

Tree fuchsia/Kōtukutuku connections

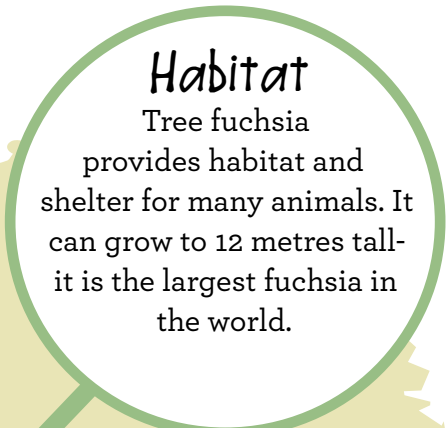


Foods for animals

Kōtukutuku provides nectar, fruit and seeds for visiting birds at different times of the year.

Tūi, bellbirds and silvereyes drink the nectar of tree fuchsia.

The seeds, flowers and fruit are an important food for tūi and kererū.



Invertebrate connections

Peripatus (velvet worm) prefer areas of native forest floor where trees like tree fuchsia grow.

Wētā will eat the fruit of kōtukutuku.



Threats

Possums love tree fuchsia and will eat it until it disappears. Goats will also eat these trees. Plant pests such as buddleia and banana passionfruit can invade areas where tree fuchsia grows.



Interesting fact

The flowers of tree fuchsia are unique: they change colour once they have been pollinated and the pollen is blue!

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