

Rook

Corvus frugilegus

The rook is a large bird, approximately the same size and build as a magpie. Colouring is totally black except for its naked face which is grey. It flies with slow wing beats and displays ragged wing tips. Its call is a harsh "Kah" sound.

Rooks are widespread in New Zealand as far north as the Waikato, and individuals have been seen near Helensville and Muriwai.

Rooks are gregarious birds, they live in colonies called rookeries. They nest in tall trees and usually feed in flocks although lone birds are often seen away from the flock. They eat a wide variety of insects and vegetation including sown and germinating seed. Rooks are a serious agricultural pest in cropping areas.



Rooks have not been reported in Northland. They are serious pests in other parts of the country. If you think you have seen a rook anywhere in Northland, contact a Northland Regional Council office immediately. After hours, phone the toll-free Environmental Hotline, **Freephone 0800 504 639**

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- Advising land users on control of problem plants and weeds.
- Controlling possums and other animal pests.
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- Fairly allocating water resources.
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- Controlling mooring facilities.
- Planning for regional land transport.
- Co-ordinating Civil Defence.
- Planning for the sustainable management of Northland's air, water, coastal & land resources.

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