

There are only about 40 birds left in the world, can you count how many there are on this page?



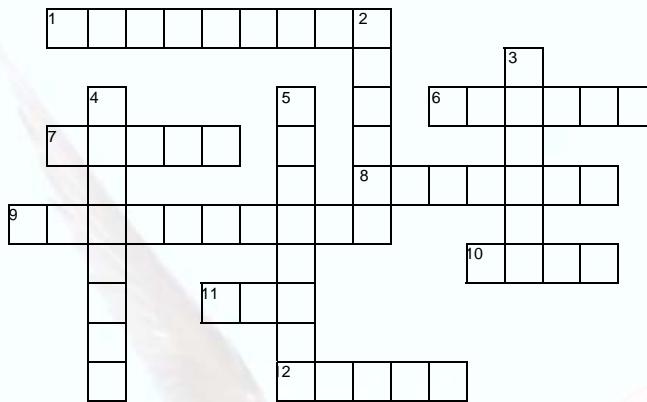
Where can you see NZ fairy terns? In the estuaries of the breeding sites and keep an eye out for them diving into the water fishing for food.

They have black caps, yellow beaks & orange legs.

Bands are put on their legs just before they start flying so we can tell each bird apart.

New Zealand Fairy Tern

Tara-iti



Volunteers help DOC to look after the fairy terns.

Bad weather, people and animals like cats, dogs, stoats, hedgehogs and rats can all hurt them.

They lay one or two eggs in the nest in summer among the shell and sand.

If you get too close to the nest the parents will fly up and try to dive-bomb you and they get up too often the eggs could die!

Nationally Critically
Endangered

New Zealand Fairy Tern

35-40 Individuals Remaining
Nest at Mangawhai, Waipu, Pakiri &
Papakanui

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