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## Red-billed gulls / Tarapunga

*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae scopulinus*

### Where are they nesting?

**Numbers and locations of Tarapunga nesting colonies are changing. You can help collect data to improve understanding of population trends and why they nest where they do.**

The nest is a simple bowl of seaweed, twigs and grass (30 cm across). In Otago, courtship and nest building begin late September / early October. The first eggs are laid in early to mid October and are incubated for 3-4 weeks. The chicks fledge at 4 weeks of age, throughout December and January.



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