



Ecology	Name of item: The Noises	Map reference: 32-1
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Island: The Noises	SES 34 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

The Noises are one of New Zealand's key seabird breeding sites. Three islands within the group are each of international importance to the threatened endemic white-fronted tern. Seven other seabird species also breed on the islands: white-faced storm petrels, diving petrels, blue penguins, grey-faced petrels, white-fronted terns, spotted and pied shags. A threatened land snail *Placostylus hongii* was introduced in the 1930s and is still present. The vegetation is coastal, with pohutukawa forests and mixed coastal shrubs with mapou, manuka, karo, flax and coastal koromiko. In the most sheltered areas, broadleaved species such as kohekohe and mahoe dominate. On the exposed cliffs there are coastal specialists houpara, taupata and coastal astelia. On the most exposed and smallest of the islands, the vegetation is very low coastal scrub.



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