

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 Links	English Arts	Health and Physical Education	Mathematics	Social Sciences	The
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.

## Maps



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Links <http://www.doc.govt.nz/pukaha>



## Day Education Visit

### Day education visit

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 <http://www.doc.govt.nz/pukaha>

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

## **Waiata Pukaha**

### **Manu hūia**

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 hūia.

The hūia 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 hūia and also ate the bird when necessary.

Hūia 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  
**Manuhuia** 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

