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Nature in the city



The Real Garden Bird Survey Saturday 27 June – Sunday 5 July

Thanks to all of you who took part in our lockdown Garden Bird Surveys. They were based on Manaaki Whenua / Landcare Research's annual nationwide bird surveys, which are now into their 14th season. Now is the time to put that good bird ID upskilling into practice.

If you want to see recent bird count trends, check out [State of NZ Garden Birds 2019](#).

You don't need to be an expert birder to take part, but it helps if you can recognise a few species. There are loads of resources on the [NZ Garden Bird Survey](#) website, including handy [bird calls](#).

All you need to do is:

Pick a day to do your survey From tomorrow (Saturday 27 June) until Sunday 5 July

Choose a time Anytime will do, but birds are generally most active early morning and late afternoon

Pick your survey location Your garden or a local park or reserve

Download the bird [tally sheet](#) (optional but recommended)

Find a comfy spot A chair in your garden or even looking out your window.

Set aside one hour Record what you see (or hear). For each species record

the **highest number** you see (or hear) **at one time**. Yes, birds flying over your garden count.

Enter your observations Enter your data on the [NZ Garden Bird Survey](#) website

And please send this newsletter to anyone you think might want to take part in the NZ Garden Bird Survey.



Help with funding

Need more traps, tracking tunnels or protective gear for your next weeding bee? Even if you know where funds can be found, applying can be a chore, and someone has to look after the funds.

Urban Ark – Manawa Taiao (UAMT) is here to help. We recently helped Predator Free Grey Lynn secure over \$3000 Local Board funding for more traps and monitoring equipment. UAMT helped with the funding application and PF Grey Lynn will be using UAMT as an umbrella organisation to look after the funding.

If you've got a project in mind, or just need more kit, talk to us. There are many sources of funding but local boards are a good first stop. Upcoming funding rounds include:

- Albert-Eden Local Board Quick Response Grant (\$500 - \$3000). Apply by 3 July 2020. Get in quick!
- Waitematā Local Board Grant (\$3000 - \$7500). Apply by 7 August 2020

- Albert-Eden Local Board Grant Round 1 (\$3000 - \$8000). Apply by 28 August 2020.

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