# Pāteke/Brown Teal Anas chlorotis Transport Guidance



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# Users of these crates must comply with the Ministry for Primary Industries Code of Welfare for Transport.

https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1407-Transport-within-New-Zealand-Animal-Welfare-Code-of-Welfare

These are the only approved crates to be used for all pāteke/brown teal transfers which meet Air New Zealand's requirements for air transport and approved by the Pāteke/Brown Teal Recovery Group.

The Pāteke/Brown Teal Recovery Group own all crates and are responsible for the design and preparation for transport (as outlined below), all crates are stored at Peacock Springs when not in use.

#### Crate requests:

To request a crate please complete the online form:

https://www.brownteal.com/breeders-area/transport-boxes/

- Crates will be delivered free of charge to your nearest Air New Zealand airport, with the flights and arrival times emailed to you prior.
- Please make crate requests a minimum of two weeks in advance of when you require them.

All transfers of pāteke/brown teal via Air Freight MUST be booked via the online form: <a href="https://www.brownteal.com/breeders-area/airnz-booking/">https://www.brownteal.com/breeders-area/airnz-booking/</a>

#### Crate design:

Material	Plastic - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
Volume	52L
Certification	Foodgrade Approved.
Dimensions (Ext)	645mm L x 415mm W x 276mm H

http://www.plastic.co.nz/plastic-products/1200.html



- Crates will have in total 46 ventilation holes 10mm in diameter drilled into all 4 sides to allow adequate ventilation, the holes are drilled high enough up the side walls to ensure no liquids or content of the crates can escape during transport. The holes are small enough to ensure no birds can fit any body part through them. As the crate walls are sloped this allows for a gap for air flow even when crates are stacked on top on each other inside the plane cargo hold.
- The food grade plastic allows for easy cleaning and sterilisation in between usage.

#### Crate preparation for transport:

- Ensure the crate is clean, sanitised, and dry prior to use.
- A thick layer of shredded newspaper (>10 centimetres thick) shall be used in the base of each transport crate to ensure the birds have ample foot grip and enough absorption for any faecal matter. Dust free straw is an acceptable alternative. Any other substrate needs to be approved by the captive coordinator prior to shipping.



#### Crate capacity:

- Each crate is approved to hold a maximum of five pāteke/brown teal per crate.
- If sending breeding pairs, please limit each crate to a single breeding pair and do not ship progeny in the same crate as the pair.

## Crate labelling:

- All crates shall have labelling to clearly identify which way up the crate should be.
- All crates shall have "Live Animals" stickers to clearly highlight the crates contain live animals.
- They will have the name and phone number of the person receiving the birds, also the name of the destination airport. These labels will be clearly printed on the top of each container.
- The words "Keep out of Direct Sunlight" shall be printed on the label as well to ensure the birds are kept in a nice cool location.



## Crate security:

• All crates shall have 4 zip ties securely tied one to each side of the crate using the appropriate holes to ensure the lid is securely in place during transit.



# Approval



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Department of Conservation

Date: 8 March 2022

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Date: 9 March 2022

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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# Approval from Air New Zealand





1st December 2021

**Dear Pete Barton** 

**RE: Pateke Containers** 

After reviewing the containers and process of handling the Pateke, Air New Zealand Cargo deem that the containers are suitable for the handling of this species when accepted as cargo.

Yours sincerely

Air New Zealand Cargo