



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



## Conservation Week 14–22 October 2017

Show your backyard some love this Conservation Week. Get involved by protecting, growing, nurturing and caring for our nature.

### Events

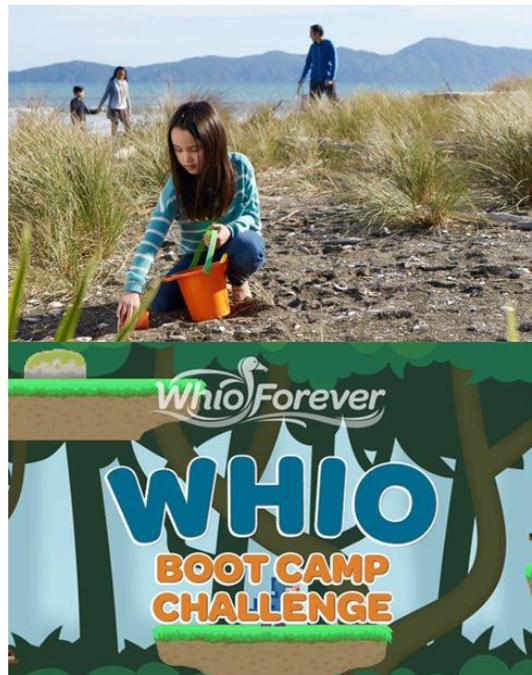
Take part in a [Conservation Week event](#) near you. If you're organising an event you can [list your event on Eventfinda](#) and it will be added to our website.

### Activities

Doing something for Conservation Week is easy. We have lots of [activity ideas](#) to get you started.

### Competitions

[The Whio Boot Camp challenge](#) is back! Play the game and be in to win an amazing whio adventure. Have a go at the [whio colouring competition](#), and you could win some great prizes.



## Conservation Week 2017

### Update from Lou

In his latest update Director-General Lou Sanson talks about our myrtle rust response, celebrating Women of Influence, Te Wāhipounamu World Heritage Area, the alpine fault and Predator Free 2050.

- [Read Lou's latest update](#)
- [Sign up to Lou's mailing list](#)



### Predator Free 2050

[Predator Free 2050](#) is an ambitious goal to rid New Zealand of the most damaging introduced predators that threaten our nation's natural taonga, our economy and primary sector.



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### Stories about Predator Free 2050

Check out the [latest news articles, stories and blog posts](#) about Predator Free 2050.

### Funding for large-scale predator eradication projects

Predator Free 2050 Ltd is now seeking [expressions of interest](#) from conservation groups that are capable and committed to helping New Zealand achieve the Predator Free 2050 goal.

### Get involved

#### Help us select the new Great Walks

We'd like to hear which existing walks iwi, communities and other stakeholders consider should be Great Walks, and why - [submit an initial proposal](#) by 30 November 2017.



## Kea sighting database

The Kea Database is a new citizen science initiative from the Arthur's Pass Kea Team.

Browse the banded birds they have in their system and help by [recording your own sightings](#).

## Our work

### Fiordland kiwi diaries

Tim is a ranger on the front lines of the Save Our Iconic Kiwi initiative. Follow his blog series 'Fiordland kiwi diaries' to learn about the work he's doing to save the Fiordland tokoeka (kiwi):

- [Part I: Saving Our Iconic Kiwi](#)
- [Part II: Catching the mysterious tokoeka](#)
- [Part III: The Shy Lake housing crisis](#)

### Protecting our species and places

It's our job to enforce laws that conserve New Zealand's natural and historic heritage.

We encourage members of the public to report any possible illegal activity on any conservation matter, via the DOC emergency hotline 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468).

We're currently urging the public to come forward with information after a [critically endangered sea lion/rāpoka was shot](#) on a Catlins beach.



## Our nature

### Beware of wildlife on our roads

Last month a rare [rowi kiwi died after being hit by a car](#) in North Ōkārito Forest near Franz Josef.

A few days later [two kea were struck by vehicles](#) on SH73 near Arthur's Pass.

If you're travelling in these areas, look out for the wildlife road signs and take a bit of extra care on the roads.



## Photo of the month

### Celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Toitū te marae a Tāne-Mahuta, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te tangata.

If the land is well and the sea is well the people will thrive.

Photo by Crystal Brindle ([Adelaide Tarn Hut](#), Kahurangi National Park).



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