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Tara iti

(Fairy tern)

Sternula nereis davisae



Sparklers

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Characteristics

One of the rarest birds native to Aotearoa, the tara iti is also known as the 'fairy tern'.

This beautiful manu used to be widespread, but loss of habitat has made things tough.

If their parents make alarm calls, the chicks freeze, blending into their surroundings, and predators are not able to find them.



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Tara iti hunt while flying, hovering above the surface of the sea before diving for their kai.

Are you always on the move, like tara iti?

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**What can we learn
from tara iti?**

**How might we apply
this in our classroom?**

