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Nature in the city

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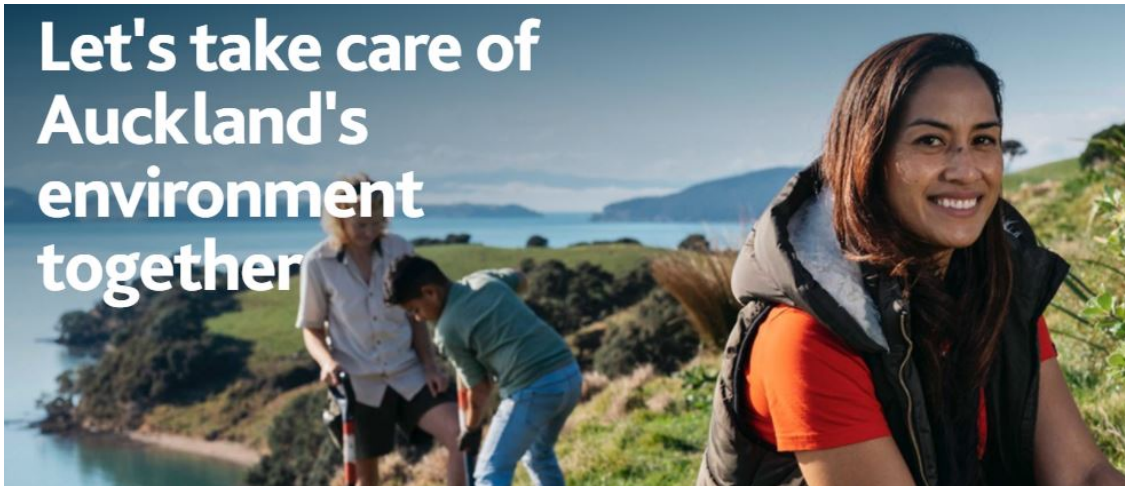
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As COVID-19 community transmission remains stubbornly non-zero it is difficult for us to plan exact dates for upcoming events. Keep checking out the [Events page](#) of our website and our [Facebook group](#) for details. In the next few months we're hoping to have:

- **Bat monitoring** Let's see if we can hear (or perhaps see) any pekapeka (NZ long-tailed bats) in the wooded areas of Auckland's inner west. We'll have a bat detector or two, and possibly some expert assistance. November / December.
- **Water quality monitoring workshop** Learn from the experts about freshwater monitoring, and help set up a network of regular monitoring spots across our streams.
- **Social Media training** Learn some tips and tricks for promoting your group, activity or event on Facebook, Instagram or whatever.
- **Better trapping workshop** We could all trap better! No?
- **Jaggers Bush cleanup** The vegetated strip between the Zoo and Meola Reef is getting a bit of love from council contractors but we think we can do more. We're looking to remove rubbish, free up native plants from cloaking weeds, pull a few willow and privet seedlings and share some stories over a picnic or barbecue.

If you want to help organise any of these, please get in touch. And if there's an event you'd like to see, sing out.



Auckland Council have recently released the [Tiaki Tamaki Makaurau Conservation](#) website. It is a brilliant resource for anyone interesting in conservation and native biodiversity in the city. In particular, head to the [Conservation map](#), where you can check out Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs), biodiversity focus areas, streams (piped and open), walkways and cycle paths, cases of kauri dieback and lots more. The map will grow over time and will soon show the areas where volunteer conservation groups operate.

Auckland Pest Control Study

Help Rosie Gerolemou with her PhD study. You've got until Sunday (13 September) to complete her [survey](#) on volunteering, predator control and our progress towards a Pest Free Auckland 2050. It'll take 15-20 minutes.

Quiz Time

Our buddies Friends of the Whau pitched this as a kids' quiz, but it tripped up plenty of my adult friends.

1) Which native bird is considered important for spreading native trees?

- a) Kiwi
- b) Kererū
- c) Takahē
- d) Tūturiwhatu / NZ dotterel

2) What creature was around when the dinosaurs existed?

- a) Tūturiwhatu / NZ dotterel
- b) Pūkeko
- c) Touhou / Silvereye
- d) Wētā

- 3) What bird was considered extinct until it was discovered alive in 2003?
- a) Tūturiwhatu / NZ dotterel
 - b) NZ Storm Petrel
 - c) Mātātā / Fernbird
 - d) Weka
- 4) Which plant is the only endemic palm tree of the New Zealand mainland?
- (a) Harakeke / flax
 - (b) Pūriri
 - (c) Nīkau
 - (d) Tī Kōuka / cabbage tree

answers at the end.... yeah, I know you don't need to look.



KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI
14-20 MAHURU 2020

With [Te Wiki O Te Reo](#) just around the corner it is time to look at our use of Māori bird names. Did you know that iwi in different parts of Aotearoa use 19 different names for fantails? Find out more in Predator Free NZ's [Putting the case for using Māori bird names](#).



It's that time again! join [The Great Kererū Count](#), New Zealand's biggest citizen science project to help gather information on the abundance and distribution of the New Zealand pigeon — also known as kererū, kūkū or kūkupa.

The humble kererū are undertaking the largest plant restoration project the country has ever seen. Kererū are the only bird left in New Zealand that are able to swallow and disperse the seeds from our largest native trees such as tawa, taraire, pūriri and matai. Their disappearance would be a disaster for our native forests.

All you need to do is record your observations on their website or on [iNaturalist](#). Let's see if we can beat the 14,287 counted at the same time last year.



Love your Regional Parks? Now is the time to help shape the [Regional Parks Management Plan](#). It has been a decade since the last one and it is time for review. Read the Discussion Paper, work out what's important to you, then have your say between now and 12 October.



What is the state of Aotearoa's native biodiversity, and what is DOC's strategy for improving it? Set a little time aside and dive into their recently-released [Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy](#).

For something lighter, try Boffa Miskell's [Helen Blackie talking to RNZ's Lynn Freeman](#) about creative technologies we might use to attain our goal of a Predator Free 2050.

Quiz answers

(1) Kererū (2) Wētā (3) NZ Storm Petrel (4) Nīkau



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