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## Auldwood Photography – free-range bird guides

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### TE WAIHORA & KAITORETE SPIT NATURE TOUR 9 OCTOBER 2019

Some of the birds, reptiles, insects and special plants you might see today.

See how many you can mark as seen.

#### WATER BIRDS







Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Puteketeke	Australasian Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Native	Nationally vulnerable		I carry my babies on my back

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	Kakīānau	Black swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	native	Not threatened		There are no white swans native to New Zealand but my babies start off white
	Putangitangi	Paradise shelduck	<i>Tadorna variegata</i>	Endemic	Not threatened		Do you know which one is the male and female?
	Papango	New Zealand scaup	<i>Aythya novaeseelandiae</i>	Endemic	Not threatened		I can dive deep for my food
	Tete	Grey teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Native	Not threatened		Check out my red eye!

	Kuruwhengi	Australasian Scaup	Anas rhynchos	Native	Not threatened		What a big bill I have – shaped like a shovel
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## SHORE BIRDS & MIGRANT WADERS



Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Pohowera	Banded dotterel	Charadrius bicinctus	Endemic	Nationally vulnerable		My Maori name means burned chest can you think why?
	Ngutuparore	Wrybill	Anarhynchus frontalis	Endemic	Nationally vulnerable		Which way does my bill bend?












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	Poaka	Pied stilt	Himantopus himantopus	Native	Not threatened		My voice sounds like a small dog barking
	Kuaka	Bar-tailed godwit	Limosa lapponica	Native	Declining		I'm a long-distance flier, nearly 12,000 kilometres non-stop!
		Ruddy turnstone	Arenaria interpres	Native	Migrant		My name gives you a clue for where I find my food
	Huahou	Lesser knot	Calidris canutus	Native	Nationally vulnerable		One of my other names is Red Knot because in autumn I turn brick red

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		Curlew sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	Native	Vagrant		My bill turns downward
		Pectoral sandpiper	Calidris melanotos	Native	Vagrant		I look a lot like my cousin the sharp-tailed sandpiper, can you tell the difference?
		Sharp-tailed sandpiper	Calidris acuminata	Native	Migrant		I look a lot like my cousin the pectoral sandpiper, can you tell the difference?
		Red-necked stint	Calidris ruficollis	Native	Migrant		I'm only as big as a sparrow but I fly here all the way from the Arctic Circle, 12,000 kilometres away

## LARGE WADERS

Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Kotuku	White heron	Ardea modesta	Native	Nationally critical		In Maori legend I am known as the "bird of a single flight"
	Kotuku ngutupapa	Royal spoonbill	Platalea regia	Native	Naturally uncommon		My spoon-shaped bill helps me catch my food
	Matuku moana	White-faced heron	Egretta novaehollandiae	Native	Not threatened		I am New Zealand's most common heron

## GULLS





Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
 	Karoro	Southern black-backed gull	Larus dominicanus	Native	Not threatened		People sometimes mistakenly call my juvenile stage a "Mollyhawk" and think it is a different species
	Tarāpuka	Black-billed gull	Larus bulleri	Endemic	Critically endangered		I am the world's most endangered gull

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	Tarāpunga	Red-billed gull	Larus novaehollandiae	Native	Declining		Check out my super red bill and feet – that means I am an adult

## TERNS










	Taranui	Caspian tern	Hydroprogne caspia	Native	Nationally vulnerable		Tara means 'tern' And nui means 'big' so I'm the "big tern" – the largest tern in the world
	Tara	White-fronted tern	Sterna striata	Native	Declining		I'm New Zealand's most common tern but my numbers are declining





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	Tarapiroe	Black-fronted tern	Chlidonias albostratus	Endemic	Nationally endangered		I only breed on the shingle riverbeds of the South Island's braided rivers, including the Waimakariri River just North of Christchurch
		Gull-billed tern	Gelochelidon nilotica	Native	Vagrant		Most years only two to five of these large terns come to New Zealand, but one year 15 were seen at Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere
		Little tern	Sternula albifrons	Native	Vagrant		Only about 100 little terns visit New Zealand each year, and Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere is one of the places they like to come

## OTHER BIRDS


Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Kāhu	Swamp harrier	Circus approximans	Native	Not threatened		I'm New Zealand's largest bird of prey, you can help me by taking road kill off the road so I don't get run over when I feed on them
	Warou	Welcome swallow	Hirundo neoxena	Native	Not threatened		I fly very fast and build nests made with mud
	Pihoihoi	New Zealand pipit	Anthus novaeseelandiae	Endemic	Declining		I like running along beside you to catch the insects you disturb
		Eurasian skylark	Alauda arvensis	Introduced	Not threatened		<p>I fly up very high to sing while I am hovering</p> <p>On the ground I look a lot like a Pihoihoi . . . can you tell the difference?</p>

## REPTILES

Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Mokomoko	Waitaha Gecko	Woodworthia cf. brunnea	Endemic	Rare		
	Moko	Common skink	Oligosoma nigriplantare		Not known		

## INVERTEBRATES

Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	How many did you see?	Comment
	Pepe ao uri	Southern blue	Zizina oxleyi	Native	At risk		
	Pepe para riki	Common copper	Lycaena salustius	Native	At risk		
	Kahu kura	Red admiral butterfly	Vanessa gonerilla gonerilla	Endemic	At risk		
	Kahu kowhai	Yellow admiral butterfly	Vanessa itea	Native	Not threatened		

	Katipo	Katipo spider	<i>Latrodectus katipo</i>	Endemic	Endangered		
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## PLANTS




Photo	Maori name	Common name	Scientific name	New Zealand status	Conservation status	Did you find it?	Comment
	Tororaro or Mingimingi	Shrubby tororaro	<i>Muehlenbeckia astonii</i>	Endemic	Nationally endangered		Kaitorete Spit has the largest remaining population of this endangered plant which is important food for butterflies and home for insects and lizards
		Prostrate broom	<i>Carmichaelia appressa</i>	Endemic	Locally uncommon		This plant is found ONLY on Kaitorete Spit – nowhere else in New Zealand, nowhere else in the world! It is at risk from damage by off-road motorbikes and 4WD vehicles.

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	Mahoe	Porcupine shrub	Melicytus alpinus	Native	Not threatened		I'm really tough! Sun, drought, rabbits, wind! I will survive. I make a great home for insects and reptiles and lizards and birds love to eat my berries

## WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE?

Did you find anything else? Write it down here. Add your own photo if you took one.

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