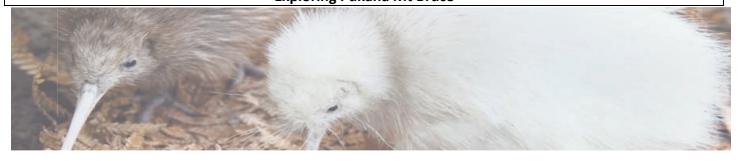


# Pukaha



Pukaha Mt Bruce is an ideal destination for classes and groups looking to explore the flora and fauna found in a natural environment here in the Wairarapa. It provides visitors with an authentic experience where they can explore some of our living taonga.

Toru : Papakāinga						
Pukaha						
Curriculum	English	Health and Physical Education	Mathematics	Social Sciences	The	
Links	Arts					
Exploring Pukaha Mt Bruce						



### Tāhuhu Kōrero - Pukaha

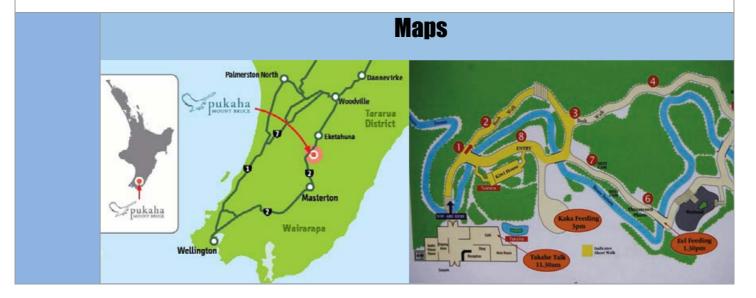
"E koekoe te tui, e ketekete te kaka e kutu te kereru"

"The tui sings, the kaka chatters, the pigeon

coos" (A proverb about diversity)

Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre is a wildlife restoration centre at a protected forest area on State Highway 2 in New Zealand's Tararua district.

This section of the unit focusses on Pukaha Mount Bruce. It encourages students and educators to explore this natural resource and protected forest area.



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# Pukaha



# **Day Education Visit**

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A day education visit includes having a Visitor Experience ranger as your guide throughout your visit. Our Huia Room is made available as your base for the day.

Your ranger will welcome you to Pukaha and be with you at all times when you are in the reserve.

We only take one school per day with 1 ranger provided for every 25 children. We prefer the maximum number of children on each day to be 50 although do talk to us if you have more coming through. We're very flexible and happy to help you plan your visit with us.

We only charge \$4 per student and all teachers/parents/caregivers attending within a ratio of 1 adults to 6 children will be free of charge. Any adults above this ratio will be charged at normal entry prices. To check latest charges please visit <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/pukaha">http://www.doc.govt.nz/pukaha</a>

To book email us at info@pukaha.org.nz, call us on 06 375 8004 or download and fill out a booking form by clicking here

### Waiata Pukaha

#### Manu hüia

Up until the mid-1800s huia were found in prolific numbers in the forested areas of the Wairarapa. The clearing of forest to make way for agriculture and over-hunting by early settlers was the main contributing factor to the extinction of the hüia.

The hüia is the only bird to develop different sized and shaped beaks in the male and female.

The male's beak was short, straight and strong to chisel rotten wood to locate grubs.

The female's beak was long, slender and curved so that it could get to grubs in wood where the male could not reach.

Our old people used the prized feathers of the hüia and also ate the bird when necessary.

Hüia were declared extinct in 1907 with the last ones seen in the Tararua Mountains though unofficial sightings were recorded after that date.

## Waiata



CD available at Akona Rangitane

<u>Manuhuia</u> Pukaha Songs from the forest
Written by Mike Kawana (Rangitane)

#### **Waiata Pukaha**

This song was written to remind us of our environment. All the other creatures are still important. The Huia died because we cut down all the trees to make way for farms. We didn't think about how the land and creatures could sustain into the future. A reminder of our responsibility as kaitiaki (caretakers/guardians – all of us)

#### Tiororo x 2

#### koko e ko x2

Manuhuia
pērā hoki ra i te moa
kore e kitea ngaro noa
aue taukiri ē
manuhuia
hoihoi ana tō tangi karanga
rongohia e te hunga wairua,
aue tangihia
ko Tawera te whetu mārama
i te ata ka tīramarama
rite nei i a koe manuhuia
Te rau o marereko rau ariki
kotore huia ka tikitiki
ki runga te māhunga manuhuia

Manuhuia pērā hoki rā i te moa kore e kitea ngaro noa aue taukiri ē taukiri ē

#### The sounds that these birds make

The Huia bird
Just like the moa
forever lost
Such a sad thing
The huia bird
Your beautiful voice is silent in this world
but still heard in the spirit world
sad still
the morning star seen by all
in the morning it shines brightly
Just as you did
Your feathers were highly prized
worn only by chiefs
A sign of your significance

The Huia bird Just like the moa forever lost Such a sad thing

