

# Kea

## Sighting Form



Use the QR code or go to  
[www.keadatabase.nz](http://www.keadatabase.nz)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of kea seen: \_\_\_\_\_

or

Number of kea heard (but not seen): \_\_\_\_\_

Bands :  Yes  No  Couldn't Tell

<b>Colour Band</b> <i>e.g. Black K on Yellow</i>	<b>Sex</b> <i>M / F / unsure</i>	<b>Life stage</b> <i>A / sA / Juv / F / Unsure</i>

Behaviour (tick those that apply):

Calling  Flying  Feeding  Resting  Preening

Interacting with:

Other kea  Humans  Non-natural object

General area (e.g. Arthur's Pass NP) \_\_\_\_\_

Location (e.g. Outside of Arthur's Pass store) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Observations (e.g. car surfing): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Observers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Non-sightings are of equal importance to report!**

If you have been tramping, hunting or skiing in the back country where you have seen kea in the past, or think kea should be, then also report these non-sightings on our online form.

Email: [contact@keadatabase.nz](mailto:contact@keadatabase.nz)

Address: Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre, Department of Conservation,  
PO Box 51008, Arthur's Pass 7654.

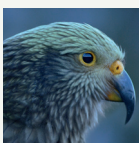
# Reporting

## How to report kea sightings (and non-sightings)

1. Use the QR code overleaf or go to **www.keadatabase.nz**.  
If you don't have mobile reception fill in the sighting form and enter your data into the online form when you have reception.
2. Take photos. If they are banded you should be able to zoom in to read their bands easily. When you enter this information you will see the name of this kea, a map of its sighting locations and other background information.
3. Enter all relevant information into the form and even have a go at sexing the kea (by beak length) and determining life stage (by the amount of yellow around eyes, beak and top of head).
4. Record any interesting behaviour.
5. Use your phone GPS to give a location or just describe the location as best as you can.
6. If possible upload any other photos you took of the kea.
7. It is not necessary to fill in every box but do your best.
8. Follow kea online with your friends, school etc. Get out there, have fun and contribute to kea research and conservation!

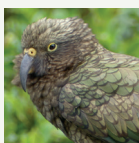
### LIFE STAGES

#### Fledgling: This years chick



Crown:  
very pale yellow  
Ceres and eyelids:  
bright pale yellow  
Plumage:  
Immaculate. Will  
not show moult

#### Juvenile: Previous years chick



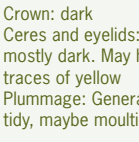
Crown: still pale  
but not glaringly so  
Ceres and eyelids:  
rich yellow  
Plumage: many worn  
feathers, may be  
moultng

#### Subadult: 2-4 years old



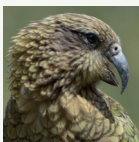
Crown: dark  
Ceres and eyelids:  
splotchy mix of  
yellow and black  
Plumage: Generally  
tidy, may be  
moultng

#### Adult: 4 years plus



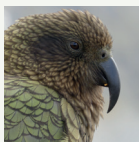
Crown: dark  
Ceres and eyelids:  
mostly dark. May have  
traces of yellow  
Plumage: Generally  
tidy, maybe moultng

#### Adult Female:



Generally smaller  
than male  
Bill Length:  
39mm – 50mm  
Skull length:  
59mm- 67mm  
Weight: Up to 800g

#### Adult Male:



Bill Length: (longer  
than female) 47mm –  
55mm  
Skull length: (also  
longer than female)  
64mm - 70mm  
Weight: Over 1 kg