We have a choice. It's the pests versus the birds, lizards and insects that make the Hibiscus Coast so special.

Something will die.

Without predator control, rats, stoats and possums will continue to destroy our native birdlife and ruin our wild places for future generations.

But together we won't let that happen.

A Vision for the Hibiscus Coast:

"A safe, healthy habitat for native plants and animals, transitioning from sanctuaries at Tiritiri Matangi and Shakespear, along the peninsula and surrounding area, enjoyed and cared for by the community."

We are committed to the nationwide goal of Predator Free 2050.

PEST FREE HIBISCUS COAST IN ASSOCIATION WITH:





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HOW YOU CAN DO YOUR BIT:

- 1. Set a rat trap in your backyard:
- · On long term loan from the project
- Pet-safe, humane, easy
- Visit our website for more information.
- 2. Involve your neighbours or community group, it's more effective to do this together.
- 3. Become a Pest Free Boatie! Protect the Hauraki Gulf islands from travelling pests.
- 4. Trap possums borrow or buy a trap from us.
- 5. Get more involved there is a role for everyone.
- Join our team and learn how to look after a line of traps on a reserve
- Help with events
- Support neighbourhood groups.
- 6. Support Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird:
- Buy your rat bait from us
- Hold fundraising events
- Become a member of Forest & Bird.

7. Business sponsorship. Ask us how you can help protect the Hibiscus Coast environment.



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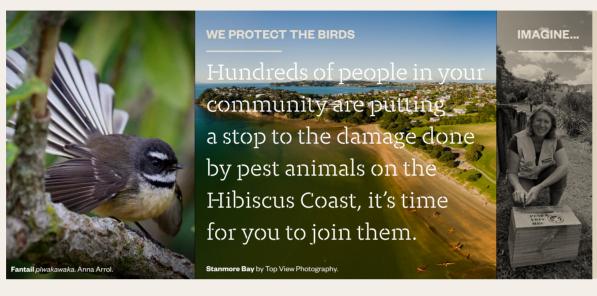
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Unable to defend
themselves and
found nowhere else
in the world

of the bird species found
here on the Hibiscus
Coast are in trouble.



the clear, liquid song of korimako filling your garden. A pīwakawaka following your steps as you walk down the track to the bush, which is filled with nikau, pūriri and colourful kōwhai. There's a flash of green as a pair of kākāriki fly past, chattering as they go. The children are fascinated by the skinks which bask in the sun. On the beach, safe from predators, dotterels feed their chicks. As night falls, kororā waddle out of the surf to their nests, and kiwi calls fill the air.

You can help make a Pest Free Hibiscus Coast a reality by controlling rats, stoats and possums today.

We live in a unique location, with the privilege of having the taonga of Shakespear Open Sanctuary, Tiritiri Matangi Island and the Hauraki Gulf islands on our doorstep. The Coast is home to 50 species of native birds, and nine species of reptile. The birds and bush are part of our culture, and our national identity.

BUT WHAT IF THEY WERE UNDER THREAT?

Rats, stoats and possums wreak havoc on our wildlife and are damaging our natural taonga. We are the kaitiaki of the Hibiscus Coast. This is a perfect place to eradicate pest animals, because the peninsula can be defended against re-invasions.

Looking after nature is a responsibility we all hold – let's not allow any more losses on our watch!

PESTS VS BIRDS

INTRODUCED PREDATORS KILL MORE THAN 100
MILLION NATIVE BIRDS, EGGS AND CHICKS EVERY
YEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS DEVASTATION
HAPPENS EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN
YOUR BACKYARD.

THESE PESTS DON'T BELONG HERE AND THEY HAVE TO GO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

POSSUMS:

10 EAT 1 TONNE OF BUSH/YEAR

- Cause significant damage to forests, killing
- Compete with native species for seeds and fruit.
- Eat native birds, eggs and chicks as well as native insects.
- Damage fruit trees and gardens and pose a threat to farming as carriers of bovine tuberculosis.

RATS:

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- Eat native birds, eggs, chicks, snails, lizards, weta, larvae, and the seeds, fruit and flowers of native plants and trees.
- Compete with native species for food.
- Breed VERY quickly.
- Spread diseases such as leptospirosis, which can be transmitted to humans, as well as contaminating water, food and household surfaces.
- Cause millions of dollars of damage to property each year. They chew through pipes and electrical cables, causing flood and fire.

STOATS:

KIWI killers

- Voracious predators of ground nesting birds, eggs and chicks.
- Agile climbers and swimmers that travel great distances.
- Without protection, most kiwi chicks are killed by stoats.