

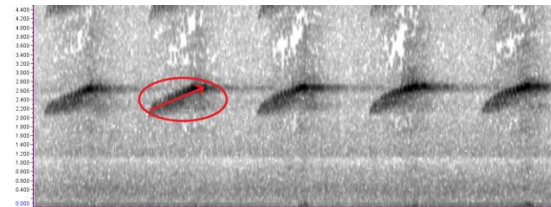
# KIWI

## CALL CHARACTERISTICS

Call rates generally highest during the first two hours after dusk and before dawn.<sup>1</sup> Males and females often duet. The male call is a drawn-out, ascending, shrill whistle-like note, usually repeated 15-25 times. The female call is a hoarse, guttural note, usually repeated 10-20 times.<sup>1,2</sup> To hear the examples below, hold ctrl & left click on the speaker icon.

A steadily ascending call at around 2.5 kHz, repeated about once per second.

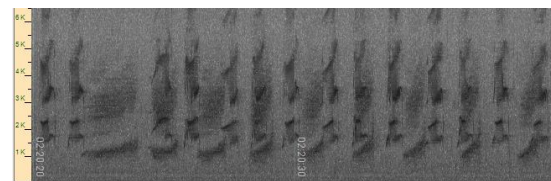
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Great spotted kiwi (male)

High-pitched male calls with lower-pitched female calls. Each call steadily rising from lower to higher frequency.

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Brown kiwi, Stewart Island

Initial calls higher pitched at around 2.5 kHz, then lower pitched with harmonics. Each call sweeps from higher to lower frequency.

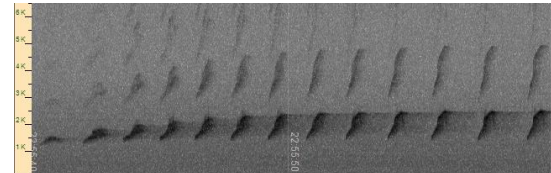
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Brown kiwi, Stewart Island

Calls at around 2 kHz. Each call steadily rises in pitch, with each subsequent call ascending to a higher frequency than the last.

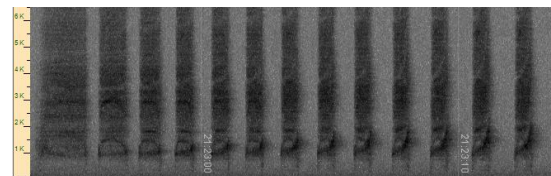
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Great spotted kiwi, West Coast

Harsh, female calls, steadily rising in pitch, ascending to a higher peak frequency with each subsequent call.

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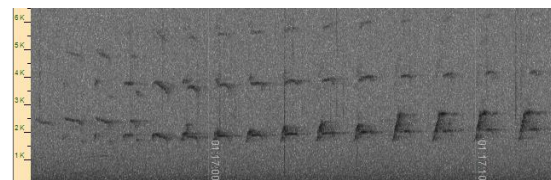


Brown kiwi, Stewart Island

Start of call quick sweep from low to higher frequency, followed by constant frequency tail.

With each call, pitch steadily rises.

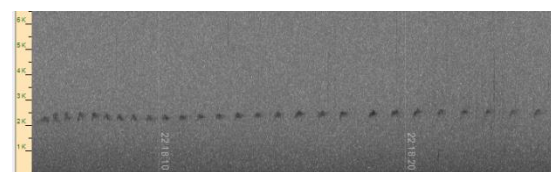
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Brown kiwi, Northland

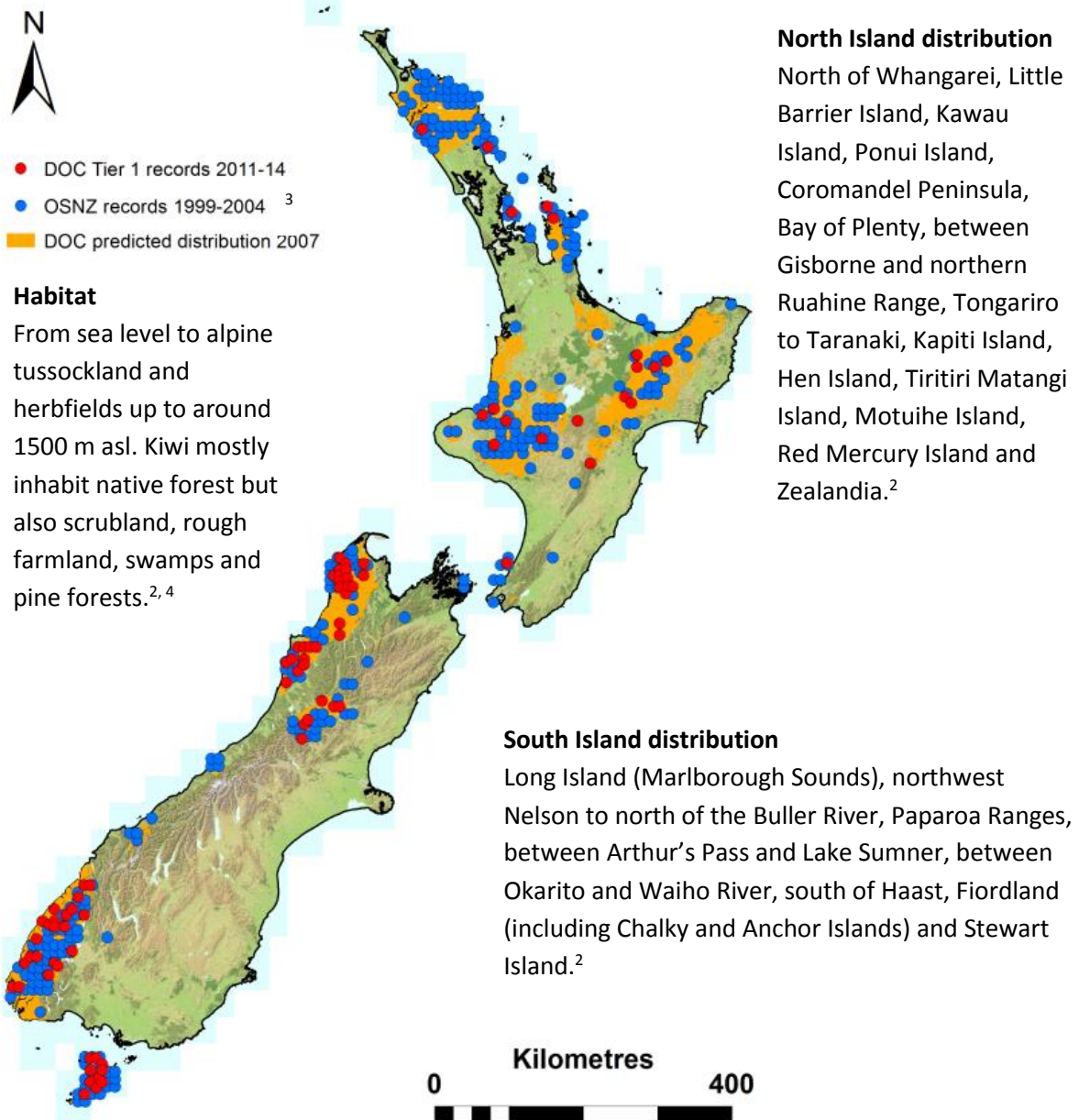
Short duration calls in quick succession, at around 2-2.5 kHz. Call repetition rate starts fast and then slows.

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Little spotted kiwi, Tiritiri Matangi Island

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