

# What's Up DOC – July 2018



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



## Have you ever heard of the Ōhau rock daisy?

It only grows on the Ōhau Point coastal bluffs at Kaikoura and it lost about 95% of its habitat to landslides in the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake.

The native plant risked extinction, but thanks to careful conservation its outlook is bright.

[How to abseil for daisies](#)

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## Update from Lou

Lou talks about the budget increase for conservation, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, the Parks and Outdoor Recreation DOC scholarships, Predator Free 2050 work by Rotorua Canopy Tours, safety and wellbeing systems, the Sustainable Summits Conference in France and the takahē transfer.

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



## Earn an Expedition Leader medal

Ensure your group has a safe and enjoyable expedition by planning ahead and taking the necessary supplies.

[How to earn a Toa kaiwhakataka – Expedition Leader medal](#) in our [Toyota Kiwi Guardians](#) programme for kids.



## Nature

### Whirinaki is a whoio hotspot

Walk the popular track to Central Whirinaki Hut in Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park to have one of the best chances of seeing blue duck/whoio in the wild.

[Numbers of the rare bird are booming](#) thanks to intensive predator control.

### Kiwi, ferrets and sabotage

DOC rangers are trying to protect North Island brown kiwi from ferrets in Tongariro Forest. They were shocked and dismayed to find traps [broken and tossed](#).



### Threatened sharks

The basking shark and great white shark have been [classed as Threatened](#) for the first time.



## Our work

### New species found through research partnership

[A new species of diving petrel has been identified](#) and the entire population lives on a 1 km sand strip on Codfish Island/Whenua Hou.



## 2,000 hours of conservation

DOC's Thomas Wright and Catherine Sutherland are champions when it comes to identifying conservation outcomes that can be achieved by [working with volunteers](#).



## Snail murder scenes in the northern Ruahine Range

Find out what it takes to [survey \*Powelliphanta marchanti\* snails](#) in the North Island's Ruahine Range.



## Photo of the month

What's the next best thing to seeing a kiwi? It might be seeing kiwi footprints in the snow near Shy Lake, Fiordland.

[Delve into our Fiordland kiwi diaries](#) to find out how we're monitoring the survival of kiwi chicks in this area over five years.

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