



As this is being written, the future of the proposed Punakaiki National Park is uncertain. What is less uncertain, however, is the suitability of the area for a National Park. These photographs show just a few of its unique features, encompassing mountains, forest and sea.

1 The Westland Black Petrel (Wildlife Service). Punakaiki has the world's only breeding colony; **2** Coastal formations — Trumans Track, north of Punakaiki (G McSweeney); **3** Western Paparoas from Mt Bovis (G McSweeney); **4** Nikau Forest, Punakaiki Coast (G Salmon); **5** Fox River canyon (G Salmon).

