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## Tauranga Branch Newsletter

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#### Old Blue awarded to Tauranga Volunteer

Congratulations to Eddie Orsulich, dedicated campaigner and local member who has been awarded an 'Old Blue' at Forest and Bird's Annual General Meeting held in June in Wellington. Each year, Forest and Bird presents a handful of members, who have done outstanding work in conservation with this award.

An active member of the Tauranga branch committee, Eddie volunteers a great deal of his time working towards the protection and conservation of the natural environment. His commitment to local environmental challenges such as the Kaimai Mamaku Campaign and his involvement with the Aongatete restoration Trust is much appreciated. Eddie also keeps Forest and Bird in the public arena by commenting in the letters page of the press on a regular basis and also providing branch representation in local government and council meetings. Well done Eddie!

Old Blue awards are named after the Chatham Islands black robin called Old Blue who helped save her species from extinction during the early 1980's.



Eddie receiving his award at the AGM

#### National AGM, Wellington June 2010

More than 100 delegates attended Forest & Bird's 87th annual general meeting in Wellington at the Mercure Hotel from June 25-27.

At a freshwater panel discussion, Fish & Game representatives Bryce Johnson and Neil Deans spoke about the dire impact of dairy farming on river water quality and the ad hoc allocation of water around New Zealand.

Cath Wallace from ECO joined Forest & Bird conservation advocate Quentin Duthie to cover the current campaign against mining national parks and some recent history of mining conservation land. At the Sanderson Memorial Address on Saturday evening, David McDowell – former IUCN director-general and DOC director-general – spoke about the importance of NGOs for conservation.

BirdLife assistant director for network development Hazell Shokellu Thompson visited from Britain to talk about global threats to birds – including migratory birds that do not heed national borders – and the benefits for Forest & Bird of being a BirdLife partner. Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson thanked Forest & Bird for its unwavering advocacy for nature. She described the debate about opening Schedule 4 areas to mining as “incredibly interesting”.

“Like all political debates, it's had plenty of facts and plenty of rhetoric, but it's critical we have these kind of discussions. I assure you that this Government does listen. We will not allow mining to compromise our ability to ensure our most valuable natural heritage remains protected for our families to enjoy.” Opposition leader Phil Goff opened his speech by declaring that if Labour won government: “Any land taken out of Schedule 4 will be returned to that status.” He also said the Labour Party would reverse the Government's decision to replace Environment Canterbury elected councillors with appointed commissioners.

Green Party co-leader Russel Norman spoke about the need to “grow public love for the environment and conservation”. He warned: “We will destroy our economic future if we destroy the environment.”

Awards were presented on Saturday evening to Old Blue recipients Eddie Orsulich and Dave Kent for their outstanding contributions to Forest & Bird and conservation.

Old Blue winners Tom Hay, John Topliff and Chris Bindon were not able to attend the presentation.

Long-time Kiwi Conservation Club Co-ordinator Isobel Morgan received a Kiri Kiwi award for services to KCC.

The Golden Spade award for planting native plants went to Tony and Beth Bryant of the Nelson-Tasman branch. The Pestbuster award went to the Atuanui Restoration Project team

## Living proof that conservation works

**Scientists say the fish threatened with extinction is back on the menu again**  
**By Martin Hickman, Consumer Affairs Correspondent**

Saturday, 15 May 2010 The Independent UK

North Sea cod, once on the brink of extinction as a result of decades of over-fishing, has now recovered to an extent that the public should start eating it again with enthusiasm, one of the world's biggest wildlife charities has said.

In a rare wildlife conservation success story, the charity WWF said the fish renowned for its flaky white chunks was being caught sustainably off the shallow cold waters of north and eastern Britain for the first time in a decade. Stocks of the fish have risen by 52 per cent from their historic low four years ago because of a combination of cuts in landing quotas, and conservation techniques which have reduced the number tossed back dead into the sea.

As a result, the EU has increased the British quota for North Sea cod by 16 per cent this year, from 11,216 tonnes to 13,000. Although stocks are still low by historic standards, the recovery could prompt British supermarkets to start stocking North Sea cod again. Most cod in grocery chains and fish and chip shops at present comes from Iceland and the Barents Sea.

Marine scientists said the recovery was evident and welcome, but cautioned the fish was present at only a fraction of its natural level. In a study published in the journal Nature earlier this month, a team from York University estimated that, in 1889, Britain's fishing fleet was landing twice as much fish as today. Stocks of cod fished by English and Welsh boats have declined by 86 per cent in the past 100 years.

Worldwide fish stocks are falling as ever more rapacious and technologically-advanced fleets chase diminishing shoals. Many naturalists have viewed North Sea cod as symbolic of that over-fishing. A few decades ago, cod was a cheap and plentiful, and vast numbers of British boats set to sea to catch it in the 1960s and 1970s.

As a result, the population collapsed and the spawning bio-mass (adult fish old enough to reproduce) sank from 250,000 tonnes in 1970 to a

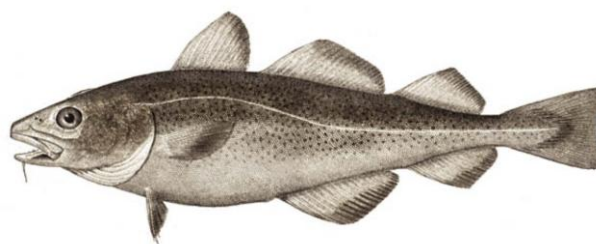
low of 35,700 tonnes four years ago.

Environmentalists feared North Sea cod would go the way of Newfoundland cod, which has not recovered from a collapse 20 years ago.

EU fisheries ministers in Brussels successively cut annual quotas. At the same time, Scottish fishermen, who saw the fleet's devastation, began to take conservation more seriously. Twenty-two of Scotland's 122 whitefish boats allowed monitoring cameras on board to prevent them throwing valuable smaller fish overboard, increased mesh size to avoid catching juveniles and fitted panels to allow cod to escape when they were fishing for other species.

North Sea cod has risen from 37,400 tonnes in 2007 to 54,250 tonnes this year. The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, which advises the EU, estimates the amount required for a recovery is between 70,000 and 150,000 tonnes. Bertie Armstrong, the chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, was elated by WWF's public endorsement. He said fishermen had learned their mistakes from the boom days of the 1970s. "We were all mesmerised by the quantities available and regrettably what happened is that nations and individual businesses increased the size of the fleet."

Tam Harcus, skipper of the Russa Taign on Orkney, said: "We have not seen so much cod in the grounds for 20 years. I tend to think it comes in cycles, but [20 years ago] there were a lot of boats catching a lot of cod. There's a lot less boats now – a fraction of the fleet. I don't think there's a fisherman who thinks we can keep fishing and fishing."



**Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*)**

Image ID: figb0314, Historic NMFS Collection

### **Tauranga Environment Centre - connecting people for a sustainable environment**

Would you like to support local people involved in local activities that benefit the environment?

By becoming a Friend of the Tauranga Environment Centre you can help to raise awareness of local environmental issues, get involved with local volunteer conservation work and receive priority invitations to TEC events and programmes

An Individual membership fee of \$10 or corporate \$50 will also enable you to have your say in the running of TEC



For more information go to [www.tgaenvcentre.org.nz](http://www.tgaenvcentre.org.nz) or (07) 578 6664  
AGM, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 7pm at the Historic Village Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
All Welcome!

## Forest and Bird Walks Report

### Pureora Forest Camp – by Diana Bergersen



Nine of us from the Forest and Bird tramping group headed to Pureora DOC camp for a couple of nights and three days of tramping in May this year. The facilities were fine and we appreciated the under cover access to the ablution block. One big problem though, no power and all the official DOC people were off for the weekend. A friendly student from one of the DOC houses allowed us use of the phone to ring the emergency 0800 number and an electrician was sent out from Te Kuiti. The problem was a breakage at the pole and he worked on it for an hour or more - meanwhile we went off to climb the Forest Tower and visit the site of the Protesters back in the 1970s. We hugged a big rimu in appreciation of their efforts. The forest was beautiful and bird song almost continuous - particularly tui. We saw a robin, fantails, wood pigeons and other little birds flitting in the canopy. We enjoyed a cooked meal and a game of Quiddler - good fun and new to most of us. 9pm and the power went out again in cabin 3 and ours had gone by morning. The next day was Sunday and we didn't feel we could get the electrician out again so decided to pack up at the end of the day. Frosty and cold to start with, but a lovely tramp to the top of Mt Pureora. The undergrowth was dense with seedlings, there were vigorous podocarps but many looked ancient. Nearer the top the sun shone through festoons of mosses and lichens until the tall forest was replaced by low shrubbery. We lunched under the trig at 1165m and looked out to Lake Taupo and the surrounding pines, native forest and farmlands. Next call was to the geographical centre of the North Island....the shady grove and stone cairn prompted a spontaneous ring dance..... Then, back to camp and an early packup for home.

Tauranga Branch Committee would like to thank all those on the trip who donated the refund from DOC for the electrical fault to the Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust

## Garden Bird Survey 2010

For one hour during a week in June, 3000 participants counted the number of different birds in their backyards for this years Garden Bird survey. Preliminary results show that the silvereye has come out on top as being the most common bird seen in the garden in New Zealand. The survey is a collaborative effort between Landcare research, Forest and Bird and the Ornithological Society. The full results of this survey can be found at [www.landcareresearch.co.nz](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz).



Silvereyes (*Zosterops lateralis*) are also known as white-eyes or waxeyes, due to the white circle of feathers around their eyes. The Silvereye was first recorded in New Zealand in 1832 (its Maori name, Tauhou, means "stranger"). Large numbers of silvereyes migrated from Australia in 1856 where it was assumed that a migrating flock was swept eastwards by a storm. Since there is no evidence that it was artificially introduced into New Zealand, it is classified as a native species. Abundant in forests, orchards, mangroves, scrubland and gardens, silvereyes primarily feed on insects and with their modified bristled tongue also sip nectar from a variety of flowering plants.

Top 10 birds per garden			
2009		2010	
House sparrow	12.1	Silvereye	14.0
Silvereye	6.3	House sparrow	12.9
Starling	3.3	Starling	2.8
Blackbird	2.7	Blackbird	2.8
Tui	1.4	Tui	1.6
Myna	1.0	Chaffinch	1.3
Fantail	1.0	Greenfinch	1.2
Chaffinch	0.9	Goldfinch	1.2
Song thrush	0.9	Fantail	1.2
Goldfinch	0.8	Myna	0.9

## Kaimai Mamaku Campaign Report

(by Eila Lawton)

### Recent activities

Progress had been slow but steady. Our field officer Al Fleming has made contact with a range of people, including *iwi* representatives, politicians and local government officials. Al and Chair Peter Maddison last week saw Te Ururoa Flavell and discussed the issues and objectives of the Campaign. Te Ururoa has agreed to keep an eye on the campaign and gave some helpful suggestions.

Al has also given a presentation to a public meeting organised by Waikato Forest and Bird. Jon Wenham (Waikato F&B Chair) and Al appeared on TV Central talking about the Campaign.

The concept of enhancing pest control in and around Opuiki has been investigated – members of the steering committee visited there in April. Opuiki is one of the few jewels left in *te papa atawhai* (treasure chest) of DoC's Kaimai Mamaku estate.



Peter Maddison has put forward a strategy for a 'Kaimai Belt' – a restoration plan for an area running from the Harbour through the Te Puna /Whakamarama catchment and across the range to the Waihou River via the Wairere/Te Tuhi areas. Peter envisages the KMC working with landowners and community groups to create a belt of protection and enhancement for our native plants and animals. This would link up with existing community based projects, and would fit well with the EBOP/EW/DoC Kaimai Catchments Project.

Several committee members attended and spoke briefly at the latest Waikato Biodiversity Forum. The



Forum focused on the DOC, EW, EBOP Kaimai Catchments Project. Presentations were given by Kate Akers (NZ Landcare Trust) and Willy Shaw (Wildlands) on the project and the State of the Environment report DOC recently

published. Approx 80 people attended.

We'd like your ideas – contact Al Fleming or me at 07 549 3646 or our email [kaimai.project@gmail.com](mailto:kaimai.project@gmail.com)

Our KMC **T-shirts** with the new F&B logo are a real hit, we get orders whenever they are seen! These come in: white, yellow and blue with the 2-colour green logo, and in black with the logo in white. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, and XXL. To order, contact Cynthia at 552 0220 or email [kaimai.project@gmail.com](mailto:kaimai.project@gmail.com) – but hurry, some sizes are already sold out! (kindly modeled by a recent Polish visiting adventurer)

### Te Puke Quarry Update

Forest & Bird's Te Puke and Tauranga branches and Regional Field Officer Al Fleming are making headway in stopping Te Puke Stone Enterprises from quarrying conservation land, which has rare resident Hochstetter's frogs.

Environment Bay of Plenty has declined the company's resource consent applications to undertake earthworks and discharge treated stormwater associated with a quarry operation. Forest & Bird will now challenge the access arrangement and authority to operate with DOC because the company has breached conditions.

### Aongatete Forest restoration

Rat and possum baiting continue, though we miss the 'Striker' baits which were so convenient for volunteers to staple onto trees. Hopefully these baits will be available again before long.

More help has come from *Kuaka*, an organisation that brings conservation volunteers to New Zealand every winter. These volunteers have set up five permanent lines of rat tunnels. Each tunnel contains an ink pad to record the footprints of rats attracted by the peanut butter bait. By putting out fresh pads and collecting them the following day, this monitoring programme can tell us about the occurrence of rats and whether our baiting is having an effect. This is a great help in determining our rat poisoning programme.

On a sunny day in June, our volunteers commented on the numbers of robins heard singing in the forest. This is an encouraging sign that our work is making a difference.

New volunteers are always welcome. Contact Basil or Ann Graeme [basilann@nettle.net.nz](mailto:basilann@nettle.net.nz) or phone 576 5593

### Mauao rat baiting

Five teams of volunteers are now putting out rat bait along lines around and over the Mount. The increasing numbers of petrel chicks fledging suggests that this work is well worthwhile and will be benefiting many other native species on Mauao. Earlier this month volunteers enjoyed a fine morning tea put on by the Mount ranger, Mark Ray, as thanks for our efforts.

## National Campaigns - Save the Mackenzie Basin

Forest & Bird's southern field officers, Jen Miller, Sue Maturin and lawyer Sally Gepp are trying to stave off court action in the Waitaki. Bizarrely, the Waitaki District Council has proposed exempting high country land that has been through tenure review from vegetation clearance rules in the Waitaki District Plan because tenure reviews will protect all the significant conservation values. However, while tenure review *might* achieve protection in terms of s.6(c), of the Resource Management Act, Forest & Bird argues that is by no means a certain outcome, and is now less certain under the new high country policy direction. The current policy direction of the Crown is to buy less land and to provide for freeholding with some covenanting. The Government has also rescinded the previous government's lakeside protection provisions and directed officials to address gaps "in district plans around preventing unsustainable or inappropriate development on pastoral land freeholded through tenure review". The Crown clearly anticipates that land with significant values will be freeholded, and intends to rely on the RMA process to protect them. Sue and our Central Otago Lakes branch are also tackling the Central Otago District Council's proposal to retain its exemption from vegetation clearance rules for land that has been freeholded through tenure reviews. Our campaign will focus on protecting the Mackenzie Basin, by seeking a drylands park for the Mackenzie Basin, predominantly through tenure reviews. We are expecting tenure reviews for the Mackenzie Basin pastoral leases to be announced any week now, and will be needing people to write submissions. We anticipate that large areas of the Crown owned leases which have been identified as having outstanding conservation and landscape values will be freeholded. If this is the case we will be calling for a halt to the tenure reviews unless they can protect the important values in public conservation lands. We will also focus on stopping the granting of new irrigation, discharge and land use consents that threaten the outstanding biodiversity and landscape values of the Basin.

The Mackenzie landscape is being changed dramatically from natural shades of brown to bright green. A Google earth map of the Mackenzie area shows giant pivot irrigators are tapping into nearby rivers to create pasture for intensive farming.

These massive irrigation circles – many of them more than 2 kilometres in diameter – wipe out all the fragile native plants and creatures in their path. Water in the area's braided rivers – already used for hydro-electricity – is being siphoned off for the pivot irrigators. Reduced



river flows mean fewer riverbed islands, where black stilts, wrybills and banded dotterels can nest safe from predators.

If you have not had a chance yet, we encourage you to look at our website [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz) for more information on this campaign. You can also call the National office on (04) 385 7374

One of the most important things that you could do over the next month is to arrange to visit your local national MP. These personal visits count so much more than just about all our other activities.

## Sea Lions: Our Southern Pride

New Zealand sea lions have been given a new threat ranking of 'Nationally critical', making them one of the world's most endangered animals.

The population of sea lions living in the Antarctic is in sharp decline, 50% since 1998. However, there is a fledging population in on the Otago Peninsula that is now thriving. Offspring from one single female born on the peninsula in 1993 are now breeding. For the past three years, this population has been monitored jointly by the University of Otago and DOC.

Satellite tags have been attached to eight of the mainland females to try and find out why these animals are doing better than their Southern cousins in Antarctica.

The females seem to prefer raising their pups in the cover of the pine forest on the peninsula as this provides a cool environment when the weather is hot and some warmth within the forest during cold spells. Five pups have been born this year.

When caught, anaesthetic is used to put the animals to sleep for a period of fifteen minutes. This allows time for the glue of the transmitter to dry and gives the researchers the opportunity to take samples of blood, milk and swabs to determine any particular infections or diseases and to weigh and measure them.

New Zealand sea lions were on the brink of extinction due to 24 years of sealing in the 1800's and have been protected since late 1880's. Recent population numbers are estimated to be at 12,000. Many drown due to accidental entanglement in Squid fishery nets. The Minister of Fisheries, has set the limit for sea lion death through bycatch at 76 from February to May for 2010. If the limit is exceeded, the fisheries are closed. 44 have been killed so far this year and at least 1400 sea lions have been killed in the fishery over the last 20 years.

You can help protect New Zealand Sea Lions by: Write or email the Minister of Fisheries Phil Heatley (Freepost, Parliament Buildings, Wellington) calling for a reduction of sea lion deaths to zero in all fisheries by reducing the kill limit and transferring quota to other areas.

Write to the Minister of Conservation Kate Wilkinson (Freepost, Parliament Buildings, Wellington) calling for an extension of the Auckland Islands Marine Mammal Sanctuary and establishment of a marine mammal sanctuary around the Campbell Islands.

## Forest & Bird's Ruapehu lodge reopens

Forest & Bird's new Ruapehu lodge will open on August 9, replacing the original lodge, which was destroyed by fire in October 2008 after serving members, school and community groups for 40 years. The new 32-bed lodge will be a great improvement on the old building, with double-glazed aluminium windows and full insulation against the mountain elements. The lodge is 800 metres from The Chateau Hotel on the lower slopes of Mt Ruapehu and is the perfect base to explore the Tongariro National Park and Whakapapa skifield, or simply to enjoy the surrounding native beech forest. A modular building system was used in which panels were pre-made in Matamata and assembled onsite, minimizing the waste and contamination onsite. It is clad in locally grown Lawson Cypress, which is more durable than radiata pine.

A big thanks is due to Executive member Jon Wenham, who oversaw the project, and to Forest & Bird branches and individuals who responded to the fundraising appeal to help with the rebuilding costs, raising more than \$139,000. We still need to raise about \$300,000 to pay for the finishing touches and furnishing of the \$900,000 lodge.

For the high season from July to October, charges per night for Forest & Bird members are \$150 for a four-bunk room, and \$230 for a six-bunk room. An individual bunk is \$35 and \$25 for children under 17.

Non-members will be charged \$230 for a four-bunk room during the high season, and \$350 for the six-bunk room. An individual bunk is \$55 (children \$35). During the low season from November to June, members pay \$120 for a four-bunk room per night, \$180 for the six-bunk room and \$600 for the entire lodge. An individual bunk is \$30 (children \$20). Non-members pay \$180 for four-bunk rooms during the low season, \$270 for six-bunk rooms and \$800 for the whole lodge. Individual bunks are \$45 (children \$25).

School groups can rent the lodge during the low season at \$20 a bunk for adults and \$15 for students, and the whole lodge can be booked for \$350. During the high season, the whole lodge cannot be booked.

For bookings: Email [office@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:office@forestandbird.org.nz) or phone 04 385 7374 for a booking form.

## Tauranga Forest & Bird - Saturday Walks

These are held on the **Second Saturday** of the month. Unless otherwise specified, all trips meet at 8:15am at the 12<sup>th</sup> Ave / Cameron Road corner. Bring stout walking shoes or preferably boots, lunch, drinks, personal medication, warm clothing and wet weather gear. The dollar amount shown is the recommended donation to the drivers for petrol. Ring the leader beforehand for information or changes.

Date	Location	Description	Difficulty Car donation
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tarawera Falls</b>	Walk through to Lake Tarawera if time permits and return. Spectacular falls and river-side track. Leader: Enid / Eddie	Moderate/\$15
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Linderman's Road &amp; kauri dams</b>	Remains of early kauri millers dams – also Beach Road Katikati. Leader: Fiona 576 7013	Moderate hard \$8
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Redwoods - Tokorangi Pa</b>	Walk in Rotorua's Redwoods forest to high point. Leader: Fiona 576 7013	Moderate \$15
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Waikato river walk</b>	Commencing at Atiamuri (majestic Pohuturoa). Leader: Helen 571 1085	Easy \$20
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Huka Falls Taupo</b>	River –side walk Wairakei to Taupo –thermal springs Leader: Carole & Ron 576 5698	Easy / \$25
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wairongomai</b>	Old gold mine workings near Te Aroha – “drives” Leader: Enid 575 6146	Moderate/ \$15

## Guidelines for safe walking on Forest and Bird Trips

- We are a conservation focused group rather than trampers. We stop frequently to observe.
- Walking groups need to keep together. Walkers who cannot keep within sight and hearing of the leader need to make special provision for their own safety. Do not drop behind or go ahead by yourself.
- Slow walkers need to arrange beforehand to have a companion who is fit, capable and independent and carries a cell phone, whistle and first aid kit.
- All walkers should have in their pack a whistle and personal medication. Take heed of the "hazards / difficulty" described in the Walks Programme.

## Tauranga Forest & Bird - Thursday Walks

These are on the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Thursdays of the month, meeting beside the Bethlehem Countdown building **Opposite** Bethlehem Hall at 9:15am unless otherwise specified, and usually returning by 3:00pm. Bring all own food and gear as for Saturday walks.

Walks do occasionally change, so if going to alternative meeting points, check with leader - preferably before 7.30pm the night before.

Date	Location	Description	Difficulty Car donation suggestion
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wingspan – Ngongotaha and Hamurana Springs</b>	N Z Falcons – entry \$10 (chn \$8) plus car donation Leader: Enid 575 6146	Easy/Moderate \$5
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Otawa Trig</b>	Via Upper Papamoa Leader: Eddie 576 1849	Moderate \$6
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kauri grove</b>	Special care around kauri trees (new disease) Leader: Eddie 576 1849	Moderate \$6
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Black Hills – Waihi &amp; Martha Mine</b>	High-point lookout over mining area Leader: Bev Sinclair 578 2879	Moderate \$10
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Orakawa Bay &amp; William Wright Falls</b>	Many small stream crossings – bring togs for swim Leader: Carole & Ron 576 5698	Moderate \$10
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Te Puna Beach</b>	Our Pre-Christmas outing – shared lunch – bring togs Leader: Enid 575 5146	Easy short walk \$10
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mystery Walk</b>	Leader: Doug & Eris 579 3620	Easy \$8
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lake Rotohokahoka - Mamaku</b>	Mamaku Plateau forest remnant Leader: Fiona 576 7013	Moderate \$10
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Raparapa Kauris</b>	Many river crossings – Special care around kauris	Easy /\$8 –note river crossings

# kiwi conservation club

### KCC - Junior Forest and Bird

Hey kids! Check out the new KCC webpage at [www.kcc.org.nz](http://www.kcc.org.nz) The current events schedule is also posted under the "News" panel of the KCC web page. We have an email: [kcctauranga@gmail.com](mailto:kcctauranga@gmail.com) that people are welcome to use to send ideas for trips or activities - which are always welcome.

### Design your own greeting cards!

The local branch of KCC have been asked to design some greeting cards of native plants, bird, insects, bats and fungi which can be sold to raise funds for a potential project in Opuiaki as part of the Kaimai Mamaku campaign. 'Draw for Opuiaki' hopes to raise awareness of this southern part of the Kaimais. This area has never been logged and is home to a number of native species including kokako, kaka, falcon, kiwi and long and short tailed bats to name just a few. Closing date is October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and all entries to be sent to Tauranga branch at PO Box 15638, Tauranga 3144

Visit Forest and Bird website: [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz)  
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