



YOU CAN HELP:

Build nesting boxes and place them in the sand dunes with the help of the West Coast Blue Penguin Trust.

Little Blue Penguins breed from June to December. Keep away from Little Blues at all times. Especially when they are moulting and under stress (Dec to March). Stay below the high tide mark in 4WD vehicles, on motorbikes and with horses. Only enter and leave the beach on cleared areas of sand: avoid damaging vegetation.

Look after the Little Blue Penguins so our colony will grow.

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LITTLE
BLUE
PENGUIN





Little Blue Penguin (Korora) are the smallest penguins in the world. They are about 35-43cm long, and weigh 1-1.5 kilograms.

They live here, on Hokitika Beach.

Penguins live in burrows in the vegetation on the sand dunes or among rocks on other parts of the coast. They are on the beach mostly at night. Look for their footprints in the sand. They leave their nests before dawn returning from a days fishing after dark.

Little Blue Penguin have a home beach. If no chicks are raised on Hokitika Beach then we will lose them from our beach forever.

Help protect Little Blue Penguins.



Dog attack at Cape Foulwind

THREATS

VEHICLES

Many penguins are killed each year on the roads, especially the coast road. Take extra care when travelling after dusk.

DOGS

Dogs kill Little Blue Penguins. Keep your dog on a leash when walking on the beach, and make sure your section is secure so your dog cannot get out. Keep a close eye out for roaming dogs when you are out walking. Encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

CATS

Cats chase and can kill Little Blue Penguin. Put a bell on your cat, and keep it inside at night. Wild cats will attack and kill Little Blue Penguins. Make sure your cat is neutered and trap wild cats around your property.

RATS, MICE AND MUSTELIDS

These animals eat penguin eggs and kill the chicks. Put your rubbish in a secure bin to keep rats away. Trap rodents, and mustelids so pest numbers are kept low.