

# MANGEMANGEROA RESERVE

The Reserve is named after the mangemange - a twisting, climbing fern found in native bush. This fern was used by Māori to tie raupō thatch to manuka-framed whare (huts) and for making hinaki (eel traps).

## KAITIAKI

The Friends of Mangemangeroa and Volunteers work very hard to take good care of the reserve.

A kaitiaki is a person or group that acts as a carer, guardian, protector and conservator. The gods of the natural world were considered to be the original kaitiaki - Tāne, god of the forest, was the kaitiaki of the forest. The process and practices of protecting and looking after the environment are referred to as kaitiakitanga.

A great way to get to know the Mangemangeroa Reserve is to go exploring. There are lots of different walks to inspire you.

The Rotary path is a short walk with farmland, coastal native bush and estuary views. You start at the main car park on Somerville Road and follow the sign posts.

Other paths you may like

Kowhai Path    Waharau Bush Path    Mangemangeroa Shelly Beach Path

## ACTIVITIES IT IS OK TO DO AT MANGEMANGEROA RESERVE

Walk my dog on a lead  
Pick up rubbish  
Take photos  
Plant native trees on planting days  
HAVE FUN

Mangemangeroa Reserve has pests. Weasels, possums and rats hidden in its groves of pōhutukawa and harakeke and along the shores of its estuary. Rabbits, possums feed on native flora while cats, stoats, ferrets and weasels are fauna feeders. We are lucky that there is a monitoring programme in place at the reserve for some of these pests.

What pests are we working to keep out of Mangemangeroa?

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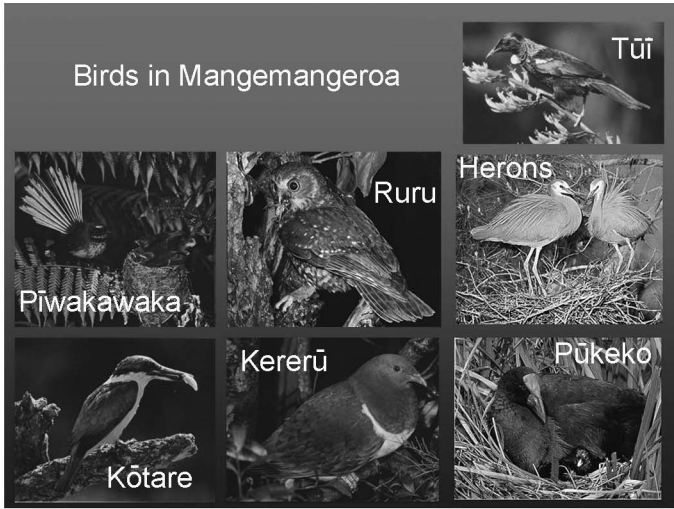


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Along the forest track, listen out for some of our native birds, tūi, kererū (NZ pigeon), piwakawaka (fantail), tauhou (silvereye) and riroriro (grey warbler). The Pūkeko and moho-pereru (banded rail) prefer mangroves and rushes in the estuarine areas, while kōtare (kingfisher), white-faced heron, and a variety of shags and tōrea (oystercatchers) like it in the muddy channels.



What birds did you see on your walk?



Kowhai  
Manuka  
Silver Fern  
Pohutukawa  
Kohekohe  
Nikau Palms  
Kahikatea  
Taraire  
Karaka  
Puriri

What trees did you see on your walk

FIND THE WORDS  
Words can be down, across or diagonal

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RESERVE  
RURU  
POHUTUKAWA  
MANUKA  
TUI  
PURIRI  
KOTARE  
KOWHAI  
KERERU  
MANGEMANGEROA  
PUKEKO