

Fiji Petrel

Kacau ni Gau (*Pseudobulweria macgillivrayi*)



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The *Kacau ni Gau* is a small, all black-brown petrel with a short neck and stout black bill giving it a chunky, thickset appearance. This sea bird is only known to nest on the island of Gau and so is considered endemic to Gau. The Fiji Petrel is presumed to nest in burrows on high forested ridges in the interior of the island and disperse to pelagic waters far from the island. The main threats to the survival of this species are feral cats and rats preying on nesting birds. Even though there is no mongoose on Gau Island, the danger of the mongoose arriving on Gau still remains a possibility and therefore a threat to the Fiji Petrel.

The Fiji Petrel is listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Redlist of Threatened Species.

