

Save Our Seabirds

Objective: To understand how different seabirds are suited to their particular habitat and how they are impacted by environmental change caused by humans.

Programme Description: Royal Albatross are only one of the attractions of Taiaroa Head. Breeding colonies of Spotted and Stewart Island Shags, Royal Spoonbills, Little Blue Penguins and Fur Seals are just a few of the highlights. Find out how the Department of Conservation rangers look after the wildlife at Taiaroa Head. Investigate how we have had both positive and negative impacts on the animals breeding on Taiaroa Head and think about what you can do to help.

Time: 2 hours

Age Focus: Years 4-8

Curriculum Area: Science (Level 2-4)

Cost: \$4/person





Itinerary

	Arrive, meet guide at reception – please arrive 10 minutes early
0 min	Education Room (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Albatross Life Cycle– Identify other birds breeding at Taiaroa Head– Assign conservation status to the birds
30 min	Observatory (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Albatross / Shag Viewing– Role / Importance of DOC rangers
1 hour	Pilots Beach (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Human impact– Discuss Little Blue Penguin issues– Wildlife management of Pilots Beach Reserve
1.5 hours	Displays (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Blue Penguin game / Albatross conservation game– Scavenger Hunt Education Room (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review of curriculum objectives– Brainstorm "How to make Seabirds Happy"
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