Birds often found in New Zealand

Tūī/ Kōkō



Size: Medium-large

Endemic

Found throughout NZ (except Canterbury)

ID tips: Mostly black birds with a white tuft under the chin

Kererū/ Kukupa/ NZ wood pigeon



Size: Very large (about 50cm long)

Endemic

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Blue, green, and purple body with white chest and underparts. Red legs and bill

Grey Warbler/ Riroriro



Size: Very small (about 11cm long)

Endemic

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Small grey bird with some light coloured underparts. Dark grey tail with white tips

Bellbird/Korimako



Size: medium

Endemic

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Dark olive green and yellow body with black bill. Female is more brown

Fantail / Pīwakawaka



Size: Small

Endemic

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Grey head with white eyebrows, brown body, fan-like tail

Silvereye/ Tauhou



Size: Very small (about 12cm

long)

Native

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Silver colour around eye, green upper parts with grey above neck

Blackbird



Size: Medium-large

Introduced

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Male: black with yellow beak. Female: brown with yellow beak

Sparrow/ House sparrow



Size: Small

Introduced

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Dark brown/black wing feathers with light brown chest and underparts. Male darker colours than female

Starling



Size: Medium-large

Introduced

Found throughout NZ

ID tips: Black coloured bird with some purplish/ green feathers. White tips on feathers look star-like

Myna



Size: Medium-large

Introduced

Not found south of Manawatu

ID tips: Brown bird with black head and yellow beak and around eye. White tipped tail feathers