

Above: Flea Bay, Banks Peninsula, from the main area where white-flippered penguins breed, on the northeast side of the bay. Predator control, and special habitat, organised by farmers Francis and Shireen Helps, have led to a local recovery in the population of the endangered bird.

Left: Farmer Francis Helps, checks the current resident of one of the 40 nesting boxes he has built for white-flippered penguins at Flea Bay, Banks Peninsula. Where nesting boxes are sited in open pasture the lids are made of thick slabs of macrocarpa to help keep the interiors cool.



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