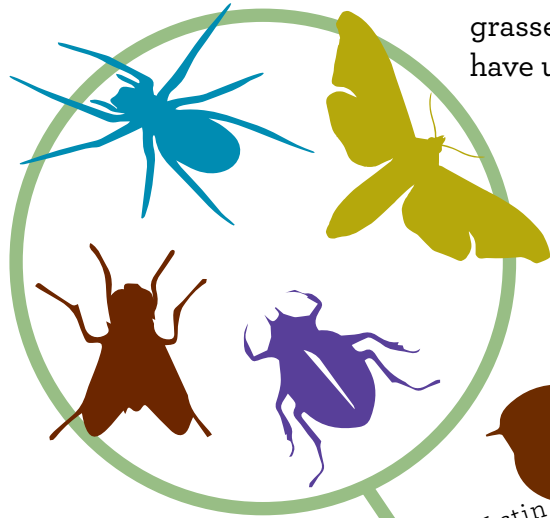


Nesting

Fantails build nests in trees using mosses, spider webs, grasses, wood fibres, hair, and pieces of wood and fern. They have up to five chicks at a time.



Foods

Fantails eat invertebrates such as moths, flies, beetles and spiders. Small fruit is sometimes eaten.



Fantail on Tiritiri Matangi Island. Photo: Johnathan Astin



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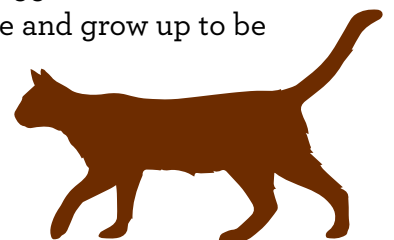
Fantails live in a wide range of habitats from parks and gardens to farms, orchards and forests.

Fantail / Pīwakawaka



Predators

Ship rats are great climbers. They eat fantails, chicks and eggs. Other pīwakawaka predators include cats, stoats and mynas. Mynas and magpies have been known to eat fantail eggs and chicks. Cats and stoats will also eat adult birds. Of all the eggs and chicks fantails produce, only a few survive and grow up to be adult birds.



Ship rat at fantail nest. Photo: David Mudge



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