

Kea

Sighting Form



Use the QR code or go to
www.keadatabase.nz

Date: _____ Time: _____

Number of kea seen: _____

or

Number of kea heard (but not seen): _____

Bands : Yes No Couldn't Tell

Colour Band <i>e.g. Black K on Yellow</i>	Sex <i>M / F / unsure</i>	Life stage <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

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

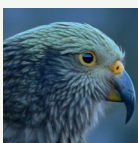
Reporting

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!

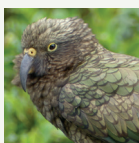
LIFE STAGES

Fledgling: This years chick



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

Juvenile: Previous years chick



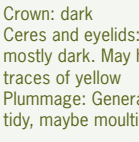
Crown: still pale
but not glaringly so
Ceres and eyelids:
rich yellow
Plumage: many worn
feathers, may be
mouling

Subadult: 2-4 years old



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

Adult: 4 years plus



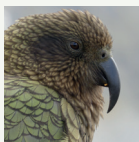
Crown: dark
Ceres and eyelids:
mostly dark. May have
traces of yellow
Plumage: Generally
tidy, maybe mouling

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