-billed Gull	Tarapuka	-
Black-fronted Tern	Tarapirohe	-
Blue Duck	Whio	-
Brown Creeper	Pipipi	-
California Quail	-	-
Canada Goose	-	-
Chaffinch	Pahirini	-
Cirl Bunting	-	-
Common Pheasant	-	Pheasant
Common Redpoll	-	-
Common Starling	-	Starling
Dunnock	-	-
Eastern Rosella	-	-
Eurasian Blackbird	Manu Pango	Blackbird
Eurasian Skylark	Kaireka	Skylark
European Goldfinch	-	Goldfinch
European Greenfinch	-	Greenfinch
Fernbird	Matata	-
Grey Duck	Parera	-
Grey Warbler	Riroriro	-
House Sparrow	Tiu	Sparrow
Kaka	Kaka	-
Kea	Kea	-
Long-tailed Cuckoo	Koekoea	-
Mallard	-	-
Morepork	Ruru	-

Complete English (OSNZ)	Maori	Shortened English
New Zealand Falcon	Karearea	NZ Falcon
New Zealand Fantail	Piwakawaka	NZ Fantail
New Zealand Kingfisher	Kotare	NZ Kingfisher
New Zealand Pigeon	Kereru	NZ Pigeon
New Zealand Pipit	Pihoihoi	NZ Pipit
New Zealand Scaup	Papango	NZ Scaup
Paradise Shelduck	Putangitangi	Paradise Duck
Parakeet spp.	Kakariki	Parakeet
Pied Shag	Karuhiruhi	-
Pied Stilt	Poaka	-
Pukeko	Pukeko	-
Red-billed Gull	Tarapunga	-
Rifleman	Titipounamu	-
Robin spp.	Toutouwai	Robin
Saddleback spp.	Tīeke	Saddleback
Shining Cuckoo	Pipiwaharuroa	-
Silvereye	Tauhō	-
Song Thrush	-	Thrush
South Island Pied Oystercatcher	Torea	-
Southern Black-backed Gull	Karoro	-
Spur-winged Plover	-	-
Swamp Harrier	Kahu	-
Tomtit	Miromiro	-
Tui	Tui	-
Variable Oystercatcher	Tōrea Pango	-
Weka	Weka	-
Welcome Swallow	Warou	-
White-faced Heron	Matuku Moana	-
Whitehead	Popokatea	-
Yellowhammer	-	-