



# Great Otago Gull Count

## *Science in the School Yard*

6-10 September, 2021 - Conservation Week

Calling all schools to count the gulls in the school yard over the course of one day during the last week of August. Whether gulls are a common sight in your school yard or not, we would like you to participate, as absence is important data.

This study is designed to understand where different species of gulls are hanging out and why so that we can reduce the negative interaction between humans and gulls. Do gulls have the behavioural flexibility to adapt their foraging behaviour to human time schedules when beneficial?

This programme is a great way to engage students in a citizen science project without leaving the school yard. Resource material will be available to help with species identification and further study. Students are also encouraged to design a poster to educate others not to feed the gulls.

**Where:** Your school yard

**Book:** Register your interest and instructions for participation pack will follow. Staff support available

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