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South Island Takahe

Porphyrio hochstetteri

The South Island Takahe is a large, flightless bird native to New Zealand, notable for its striking blue and green plumage, robust red beak, and sturdy legs. Once thought extinct, it was dramatically…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Rallidae
Habitat: Alpine grasslands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 12-20 years
Weight: 2.3–3.7 kg
Scientific name: Porphyrio hochstetteri

Did you know?

- The South Island Takahe is one of the rarest birds in the world, with only a few hundred individuals remaining in the wild and in managed reserves.
- Takah 2 pere once thought to be extinct until their rediscovery in 1948. They have a unique, trumpeting call and use their strong beaks to strip seeds…

What I learned

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