



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Kiwi chicks need help against stoats

There's never been any pest control done at the remote Shy Lake basin in Fiordland. Last year, we started monitoring southern Fiordland tokoeka kiwi there and every kiwi chick we monitored was killed by a stoat. There's a clear need for pest control.

Kiwi populations around the country are declining at an average of 2% a year. The goal for Save Our Iconic Kiwi is to turn this decline around, so that every type of kiwi is increasing in number.

**Our plan to save
kiwi**

New hut perfect for Christchurch families

Book now to stay in a new 12-bunk hut on Ōtamahua/Quail Island, just 10 minutes' ferry ride from Lyttelton.

[Ōtamahua Hut](#) has been transformed from an historic caretaker's cottage.



Get involved

Christmas gift ideas

[Trees That Count](#) connects trees with tree-planting groups around the country. If someone you know loves trees but can't plant many, you could buy trees on their behalf as a meaningful gift.

Other conservation gift ideas:

- [Adopt a kākāpō](#)
- [Sponsor a Kahurangi takahē](#)

Volunteer

There are opportunities all around New Zealand, from [weeding on Stewart Island/Rakiura](#) to [helping out in Whangarei](#).

[Volunteer in your region](#).



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Nature

First takahē eggs for Kahurangi

The pitter patter of little takahē feet is on the cards at Kahurangi National Park – the [first eggs](#) of the new wild population have been found at Goulard Downs off the Heaphy Track.

The park is the only place in New Zealand where visitors have a chance to see takahē in the wild.

Restoring the Mackenzie Basin and Aoraki National Park

[Te Manahuna Aoraki](#) will restore 310,000 ha of iconic landscapes. Aoraki National Park is home to kea, rock wren/tuke and scree wētā, and the Mackenzie Basin harbours wrybill, robust grasshopper, banded dotterel and the world's rarest wading bird: black stilt/kakī.



Lichens in the limelight

Did you know lichens are not a single organism, but their own mini ecosystem? One special group lives only on leaf surfaces.

Our Threatened Species Ambassador shines a light on uncharismatic but lovable New Zealand species every week on [RNZ](#).

Our work

Q&A with ranger Ali

[Meet Senior Biodiversity Ranger Ali](#). She tells us what it's like to work with some of New Zealand's most unique species, including blue duck/whio, kiwi and short-tailed bats.

#TiakiPromise

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it.

We're working with six tourism organisations to encourage international and domestic travellers to act as [guardians of Aotearoa New Zealand](#).

Water sample results for Northland 1080 operation

Aerial 1080 was applied to Russell Forest in September to help restore bird life and regenerate forest destroyed by pests. Waterways were tested afterwards and results [came back clear](#).

Did you know? [1080 has never contaminated New Zealand's drinking water supplies](#).

If you're looking for an easy way to bring your friends and family up to date with the [facts about 1080](#), sharing content from our [social media channels](#) could be a great start.

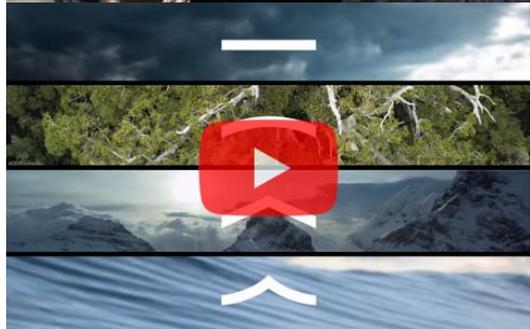


Photo of the month

On 29 October, we welcomed the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to Abel Tasman National Park. We shared with them the restoration work being done through our staff and iwi partnerships with Project Janszoon, Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust and an Air New Zealand-supported project in the Tōtaranui area.

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