

Seabird Behaviour

Objective: To view seabirds breeding at Taiaroa Head, investigate seabird behaviour in response to their external environment, discuss breeding behaviour (courtship and pair bonding) and migration.

Programme Description: Investigate behaviour of shags and albatross in response to their external environment. Courtship and parental care are some of the behaviours which the programme focuses on. Discussion follows on the use of behavioural studies in management.

Time: 2 hours

Age Focus: Years 13

Curriculum Area: Biology 3.3, AS 91603

Cost: \$4/person





Itinerary

Arrive, meet guide at reception –
please arrive 10 minutes early

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Education Room (30 min)

- Features of an Albatross
- Overview of breeding cycles & behaviours
- Programme objectives

30 min

Observatory (30 min)

- Albatross viewing
- Otago shag viewing
- Recording of observations
- Comparative behaviours

1 hour

Cliff Area & Displays (30 min)

- Viewing of Spotted Shags
- Recording observations
- Comparative behaviours

1.5 hours

Education Room (30 min)

- Albatross Behaviour Video
- Discussion and wrap-up
- Hands-on-Head game

2 hours

Depart