

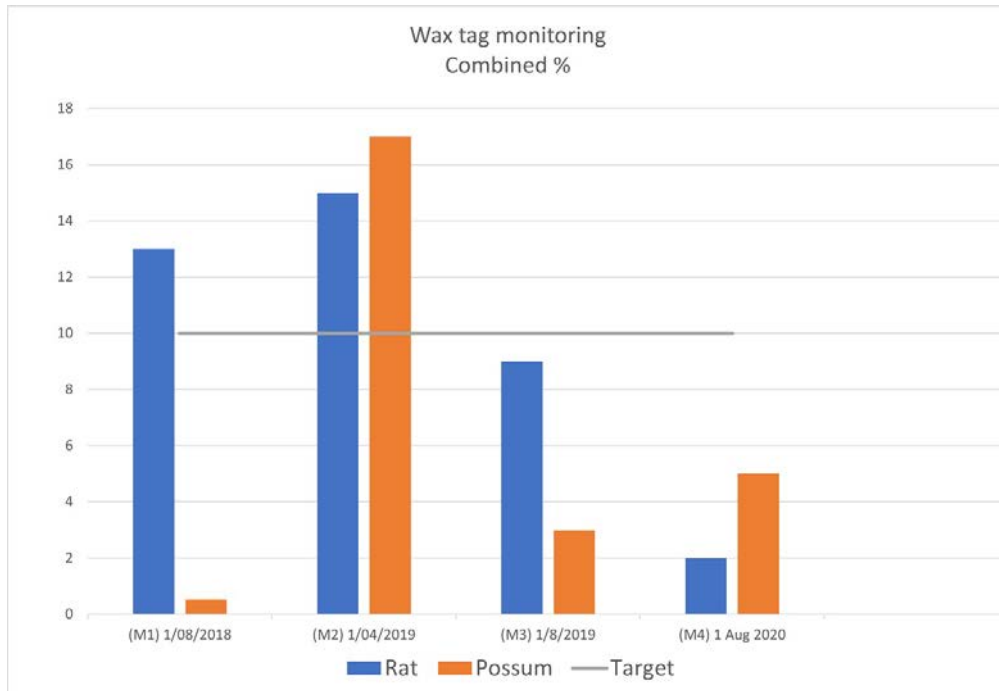


**Welcome to the October newsletter**

**Pest animal monitoring results**

Thank you to everyone that was involved in the possum and rat monitoring this August/September. Due to covid the monitoring was extended so that I could get the wax tags to everyone.

Again there are great results, we are below the 10% possum numbers that we had targeted for. This is due to your great work controlling pest animals in the area. Thank you again and keep up the great work; you are helping create a safe place for our native flora & fauna.

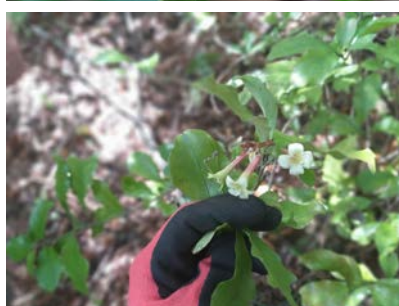


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| April 2019 | 16          | 21          | 210 |
| Aug 2019   | 14          | 19          | 19  |
| April 2020 | Covid 19    |             |     |
| Aug 20202  | 13          | 17          | 170 |

### Alseuosmia

While in Ngaheretuku reserve maintaining the good nature rat traps in September Michelle & I came across a patch of Alseuosmia plants flowering, all different colours, beautifully scented. As we were walking through the bush we started to smell the flowers before we came to the plant.

This plant was a species I was unfamiliar with but have now become quite familiar. Although it is not a threatened species it seems to be fairly uncommon in some areas. It grows best at a semi shaded site. Seeds are hard to germinate, but it can be grown from cuttings.



If you are growing your own plants at home now is a good time to collect the ripe seeds of titoki, rangiora, coprosma rotundifolia, tree fuchsia, pigeonwood, manuka, olearia & kawakawa.

**Stream monitoring**

A group of us braved the wild weather in September and attended a water monitoring demonstration at Grace's place. Bianca from Auckland Council's Healthy waters team showed us how to check the water clarity, ph, dissolved oxgen, nitrogen, phosphorus levels and what invertebrates are living in the stream. Bianca left us with the monitoring kit so if you would like to borrow it and find out how healthy your stream is just let me know. For more information on stream monitoring have a look at [www.waicare.org.nz](http://www.waicare.org.nz)



The Papakura stream

The wider Papakura Stream has come under increasing pressure and it has seen lot of changes over the years with land clearance and loss of stream bank habitat. While there are successful restoration planting activities in Manurewa and Papakura, there has not been a collaborative approach to date that seeks to understand how landowners perceive this extensive waterway and this restoration process. It will take a lot of community

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CVNZ, in collaboration with Auckland Council, is conducting a series of interviews/meetings in order to understand from the local landowners and the community which are the main issues in the area and to create a shared vision for the Papakura Stream.

As a local /business in the catchment of the Stream you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the local environment.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Participate in our current survey and stay in touch with us

- HAVE YOUR SAY!

Connect us with others: local businesses, landowners, community groups...

Contact us: [info@cvnz.org.nz](mailto:info@cvnz.org.nz) or 0800 56 76 86



#### **Pest animal control tally - Trap NZ**

We are now including the trap tally from the great work the volunteers are doing at Totara park.

So far the tally is

Hedgehog - 64

Magpie - 60

Mouse - 122

Possum - 292

Rat - 1128

Mustelids - 49

So please remember to keep emailing [N.Harrison@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:N.Harrison@forestandbird.org.nz) your trap catches or log in to trap.nz and enter them yourself.

The Trap.nz project link is <https://www.trap.nz/group/node/1151107/subscribe>

#### **Pest animal control guidelines**

Auckland Council have just released their new pest animal control guidelines. It is a very informative document explaining the use of traps and toxin bait.

Please use the link to read

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Department of Conservation also have guidelines for trapping in the community, please find the link here

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/threats-and-impacts/pf2050/pf2050-trapping-guide.pdf>

### **Bat talk**

Ben Paris (Bat man) from Auckland Council will be speaking at the Friends of Te Wairoa AGM about 'So you want to be a bat spotter - long tailed bat monitoring with the community' at 6.30pm.

Corner cafe Clevedon, Monday 9th November 6.00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2457798944528318/>

We are starting the South-East Wildlink bat monitoring programme again from November to April, if you want to see if you have bats on your property let me know.

### **Facebook group for the South-East Wildlink**

A closed (private) Facebook group for people within the wildlink is up and running. The purpose of the group is to share stories, events, experiences or ask questions about pest animal/weed control, re-vegetation or interesting bird, bat, lizard, fish sightings or anything relevant to the project.

To join the group follow the link below or search South-East Wildlink.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2341448545905199/>

## **Upcoming events**

### **November**

Set traps and full toxin bait stations

21-29 Nov - Bird count

### **Summer - November to April**

Long tail bat monitoring, if you are interested in having monitoring to determine if long tail bats are present at your property please email

All events are subject to change due to covid 19.

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