

# REWARD



## \$10,000

If you hear the South Island kōkako, it is so distinctively different, it will stop you in your tracks. We need you to be the eyes and ears in the search for the rarest bird on the planet.

The South Island Kōkako Charitable Trust is offering a reward of NZ\$10,000 for information resulting in confirmation that the South Island kōkako is still alive so that it can be conserved appropriately.

Any evidence provided will be considered by the South Island Kōkako Charitable Trust and we will seek further appraisal from independent expert ornithologists. As evidence, the Trust would prefer a verifiable photograph of the bird but will consider other compelling evidence.

More information is on our website [www.southislandkokako.org](http://www.southislandkokako.org)

**We need to know now – time is running out.**

THE SOUTH ISLAND  
**KŌKAKO**  
— CHARITABLE TRUST —

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE SOUTH ISLAND KŌKAKO



**Size:**

Larger than a tui and smaller than a pigeon

**Shape:**

Long legs, relatively long tail, short rounded wings in flight, short stocky black beak with downward curve

**Colour:**

Dark grey or grey-blue in colour, black facial mask with an orange wattle

**Movements:**

Hopping or bounding gait, may be seen hopping along or up or down branches and tree trunks

**Song:**

The song has a sharp clarity compared with tui or other songbirds, particularly for flute-like notes. Also a 'hollow' depth to some notes, like a wind instrument or blowing across a the top of a bottle; similar to a NI kōkako with 'mews', haunting organ-like and ringing bell-like notes and song

**When:**

The more active times of year are likely to be April-early June and October-December

**Where:**

South Island and Stewart Island native forests.



Scan this QR Code to hear the call of the North Island kōkako

## LOOK, LISTEN & RECORD

- ✓ Ideally observe carefully first, photograph/video second, and of course take usual safety precautions when heading into the backcountry
- ✓ Note colouring, size, shape, wings, bill, wattle, legs, tail, movements, behaviour, any song notes, other possibly related activity or signs

Please refer to website below for more details, advice, indicative sound files and to log an encounter.

If you would like to be on an e-mail list to receive ongoing updates of subsequent sightings to assist in your searches, e-mail [info@southislandkokako.org](mailto:info@southislandkokako.org).

Donations to support the work of the Trust can be made via the website below. Help us ensure the South Island kōkako doesn't end up as a museum piece.

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