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# The heavy-footed moa





This reconstruction of the heavy-footed moa (*Pachyornis elephantopus*) portrays the extraordinary bulk of this species. It had massive legs, and its large olfactory lobes suggest that it had a keen sense of smell. The heavy-footed moa lived in the forests and

shrublands of the east coast of the South Island. Its remains have been found in middens on the Waitaki and Rakaia rivers.

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