60 Species of birds observed on the Chelsea-Kauri Pt-Kendall Bay headland

Observed by Mel Galbraith (2005-2023). *** = breeding populations**
Updated by Pam Templeton, 2026 [sightings verified by CHERPA committee, or on iNaturalist since 2022].

Native:

1. black swan* *Cygnus atratus [no nests since 2018]*
2. paradise shelduck *Tardorna variegata*
3. grey duck* *Anas superciliosa superciliosa*
4. New Zealand scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae*
5. New Zealand dabchick *Podiceps rufopectus*
6. black shag *Phalocrocorax carbo*
7. pied shag* *Phalocrocorax varius*
8. little black shag *Phalocrocorax sulcirostris*
9. little shag* *Phalocrocorax melanoleucos brevirostris*
10. white-faced heron* *Ardea novaehollandiae novaehollandiae*
11. reef heron *Egretta sacra sacra*
12. royal spoonbill *Platalea regia*
13. Australasian harrier* *Circus approximans*
14. New Zealand falcon *Falco novaeseelandiae*
15. banded rail* *Rallus philippensis assimilis*
16. pukeko* *Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*
17. Australian coot* *Fulica atra australis*
18. South Island pied oystercatcher *Haemantopus ostralegus finschi*
19. variable oystercatcher *Haemantopus unicolor*
20. pied stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
21. spur-winged plover *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*
22. black-backed gull* *Larus dominicanus dominicanus*
23. red-billed gull *Larus novaehollandiae scopulinus*
24. Caspian tern *Sterna caspia*
25. NZ pigeon* *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*
26. NZ scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae*
27. North Island kaka *Nestor meridionalis septentrionalis*
28. red-crowned parakeet *Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae novaezelandiae*
29. shining cuckoo* *Chrysococcyx lucidus lucidus*
30. long-tailed cuckoo *Eudynamys taitensis*
31. morepork* *Ninox novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*
32. NZ kingfisher* *Todiramphus sanctus*
33. tui* *Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae novaeseelandiae*
34. North Island fantail* *Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis*
35. North Island tomtit *Petroica macrocephala toitoi*
36. North Island fernbird* *Bowdleria punctata vealeae*
37. grey warbler* *Gerygone igata*
38. silvereye* *Zosterops lateralis lateralis*
39. welcome swallow* *Hirundo tahitica*
40. Spotless crake *Zapornia tabuensis [M. Galbraith heard in Soldiers Bay 2023]*

Introduced:

41. California quail* *Callipepla californica*
42. ring-necked pheasant* *Phasianus colchicus*
43. mallard* *Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*
44. rock pigeon *Columba livia*
45. spotted dove* *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*
46. sulphur-crested cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*
47. eastern rosella* *Platycercus eximius*
48. dunnock (hedge sparrow) *Prunella modularis*
49. blackbird* *Turdus merula*
50. song thrush* *Turdus philomelos*
51. yellow hammer* *Emberiza citrinella*
52. chaffinch* *Fringilla coelebs*
53. greenfinch* *Carduelis chloris*
54. goldfinch* *Carduelis carduelis*
55. house sparrow* *Passer domesticus*
56. starling* *Sturnus vulgaris*
57. common myna* *Acridotheres tristis*
58. Australian magpie* *Gymnorhina tibicen*
59. Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* [1 dumped in 2024]
60. Muscovy duck *Cairina moschata* [pond 2 in 2022]

Nomenclature and order follows Gill et al. (2010), Checklist of the birds of New Zealand, Norfolk and MacQuarie Island, and the Ross Dependency, Antarctica. Te Papa Press, Wellington.