



**Wrybill** (*Anarhynchus frontalis*)

**Size:** Body length, 20 - 21 cm **Weight:** 43 - 68 g **Habitat:** Shallow estuaries on sheltered coasts; breeds along large, fast-flowing rivers **Surviving number:** Estimated at 4,500 - 5,000



*Photographed by Tom Marshall*

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Curves ahead. There's no mistaking New Zealand's wrybill, the only bird in the world to sport a laterally curved bill. It uses this bill, which always curves to the right, to scoop up meals of mayfly larvae, flatworms, spiders, fish eggs and more. During the winter months, the wrybill forages during both night and day; its heavy-set frame is evidence of a tireless quest

for food. But signs are not promising for the continued survival of this singular bird, faced as it is with serious habitat loss in addition to predation by stoats and cats.

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