

# Save Our Seabirds

## Objective:

To understand the ecology and threats faced by different seabirds living at Pukekura, and what we can do to contribute to the conservation of our native seabirds.

## Programme Description:

Northern Royal Albatross may be the namesake of the centre, but they definitely aren't the only wildlife breeding at Pukekura! Little blue penguins (korora), otago shags (matapo), royal spoonbills (kōtuku ngutupapa), and red-billed gulls (tarāpunga) are some of the other taonga species that call Pukekura home.

Find out how the Department of Conservation rangers look after the wildlife at Pukekura. Investigate the positive and negative impacts humans can have on local wildlife and what we can do to help.

**Time:** 2 Hours

**Age Focus:** Year 4 – 8

**Curriculum Area:** Science (Level 2 – 4)

**Cost:** \$4 per person

# Itinerary

**0 Minutes**

**Arrive, meet guide at reception**

Please arrive 15 minutes early

**30 Minutes**

**Introduction (30 Min)**

- Albatross dress-up game to learn features of albatross
- Explanation of the Northern Royal Albatross breeding cycle

**1 Hour**

**Observatory (30 Mins)**

- Viewing albatross and other wildlife from the observatory

**1.5 Hours**

**Seabird Conservation (30 Mins)**

- Learn about the idea of a conservation status
- Discuss threats and conservation efforts for local seabirds

**2 Hours**

**Wrap-Up**

- Scavenger hunt game
- Hands-on-Heads wrap up game

**Depart**

# Royal Albatross Centre Education



## THINGS TO NOTE:

- We can accommodate a maximum of 25 people (children, adults, and infants) in the albatross observatory at a time. Groups exceeding this size will need to be split into smaller groups and rotate between activities.
- Bookings typically run early in the morning before we open the centre to our other visitors. We get very busy during the tourism season (November – March) and are more likely to decline education bookings during this period.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early to give students enough time to go to the bathroom and settle in our education room. Late arrivals will cut into the education programme.

