

Rapa Nui Special Supplement - Birds on the Island

Hi Denise,

After you mentioned you'd like more on the bird life, i had a bit more of a look around on my next stop overs. The last one happened to be Rapa Nui before back through New zealand which I'm sure you're fairly familiar with.

There seemed to be only 3 main bird species on the island. A small honey eater type bird. it was grey and had a weird shaped heap. Mor of a lumpy bulge at the back of it's head making it look oblong almost. It's beak was long and thin (maybe 5 - 7 cm from what i could see), and curved slightly downwards.

Another one was like a hawk with a high pitched trill. Much bigger than the first mentioned bird, it's wing span was about half a metre. we saw quite few around the islands and on our statue tours.

The third bird which I saw only once from a distance was a white bird. It looked fairly large and appeared to be around the coast whereas the other birds were mainly inland.

Apart from that, there were free range chooks. I have a few photos of the hawk like bird and I'll bounce one or two to you soon.

Take it easy, eh !

See ya !

Brendan