KAIKŌURA COAST, CANTERBURY · NEW ZEALAND

Kaikōura

A deep sea canyon right off the beach brings sperm whales, dusky dolphins and more albatross species than almost anywhere you can reach in a day.

88 animals 15 mammals, 65 birds, 1 reptile, 1 fish and 6 other sea life **Best time:** All year

Seen _____ of 88

01 Whales and dolphins 11

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Sperm Whale	
☐ Dusky Dolphin	
☐ Hector's Dolphin	
☐ Common Dolphin	
☐ Bottlenose Dolphin	
☐ Orca	
☐ Humpback Whale	
☐ Long-finned Pilot Whale Rare	
☐ Southern Right Whale Rare	
☐ Blue Whale Rare	
☐ Minke Whale Rare	

02 Seals 4

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ New Zealand Fur Seal	
☐ New Zealand Sea Lion Rare	
☐ Leopard Seal Rare	
☐ Southern Elephant Seal Rare	

03 Albatrosses 8

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Antipodean Albatross	
☐ Salvin's Albatross	
☐ White-capped Albatross	
☐ Northern Royal Albatross	
☐ Southern Royal Albatross	
☐ Black-browed Albatross	
☐ Buller's Albatross	
☐ Light-mantled Albatross Rare	

04 Petrels and shearwaters 15

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Hutton's Shearwater	
☐ Westland Petrel	
☐ White-chinned Petrel	
☐ Cape Petrel	
☐ Northern Giant Petrel	
☐ Sooty Shearwater	
☐ Southern Giant Petrel	
☐ Buller's Shearwater	
☐ Fluttering Shearwater	
☐ Flesh-footed Shearwater	
☐ Grey-faced Petrel	
☐ Fairy Prion	
☐ Common Diving Petrel	
☐ White-faced Storm Petrel	
☐ Wilson's Storm Petrel Rare	

05 Coastal birds 23

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Australasian Gannet	
☐ Spotted Shag	
☐ Pied Shag	
☐ Little Shag	
☐ Black Shag	
☐ Kelp Gull	
☐ Red-billed Gull	
☐ White-fronted Tern	
☐ Variable Oystercatcher	
☐ South Island Oystercatcher	
☐ Pied Stilt	

Tick them off in Wilder

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

05 Coastal birds continued

- [ ] Masked Lapwing
- [ ] White-faced Heron
- [ ] Paradise Shelduck
- [ ] Penguin (Little)
- [ ] Black-billed Gull
- [ ] Caspian Tern
- [ ] Black-fronted Tern
- [ ] Double-banded Plover
- [ ] Ruddy Turnstone
- [ ] Bar-tailed Godwit
- [ ] Royal Spoonbill
- [ ] Black Swan

06 Land birds 19

- [ ] Swamp Harrier
- [ ] Pūkeko
- [ ] Kererū
- [ ] Tui
- [ ] New Zealand Bellbird
- [ ] New Zealand Fantail
- [ ] Grey Gerygone
- [ ] Silvereye

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

06 Land birds continued

- [ ] Welcome Swallow
- [ ] Sacred Kingfisher
- [ ] Australian Magpie
- [ ] Weka
- [ ] Kea Rare
- [ ] Tomtit
- [ ] Rifleman
- [ ] Shining Bronze Cuckoo
- [ ] Morepork
- [ ] New Zealand Pipit
- [ ] New Zealand Falcon Rare

07 Reptiles 1

- [ ] Common New Zealand Skink

08 Sea life 7

- [ ] Blue Shark
- [ ] Southern Rock Lobster
- [ ] Blackfoot Paua
- [ ] Blue Cod
- [ ] Spotty
- [ ] Shortfin Mako Rare
- [ ] Ocean Sunfish Rare

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 88

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Kaikōura passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.