



Restoring the Dawn Chorus in the Auckland Region

Auckland Naturally Programme

June 2007

Welcome to the Auckland *Naturally* winter programme for 2007. We look forward to seeing you at these events. With best wishes from the team at the Northern Regional Office.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Saturday 9 June (South Auckland) Mangemangeroa Reserve planting: Meet 9am at car park, south end of Somerville Rd with drinks and snack. Bring spade and plant raised from ecosourced seed. For enquiries, contact Graham on 276 3092.

Sunday 10 June (North Shore) The big Tuff Crater tree planting: Forest & Bird's and KCC North West Wildlink planting day. Follow the signs at end of Warehouse Way, off Akoranga Dr, and meet 10am (finishing midday). Bring your spade, friends and neighbours.

Saturday 16 June (Central Auckland) Whitford bird & sculpture garden: visit renowned wildlife artist Blake Twigden's garden and walk in free flight aviary. Explore Whitford and Maraetai area. Cost: \$30 including morning tea and entrance fee. Book with Karen on 528 7506.

Sunday 17 June (Waitakere) A day on Rangitoto: Depart 9:15am from downtown wharf, returning at 5pm (options: 12:45pm or 3pm). Bookings directly with Fullers Ferries, then let Glenys know so that can group together. Cost: adult \$20, child (5-10 years) \$11. Book with Glenys on 832 6238.

Sunday 17 June (Franklin) Planting on Cape Hill: Meet 1:30pm at beginning of walkway by Ernie's Reserve. Bring a spade and eco-sourced plants grown over the year. Contact Keith on 09 238 9928.

Sunday 24 June: (North Shore) Le Roys Bush planting: meet 10am (finishing midday) to plant flax & karamu beside the bridge at the bottom of Glade Place. Please bring gloves, spades and gumboots. For further details, contact Keith on 480 9233 or 021 069 0676: email: kwsalmon@gmail.com.

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Sunday 8 July (North Shore) Riverhead, Lucas Creek, Upper Harbour Day Ferry Trip: Cost is \$42 per adult, \$15 per child, including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea. Ferry departs at 10:20am from the Viaduct. Bookings essential with Rhonda on 479 2259.

Sunday 15 July (Waitakere) A visit to Waiatarua Wetland with leader Chris Bindon. Meet 8:30am for carpooling at Kelston Community Centre or meet 9:30am at Tahuna Torea Reserve. Lunch at the Reserve before travelling over to Waiatarua Wetland. Bookings essential by 1 July with Glenys on 832 6238.

Saturday 21 July (Central Auckland) Auckland by rail: be surprised by the sights you will see from suburban rail tracks and help to combat global warming! Meet 9:30am sharp at Britomart Railway Station – first train leaves at 9:40am. More details on booking. Cost: \$14 for all day ticket. Book with John on 528 7506.

Sunday 22 July (South Auckland) Motuihe Island: walks, history, great views, and a chance to help in plant nursery. Leader Gill Muggleston. Depart 9.15am pier 2 Fuller's Rangitoto Ferry, Ferry Terminal. Return fare: \$15, volunteer concession for fare & parking. Book a week before with Hannah on 576-4191 or Barbara on 534 8917.

Sunday 22 July (Franklin) Weed control at Peach Hill Reserve: a lot of gorse and woolly nightshade to get rid of. Meet 1:30pm at gate on Peach Hill Rd. Bring suitable equipment. Contact Keith on 09 238 9928.

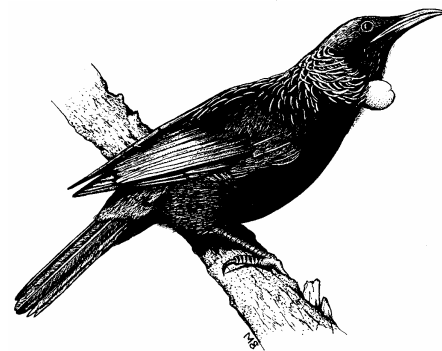
Saturday 18 August (Waitakere) Tawharanui Peninsula Mainland Island: meet 8:45am for carpooling at Kelston Community Centre. Or at 10:30am at car park at far end (near beach) of road within the mainland island. Book by 10 August with Glenys on 832 6238.

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Saturday 18 August: Eastern suburbs reserves: explore some more reserves in this area and enjoy a hot pub lunch! Cost: \$30 (includes lunch). Book with Sally on 528 7506.

Sunday 19 August (Franklin) Motutapu Island: Join other conservationists in a working bee trip to this island for planting. Boat leaves 9:15am from Downtown and returns 4:30pm. Cost: \$15 adults/\$9 children. Book by 12 August with Keith on 09 238 9928.

Sunday 26 August (South Auckland) Zoo visit: leader Mike Wilcox leads a guided walk around the zoo with an emphasis on plants and created animal habitats. Pay own entry charge & meet 10am inside entrance.



FOR SALE

Art for the Kaipara - quality artworks for sale, only online. See works by national and international artists at our online art gallery. Every art work sold raises funds for environmental protection around the Kaipara Harbour. This is not an auction. Artworks available online only at www.kaiparaforestandbird.org.nz/gallery

CONSERVATION TALKS

Monday 4 June (North Shore) 'Bird-Plant Mutualisms in NZ: a health check' Alastair Robertson, Senior Lecturer in Ecology, Massey University, will concentrate on the assessment of the health of bird-plant mutualisms and will draw upon long-standing research between several institutions. 7:45pm, Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand (behind library), Takapuna.

Monday 11 June (South Auckland) 'Saving Maui's dolphin from certain extinction' Mark Bellingham, Forest & Bird's North Island Field Coordinator, will explain the issues behind their current campaign. 7.30pm at the Methodist Lounge, cnr Alfriston and Great South Roads, Manurewa.

Sunday 17 June (Central Auckland) 'Maui's dolphin' another opportunity to hear about the world's rarest marine dolphin, this time from Mike Percy, keen diver and conservationist, with an illustrated talk. 2:30 in upstairs meeting rooms, Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Rd.

Thursday 21 June (Waitakere) 'Mining in the Waitakere Ranges – Good or Bad?' Discover the culprits who are tunnelling through the forest plants. Nicholas Martin, an entomologist with Landcare Research, will speak about leaf miners and other chewing insects. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.

Thursday 21 June (Mid North) 'Eradication of Argentine ants from Tiritiri Matangi Island' Chris Green, DoC's Technical Support Officer, Biodiversity (Invertebrates) will speak about the eradication programme he had been conducting since the ants were discovered in March 2000. 7:30pm in the Catholic Hall, Alnwick St, Warkworth.

Monday 2 July (North Shore) 'Designing a marine protected area network for NZ's Exclusive Economic Zone' Talk by Clinton Duffy about the use of new marine classifications and reserve site selection software to design a network of marine protected areas. 7:45pm, Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand (behind library), Takapuna.

Sunday 15 July (Central Auckland) 'Lichens and mosses' Carol Lockett is a tutor at Unitec and will give us an insight into the wonderful world of lichens and mosses; not to be missed. 2:30 in upstairs meeting rooms, Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Rd.

Thursday 19 July (Waitakere) 'Wetlands – a video of NZ wetlands' filmed & produced by Chris Thomas. Fascinating film footage from a man who has been associated with wildlife through work with fisheries, NIWA, science expeditions and documentaries for BBC, CBC and the NZ National Film Unit. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.

Tuesday 19 July (Kaipara) 'The Green Belt in Rodney - is it a Myth?' Come along to a panel discussion about the need for a buffer zone between town and country. Kaipara Forest & Bird will also be holding its AGM before this discussion. 7:30pm at the Waimauku Hall in Waimauku Station Rd. For more information, go to website activities page at www.kaiparaforestandbird.org.nz

Thursday 19 July (Mid North) 'Experiences with DoC on Raoul Island – and more about seabirds' with speaker Karen Baird, DoC's programme Manager for the Kermadecs. With partner Chris Gaskin, she owned a wildlife tour company having particular seabird experience. 7:30pm in the Catholic Hall, Alnwick St, Warkworth.

Monday 6 August (North Shore) 'Plants and Animals of some small northern NZ islands' by Ewen Cameron. 7:45pm, Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand (behind library), Takapuna.

Monday 13 August (South Auckland) 'A Plague on Them', planning rat eradication on NZ's offshore islands. Steven Miller presents recent research on ship and Norway rats. 7.30pm at the Methodist Lounge, cnr Alfriston and Great South Roads, Manurewa.

Thursday 16 August (Waitakere) 'Juvenile fish and factors affecting their use of estuary habitats' Meredith Lowe has been researching the young of various fish species for her PhD. 7:30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Great North Rd, Kelston.

Thursday 16 August (Mid North) 'Practical monitoring and control of animal predators in Rodney' Dave Galloway and Rebecca Kemp of ARC Biosecurity have lots of practical experience in the monitoring and control of local pests such as mustelids, rats, possums, hedgehogs and feral cats. 7:30pm in the Catholic Hall, Alnwick St, Warkworth.

Sunday 19 August (Central Auckland) 'Kaikoura Island' Tim Martin is an ecologist and trustee of Kaikoura Island. Come along and find out the plans for the island. 2:30 in upstairs meeting rooms, Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Rd.

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 of each month. Contact Lincoln on 372 3102.

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 approx 5pm. Cost \$15 adult, \$7 children. Please 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 and planting group. Contact Anne 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.