

The Blue Penguin (Korora)

The Blue Penguin is the **world's smallest penguin** at just 35-43cm tall, and weighing a little over 1 kg. It is found in many places around New Zealand and Australia.

It is a **protected native species**. Sadly the Blue Penguin population is at risk, declining throughout New Zealand.

Blue Penguins need our protection from coastal development, predators, dogs and traffic.



Blue Penguins need support from

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The West Coast Blue Penguin Trust is a charitable trust. Its aim is to conserve the West Coast blue penguins and their habitat. The Trust raises funds and conducts research on the penguins and works with the community to raise awareness through education and advocacy.

You can donate to the West Coast Blue Penguin Trust through our website www.bluepenguin.org.nz

Or send your donation to:
West Coast Blue Penguin Trust,
PO Box 70, Charleston

For more information or to join our mailing list email info@bluepenguin.org.nz



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QUICK FACTS

- ▶ The average life span is 6.5 years but some penguins live up to 20 years
- ▶ Penguins (Korora) travel 15-75 km at sea each day
- ▶ Long-term partnerships are the norm but 'divorce' is not uncommon
- ▶ Underwater, penguins can reach speeds of up to 6km/hr, averaging 2-4km/hr
- ▶ Blue penguins only come ashore after dusk and before dawn
- ▶ They commonly nest in burrows, rock crevices, caves, nesting boxes and under buildings



Blue penguins live along West Coast beaches for much of the year.

Penguins move under the cover of darkness so you're unlikely to see them but keep an eye out for their prints when you walk the beach especially in the early morning

They are easily disturbed so please don't go looking for their burrows.



Blue penguin numbers are declining on the West Coast

but you can help

If you walk your dog on our West Coast beaches

- ▶ Please keep your dog close and under direct control **at all times**
- ▶ **Never let your dog roam free** in the dunes especially at dusk and dawn when blue penguins travel between the sea and their burrows

If you drive on coastal roads

- ▶ Please **slow down** in areas where blue penguins cross roads at night to reach their burrows



A dead penguin on the beach



Critical times of year

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Burrow Occupation	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Egg Laying		█	█	█	█							
Chick Raising				█	█	█	█					
Moulting							█	█	█	█		

Blue Penguins nest all along the West Coast