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# Chatham Island tāiko

(Magenta petrel)

*Pterodroma magentae*



Sparklers

## Characteristics

The tāiko are one of the world's rarest seabirds. For over 100 years they were thought to be extinct

Native to Rēkohu / Wharekauri / the Chatham Islands, tāiko were thought to be extinct for a long time and are now a protected species.

It's tricky to spot a tāiko burrow, usually under thick forest cover.

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When they get home to their burrow they can enter inside within 5 seconds, that's speedy!

Their burrows are, up to 5 metres, long. If you ever see you, you may notice they often wait up to 30 minutes at the burrow entrances. They watch and wait, checking surroundings, before they climb up a tree to fly off.

**Do you like to stay at home as much as a tāiko?**

**Do you prefer time on your own?**

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**What can we learn  
from tāiko?**

**How might we apply  
this in our classroom?**

