



What we've already lost





“It had the sweetest song”

“A loud and melodious song”

“five distinct bars repeated six or seven times”

It was an omnivore often found on the forest floor

Cats, rats and stoats made them extinct by 1905





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South
Island
Piopio
1905

Californian quail – introduced 1865



New Zealand Quail - Extinct by 1870



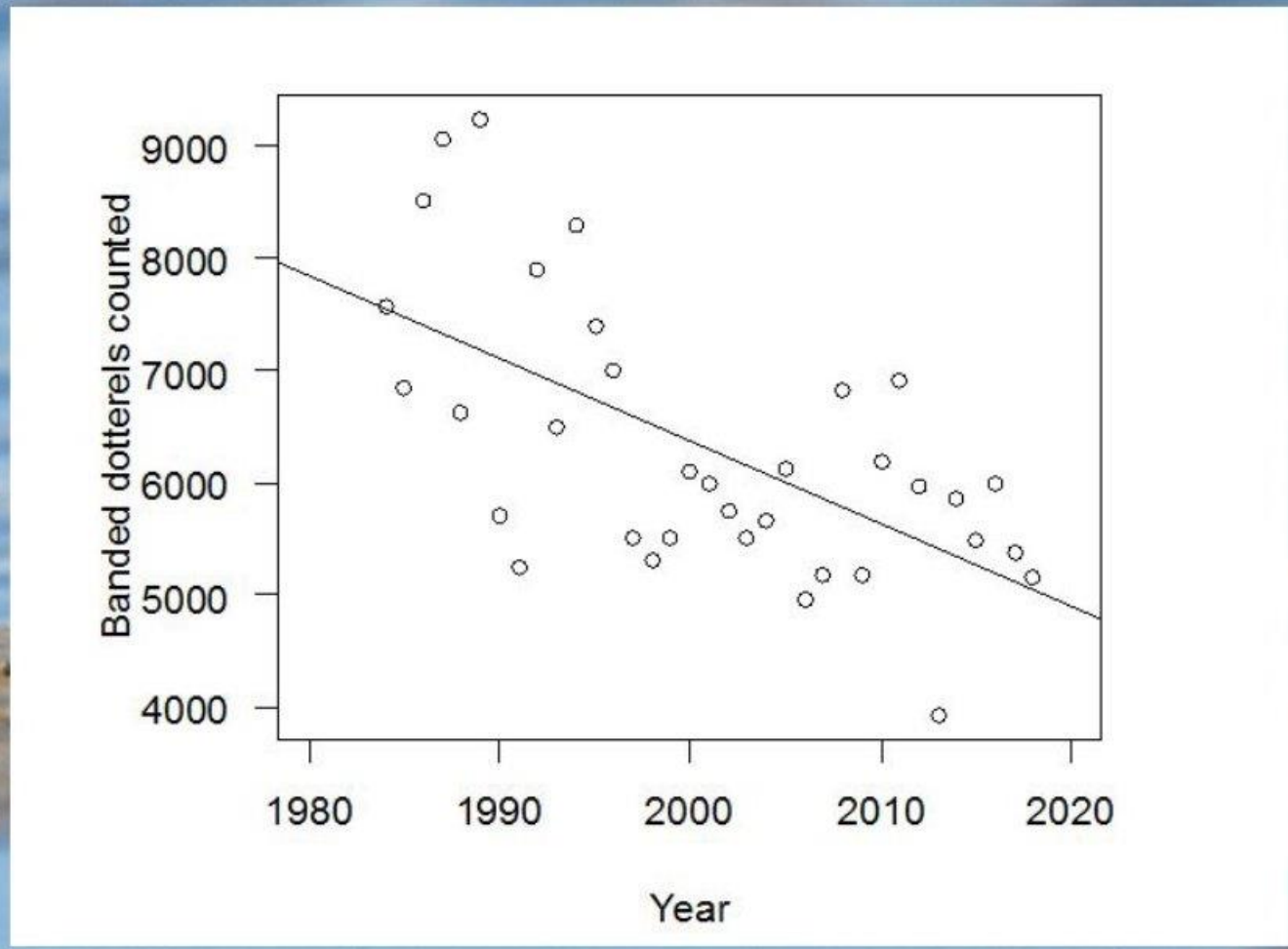
Humans have waged a war of attrition on NZ's birds

23 species became extinct after first human arrival

30 more species since European arrival

Yet we seem content to allow this to continue

Estimated rates of decline – National wader count



National Banded Dotterel Survey 2018

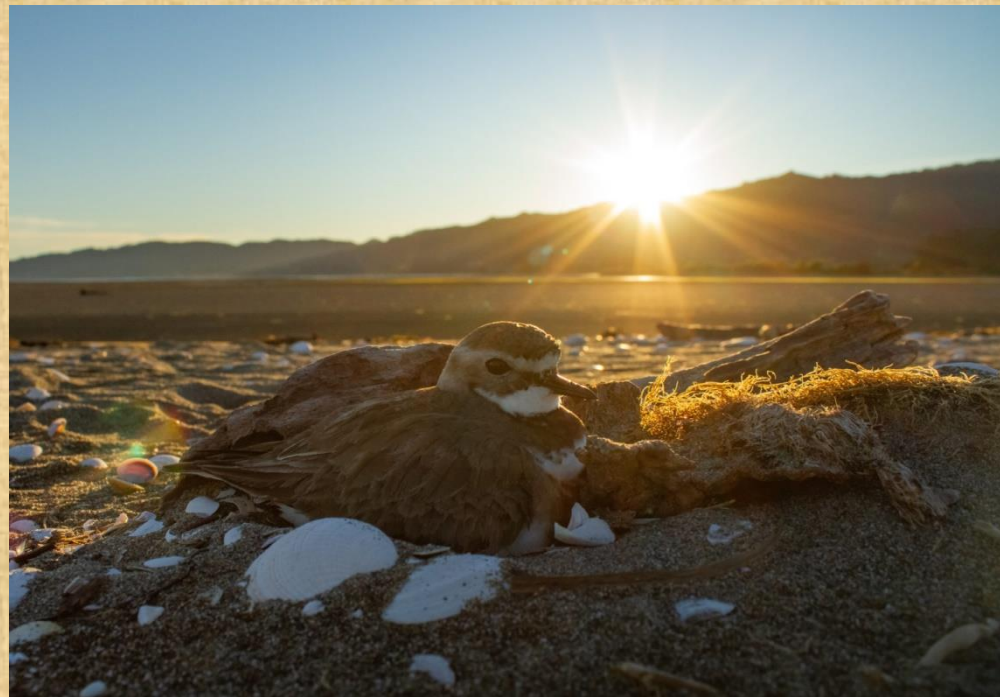


- Banded dotterels in steady decline
- Average -3.7% pa decline on braided rivers
- Equates to 52.3% decline over 20 years
- Unsure of how representative trends are of other habitat types
- National population in order of 20,000 mature individuals
- Banded dotterels facing numerous threats – not just on braided rivers
- Predator control programmes starting to demonstrate positive trends



Find the dotterel nest

Surely, with the history of extinctions that New Zealand has maintained so far, a little inconvenience is acceptable in exchange for saving what we have left.



We could have saved these

We didn't

