



Restoring the Dawn Chorus in the Auckland Region

Auckland Naturally Programme

February 2007

Welcome to the first Auckland *Naturally* Programme for 2007. This varied programme provides plenty of scope for encountering nature throughout the Auckland Region. We look forward to seeing you at these events. With best wishes from the team at the Northern Regional Office.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Saturday 3 March (South Auckland) Mangatawhiri Dam, Hunua Ranges: KCC overnight camp suitable for all ages. Bring your own tent and join other KCC members for a walk and games. Camp fee \$3 per child, \$5 adult, preschoolers free. Book with Diane on 292 5756.

Sunday 4 March (KCC, North Shore) Rock Pool Detectives are on the Lookout: meet 1pm at the Huntly Rd carpark, Campbells Bay. Contact Ute on 444 1461 to confirm interest in case of cancellation.

Saturday 10 March (Waitakere) Off the beaten track in Matuku: leader John Staniland will be conducting a tour of some new areas of Matuku Reserve. Meet 10am at the reserve. Book with Glenys on 832 6238.

Saturday 17 March (Central Auckland) Bush ramble: explore some of West Auckland's reserves. Cost \$18. For details and booking, contact Karen on 828 2680.

Sunday 18 March (Mid North) Mangawhai Cliffs Walk: a 4 hour walk following the cliff path and then return along the beach. Meet 11am at end of Mangawhai Heads Rd. For details, contact Warwick on 09 425 9246.

Sunday 18 March (Franklin) Port Waikato Sand Dunes: walk to the mouth of the Waikato River and look at the work the Port Waikato Sand Dune Care Group have done to protect this local feature. Meet 1:30pm at beach carpark. Contact Keith on 09 238 9928.

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Saturday 24 March (South Auckland) The Rainforest Express: travel Watercare's bush tramway through the beautiful Waitakere bush to the Nihotupu dam. Mixed sizes needed to make up the load so bring children and grandchildren. Trip lasts three and a half hours so bring lunch. For bookings contact Jan on 524 2229 or Hannah on 576 4191.

Saturday 24 March (Central Auckland, North Shore, Waitakere & Kaipara) ArkExplore, Cascades, Falls Rd, Waitakere, 9am-4pm. This is a special event sponsored by 'Auckland Enviroteenz' for teenage and student members of F&B for a day of exploration and events including guided walks, bird-watching, a supervised mist-netting activity, and hands-on experience of pest control and monitoring. For more information and to register, email ArkExplore@gmail.com or phone Suzi on 021 271 2527.

Sunday 25 March (KCC, Central Auckland) Fossil Forests with Geologist Hugh Grenfell: meet 10am at the end of Ihumatao Rd. More details on booking with Marianne at Marianne@value.net.nz or phone 360 2245.

Saturday 7 April (Waitakere) Te Atatu Peninsula coastline walk: enjoy the wetlands, coastal birds and mangroves. Meet 10am at carpark nearest motorway, opposite Gloria Ave at Harbourview Beach Reserve. Book with Glenys on 832 6238.

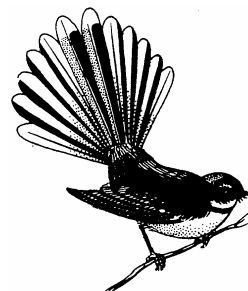
Sunday 22 April (South Auckland). How to spot insects and mites on our native bushes and trees: walk the Massey/Cossey Dam loop track with leader Dr Nicholas Martin. Meet 10am at Hunua Falls carpark with lunch. Contact Jan on 524 2229.

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Sunday 22 April (Franklin) Harker's Reserve, Onewhero: visit this lovely reserve which is looked after by locals. A nice bush walk along good paths. Meet 1:30 pm at reserve carpark. Contact Keith on 09 238 9928.

Saturday 12 May (Waitakere) Tawharanui Peninsula mainland island: meet 8:45am for carpooling at Kelston Community Centre. Otherwise 10.30am at carpark at far end (near beach) of the road within the mainland island. Book with Glenys on 832 6238.

Saturday 19 May (Central Auckland) Scandrett Park, Warkworth: this is one of the newer ARC parks. Cost \$24. For details contact Lou on 376 4072.



Sunday 20 May (Franklin) Private Award Winning Private Wetland Area: visit to Francis' property, Parker Lane, Buckland. F&B helped to plant a small area on their farm. For details, contact Keith on 09 238 9928.

Sunday 20 May (KCC, North Shore) Leaf Hunt & Tree Detectives Required: meet 1:15pm in Kauri Glen Rd outside Northcote College main entrance (parking off main road). The chief detective will be Margi Keys who will help identify many plants in Le Roys Bush. Bring any plant and tree ID books you have, Book with Christine on 410 7789.

CONSERVATION TALKS

Monday 5 March (North Shore) 'The Auckland Islands and the Southern Right Whale' presented by Murdoch Vant. The talk will include some history of the Auckland Islands and associated wildlife. Come and hear about this adventurous trip! 7:45pm, Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, the Strand (behind library), Takapuna.

Monday 12 March (South Auckland) 'The Migration of NZ Godwits throughout Asia' Adrien Riegen will report on a recent trip where he looked at NZ Godwits in China. 7:30pm at the Haseler Hall, All Saints Church, Selwyn Rd, Howick.

Wednesday 14 March (Waitakere) 'Raoul Island' Liz Maire, Programme Manager and Community Relations Officer for DoC, visited Raoul Island in 2005. She will give an illustrated talk based on her time there. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.

Sunday 18 March (Central Auckland) 'Pipe Henge' Eric Jackson will demonstrate, by using a Pipe Henge, how an understanding of astronomy can help with birdwatching. This should be a fascinating talk. 2:30pm in upstairs meeting rooms, Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Rd.

Tuesday 20 March (Kaipara) 'Sand Dune Restoration in Kaipara' with Greg Jenks who will talk about 170 years of dune degradation, and how people working together can reverse those earlier and unforeseen problems. 7:30pm at the Waimauku Hall. For details, contact Suzi at suzi@dialogue.co.nz or 021 271 2527.

Thursday 22 March (Hibiscus Coast) Mark Bellingham, F&B's North Island Field Coordinator, will speak about the proposal to have the Kaipara Harbour nominated as a Wetland of International Importance. Mark will reveal the amazing birdlife, fisheries and landscapes of the Kaipara and F&B's plans for protection and sustainable development for future generations. 7:30pm at the Red Cross Hall, Silverdale.

Monday 2 April (North Shore) 'Return of the Teal to Campbell Island' by John Potter. 7:45pm, Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, the Strand (behind library), Takapuna.

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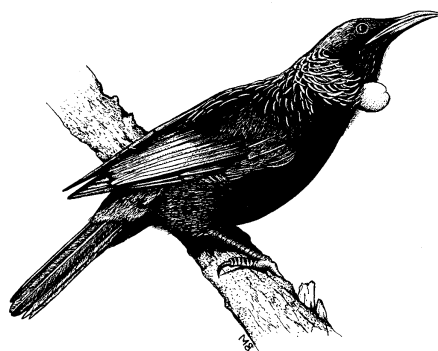
Monday 16 April (South Auckland) 'What does that?' Insects and mites that cause bumps and mines. Dr Nicholas Martin, Entomologist, Crop and Food Research, talks about some of the secrets of the insect world. 7:30pm at the Methodist Lounge, cnr Alfriston and Great South Roads, Manurewa.

Sunday 15 April (Central Auckland) 'Motutapu & Rangitoto Islands' Belinda Vernon will speak about the restoration projects being carried out on Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands. 2:30pm in upstairs meeting rooms, Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Rd.



Thursday 19 April (Waitakere) 'Ark in the Park Project update' Several bird translocations have occurred and plans continue to bring more species to the Ranges. Get up-to-date on this exciting joint ARC/F&B project. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.

Thursday 17 May (Waitakere) 'A Naturalist in Fiji' Dr Peter Maddison, National President of Forest and Bird, will show the results of recent work he and others carried out in 2006 on the biodiversity of Fiji Mountain areas. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.



ONGOING RESTORATION PROJECTS

Ark in the Park – a partnership project between Forest & Bird Waitakere Branch and the Auckland Regional Council. Volunteer days are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Contact John on 818 5267 or Karen on 837 0443.

Atawhai Whenua Reserve Waiheke Island, working bee last Saturday each month. Contact Lincoln on 3723102.

Atuanui Restoration Project Kaipara. Volunteers required to help with pest control, monitoring, and establishing bait-lines on most weekends. Contact Suzi on suzi@dialogue.co.nz or 021 271 2527.

Centennial Park Restoration Project Castor Bay, North Shore. Contact Richard on 410 5339 for working bee times, or go to www.manawa.org.nz

Kaipatiki Ecological Restoration Project For programme of activities see www.kaipatiki.org.nz or call 482 1172.

Onetangi Reserve Waiheke Island, working bee on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Brian on 372 7662.

Motuihe Island Re-Vegetation Project planting day trips 2nd and 4th weekends of each month from Downtown ferry. Saturday 9am & Sunday 9:15 returning 3:30pm. Nursery and other activities. Please book for groups. Details www.motuihe.org.nz or contact John on 0800 668844.

Motutapu Island Re-vegetation Project Nursery work plus weed control in summer, tree planting in winter. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: Transport "Motutapu Tree Planters". Fullers Ferry departs Downtown at 9:15am and returns 5pm. Cost \$15 adult, \$7 children. Register with Bridget on 524 5072 or email admin@motutapu.org.nz

Raroa Restoration Project 53 Stanmore Bay Rd, Whangaparaoa, volunteer days on first Saturday of the month. Contact Spencer on 09 427 5517.

The Tuff Crater Millenium Forest Project North Shore, weeding group. For details, contact Anne on 480 5570.

Twin Streams Project Waitakere City. For details, contact Britta on 836 8000.

Wenderholm Regional Park plant nursery volunteers needed. For details, contact ARC ranger on 426 1200.