

Greater Wellington



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

WINTER 2010

LOWER HUTT

Meetings: First Thursday each month, 7.30 pm, Hutt Valley Tramping Club Rooms, Birch St, Waterloo, Lower Hutt

Chair: Kevin Bateman (04) 970 6457
Secretary: Stan Butcher (04) 567 7271
PO Box 31-194, Lower Hutt

KCC: Karen Baker (04) 938 2050

KAPITI-MANA

Meetings: As listed in programme.

Chair: Tony Ward (04) 293 7203
Secretary: John Mclachlan (04) 904 0027
78 Langdale Avenue Paraparaumu

KCC: Janet Hollow, Mana (04) 237 6097
Sharyn Gunn, Kapiti Coast (04) 905 2300
021 180 4309

UPPER HUTT

Meetings: 7:30 pm at Heretaunga College Staff Room, Ward St, Upper Hutt

Chair: Barry Wards (04) 970 4266
PO Box 40 – 875, Upper Hutt

WAIRARAPA

Meetings: As given in newsletter.

Chair: Geoff Doring 021 619 599
Secretary: Roger Greenslade
18 Johnston St, Marsterton

WELLINGTON

Meetings: Blue Wellington meets monthly
Green Wellington meets monthly
Refer Wgtn Branch pages, F&B web site for more information

Chair: Peter Hunt (04) 232 5726
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KCC: Juliette Cooke (04) 479 1798
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Our Mission: To preserve and protect the native plants, animals and natural features of New Zealand.

Pauahatanui Work Party Days

1st and 3rd Mondays, 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
Wanda Tate (04) 233 1760
Robin Chesterfield (04) 233 8314

Wellington Branch Highbury Native Plant Nursery

Working Sessions (1:30 to 4:30 pm)
April: Sat 10, Sun 25; May: Sat 8, Sun 23; June: Sat 5, Sun 20; July: Sat 3, Sun 18, Sat 31; Aug: Sun 15, Sat 28; Sept: Sun 12
Tuesday morning sessions from 9am
For more details refer to F&B web site, Plant Restoration Group or Contact mistletoe@paradise.net.nz
Chris Streatfield 475 7846 chriss@kriss.net

JUNE

Sun 13 Field trip to Matiu/Somes Island
Alex Kettles 569 6208. Booking essential - Gold card holders travel free on the ferry.

Wed 16 Akatarawa
M/5hrs Gillian & Max George 232 4200

**Wed 23 Winter Solstice
Wilton Bush trails, Picnic Lunch**
M/4.5 hrs Janet Coburn (971-8200) & Graham Seddon (475-3013)

Wed 23 Kapiti Branch Meeting
Mothering Kakapo Chicks, Robert Hawke, Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. 7.30 pm (K)

Wed 23 Upper Hutt Meeting
"Tapu Teranga Marine Reserve - 20 years of toil, strife & determination". Andrew Cutler. Andrew is a former Chair of Wellington Branch and was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the reserve.

Wed 30 MaungakotukutukuTiti/Maunganui traverse
M/F 6hrs Cynthia/Don Petersen 04 902 0035

JULY

Thurs 1 Lower Hutt Branch Meeting
Some Observations on Wildlife in Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Ian Armitage, OSNZ

Wed 7 Zigzags & Walkways of Old Wellington
M/4.5hrs Janet Coburn 971 8200

Wed 14 Days Bay/Lowry Bay
M/4.5hrs Ted Clayton 476 3699

Wed 21 Elsdon Bush to Redwood Bush
M/5hrs Gillian & Max George 232 4200

Wed 28 Woburn/Naenae
M/4.5hrs Marianne Jenner 589 1919

Wed 28 Kapiti Branch Meeting
Raoul Island, Gareth Rapley, Presbyterian Lounge, Ngaio Road, Waikanae. 7.30 pm (K)

Wed 28 Upper Hutt Meeting
Discovery of Dinosaur Footprints in New Zealand. Greg Browne. Greg is a local member and will talk about the discovery of dinosaur footprints in NZ Nelson, as well as some interesting insights into the diet of these animals 70 million years ago and the botany of NZ at the time.

AUGUST

**Wed 4 Rimutaka Forest Park
Old Five Mile Track/Cattle Ridge**
M/5hrs John Groombridge 589 5461

Thurs 5 Lower Hutt Branch Meeting
Challengers and Successes of Zealandia, Karori Sanctuary Raewyn Empson, Karori Sanctuary

**Sun 8 Annual Plant Sale
Waterloo School Hall** Hardy Street 9 am - 12pm. Bring gifts of plants on Sat. 7 Aug. 12-4pm. Helpers welcome both Saturday and Sunday. Barbara 566-1055

Wed 11 Wilton Bush/Johnsons Hill
M/4.5hrs Gillian & Max George 232 4200

Wed 18 Rimutaka Forest Park McKerrow
M/F-6hrs Christine Comerford 586 0588

Wed 25 Skyline/Otari
M/4.5hrs Trevor Mowbray 478 8132

Wed 25 Kapiti Branch Meeting
Botanical Illustration - From the Solomon rainforest to the deserts of United Arab Emirates, Sue Wickison, Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. 7.30 pm (K)

Wed 25 Upper Hutt Meeting
See newsletter for details.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1 North Climie via bush track
M/F 6hrs John Groombridge 589 5461

Thurs 2 Lower Hutt Branch Meeting
Ecological Wonders of Lord Howe Island Robyn Smith, Greater Wellington. A journey into the natural beauty of this island through the eyes of one in search of rest and relaxation.

Wed 8 Clifftops of Makara/Meridian Windfarm
M/4.5hr Barbara Murison 479 5538

Wed 15 Belmont Regional Park
M/5hrs Marylyn Wilkinson / Peter Dallas 477 4591

Wed 22 Rimutaka Forest Park Haurangi Hut
M/5hrs Evelyn Tonks 938 7300

Wed 22 Kapiti Branch Meeting
Kea - Mountain Parrot, the family life of the kea - courtship in the grim alpine winter, mating, egg laying, hatching and raising the chicks to fledging. It really brings out the inquisitiveness and intelligence of New Zealand's favourite parrot. Presbyterian Lounge, Ngaio Road, Waikanae. 7.30 pm. (K)

Wed 29 Upper Hutt Meeting
See newsletter for details

Wed 29 Colonial Knob
M/5hrs John Groombridge 589 5461

OCTOBER

Wed 6 Makara Peak
M/5hrs Graham Seddon 475 3013

Thurs 7 Lower Hutt Branch Meeting
Mainland Island Restoration Operation (MIRO) Protecting the treasures of East Harbour Regional Park. Gail Abel, MIRO

Wed 13 Maungakotukutuku Forest Floor
E/M-4.5hrs Cynthia/Don Petersen 04 902 0035

Wed 20 Kaitoke bush ramble/Ridge Track
M/4.5hrs Rob Ward 04 905 0707

Sun 24 Maungakotukutuku
M/5hrs Cynthia/Don Petersen 04 902 0035

Wed 27 Kapiti Branch Meeting
Off the beaten track - Vistas of Argentina, Chile and Easter Island, Derek Lightbourne, Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. 7.30 pm (K)

Wed 27 Western Hutt hills bush
M/5hrs Marianne Jenner 589 1919

Wed 27 Upper Hutt Meeting
See newsletter for details

NOVEMBER

Wed 3 Karapoti
M/5+hrs John Groombridge 589 5461

Thurs 4 Lower Hutt Branch Meeting
The Tararua Range - Photographs of a Wonder Environment, John Rhodes, Tramper

Wed 24 Kapiti Branch Meeting
The Titi Islands - a Paradise Restored, rat eradication on the Titi Islands, off Stewart Island, and its effect on the wildlife. Presbyterian Lounge, Ngaio Road, Waikanae. 7.30 pm (K)

REGIONAL WALKING GROUP

The Forest and Bird Wellington Regional Walking Group welcomes all members to join them on their regular jaunts. The trips take in some of Wellington's most scenic and

interesting spots, as well as some of the lesser known hideaways. Warm clothing and strong footwear are essential. We ask that children under 15 are accompanied by an adult, plants are not collected and dogs are left at home. Check with the trip leader for more information.

TRIP GRADING

- E - EASY Approx 4 hours on formed undulating tracks/paths.
- M - MODERATE Approx 5 hours on good tracks with climbing
- F - FIT > 5 hours, steeper climbing on bush tracks/routes. Maybe stream crossings.

Public Liability insurance held by Forest and Bird Society covers members only.

Trip leaders should set the fee that each person pays their driver.

Weather Forecast

Met Service has a very useful feature for those of us lucky enough to be on Broadband. This is a seven day forecast that shows you just where the rain will be at three different times during the day - helpful if you are not sure if you have time to get the walk 'in' before the rains come.

E-Trampers

Forest & Bird E-tramp group meets each Wednesday at 10am somewhere in the Wellington region for a tramp of between three and four hours.

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SOCIETY CONTACTS

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WEBSITES

Forest & Bird: www.forestandbird.org.nz

Kiwi Conservation Club: www.kcc.org.nz

NZ Ecological Restoration Network: www.bush.org.nz

NZ Plant Conservation Network: www.nzpcn.org.nz