



EDUCATION AT THE ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

The Royal Albatross Centre is an excellent venue for learning experiences outside the classroom. Nowhere else in New Zealand could your students view the breeding colony of albatross and discover the behind the scenes work in order to monitor and protect these graceful giants.

Students have the opportunity to:

- Engage with the experts
- View unique wildlife in the Richdale Observatory
- Investigate the effects of eco-tourism
- Discover methods for monitoring and protecting our wildlife
- Understand the cultural importance of Pukekura

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Secondary School Programmes

Conservation Management of Seabirds

Take Part in activities which illustrate the monitoring and protection methods that the rangers use to increase the fledging rate of the Royal Albatross. Weighing birds, trapping predators and assessing hazards are just a few examples of how humans are contributing to a sustainable future.

Time: 2 hours Age focus: Years 9-12 Curriculum Area: Science - Living World, Education for Sustainability 2.2 AS 90811

Seabird Behaviour

Investigate behaviour of shags and albatross in response to their external environment. Courtship and pair bonding care are some of the behaviours which the programme focuses on. Discussion follows on the use of behavioural studies in management.

Time: 2 hours Age focus: Year 13 Curriculum Area: Biology 3.3, AS 91630

Human Impact

Taiaroa Head is home to a breeding colony of Royal Albatross, Spotted and Otago Shags, Fur Seals, Royal Spoonbills and Red-Billed Gulls. The impacts of human activity on the local ecosystem are both positive and negative. Students have the opportunity to view unique wildlife and investigate the impact of introduced species, changed vegetation, tourism, site development, pollution etc.

Time: 2 hours Age focus: Year 12 Curriculum Area: Science 1.12, AS 90951

All of the programmes are:

Interactive and student focused

Linked to the NZ Curriculum (Social Science, Science).

Focused on key competencies and values