



NATURE NEEDS US CONSERVATION WEEK 14-22 SEP

Top of the South

Welcome to the August - September conservation volunteer activities newsletter for the top of the South Island.

We hope you enjoy seeing all the great conservation work going on around your community and are inspired to participate and support these activities to grow conservation.

There is something for everyone from skilled, high fitness activities, to social and educational events, to days you can bring the whole family.

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Conservation Week 2019

Conservation Week - Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa.

Join us from 14–22 September to celebrate 50 years of Conservation Week!

With more than 4,000 species threatened or at risk, nature needs us to take action now. You can take part by doing a conservation activity or attending an event.

Check out all the listings below, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in!

Location: Nationwide
Contact: Sally Leggett
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Phone: 027 2035235
Date: 14 Sep 19 - 22 Sep 19

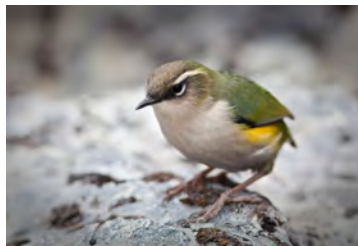
Marlborough camp hosts



South Marlborough Camp Host Volunteer Opportunities in the beautiful Marlborough region from October to April every year. Locations include: Onamalutu campsite, Molesworth Cobb Cottage, Molesworth Acheron Cottage and Rarangi Beach campsite. You can book in now for the summer season as spaces are limited. For more information see below.

Location: South Marlborough
Date: 1 Oct 19 - 30 Apr 20
Contact: Natalie Lawler
Email: renwick@doc.govt.nz

Conservation Week talks



The Motueka and Richmond libraries will be hosting several presentations by DOC rangers for Conservation Week. Head down and learn a bit more about the cheeky weka, the small reclusive rock wren and the awesome river specialist - the whio. For dates and times check out the listing below.

Location: Motueka and Richmond libraries
Date: 19 Sep 19 - 25 Sep 19 Time: See text
Contact: The libraries

Christmas in the Sounds



Feel like going camping? Volunteer camp hosts are needed for Cowshed Bay, Camp Bay and Kenepuru Head. Get away from the tinsel and the stress! 2-3 hours of work is required per day, the rest of the day is yours to walk, fish or relax. See below for more information and how to apply.

Location: Marlborough Sounds locations
Date: 17 Dec 19 - 7 Jan 20
Contact: Wendy Sullivan
Email: wsullivan@doc.govt.nz





August, 2019

Nelson Boulder Bank relief trappers



Location: Nelson Boulder Bank

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: Lionel Solly
Email: lsolly@doc.govt.nz
Phone: 03 546 3162
www.doc.govt.nz



We are looking for some new trappers to join the Nelson Boulder Bank trappers group. Work involves checking part of a trap line along the boulder bank. You'll get to accompany the existing volunteer(s) before going solo, and it's not especially onerous – just a couple of hours a month, with a nice walk along the Boulder Bank thrown in! Contact Lionel for more information.

Friends of Rotoiti



Location: Nelson Lakes National Park

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: Peter Hale
Email: friendsofrotoiti@gmail.com
www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz



Friends of Rotoiti was formed as a partnership between a motivated group of St Arnaud locals and DOC. The goal is to benefit the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project (RNRP) in the Nelson Lakes National Park.

We have 5 stoat trapping lines and rat trapping lines in and around the St Arnaud village. We are always looking for new members to assist with our trapping lines, feral cat control and our great spotted kiwi project.

If you are interested in volunteering in our magnificent National Park please contact us via our website, www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz.

Brook Waimarama Sanctuary



Location: Nelson

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: Sabrina Malcolm
Email: [See text](#)
www.brooksanctuary.org
Time: Various



Since completion of the fence at the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, numbers of native birds and other wildlife have increased markedly, both inside the fence and in surrounding areas. The next stage includes re-introduction of rare species including kiwi, kaka, kakariki, tuatara and saddlebacks.

We're on the lookout for volunteers to join the dedicated people who maintain the Sanctuary. Volunteer roles include Visitor Centre hosting, track maintenance, planting, pest monitoring, fence checking & maintenance, events & coordination, invasive weed control, bird monitoring, and assets maintenance. For more information, contact volunteerconnector@brooksanctuary.org

Delaware Bay pest control



Location: Maori Pa Rd, Delaware Bay

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: John Young
Email: oldwalrus.john@gmail.com
www.paremataflats.co.nz



At Forest and Bird's ecological restoration project in Delaware Bay north of Nelson we undertake intensive pest control through three trap lines where traps are checked twice a week, we presently have a monthly weekend check available along our Maori Pa Rd line.

The work takes around an hour and a half to complete, full training given, if you are keen to work with the team on this line contact John Young.





Research Orchard Road pest control



Location: Research Orchard Rd, Tasman

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: Ian Price
Email: ian.price@xtra.co.nz



Forest and Bird are about to begin another major ecological restoration at a property on the edge of the Waimea Inlet and the end of Research Orchard Rd in Appleby.

As part of this process we are establishing an intensive trapping programme with this project too, we will be checking trap lines midweek and at weekends and are looking for trappers to fill these spaces who are prepared to commit to a monthly trap check of their line.

Full training will be given, if you live in the Richmond, Waimea area and would be keen to be involved then contact Ian Price.

Envirohub Marlborough shop host



Location: Picton

Aug - Ongoing

Contact: Andrea Askin-Mills
Email: info@envirohub.co.nz
www.envirohub.co.nz
Time: 10 - 2pm



We have a Sunday shop host position available, hours are 10 to 2pm, one Sunday per month. The role involves serving customers, providing a bit of information about our products such as environmentally friendly products, traps, books etc (training included), small amount of housekeeping (vacuuming, dishes etc). Able to represent the three organisations on site in a professional manner: Envirohub Marlborough, Picton Dawn Chorus and Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary. For more information please contact Andrea.

Wild New Zealand - Craig Potton



Location: Tahunanui School Hall, Nelson

14 Aug 19

Contact: Julie McLintock
Email: nikau48@gmail.com
Phone: 03 545 0989
www.forestandbird.org.nz
Time: 7.30pm



Encounters in wild New Zealand with Craig Potton. A good old fashioned 35 mm slide show by Craig Potton, a Forest and Bird Ambassador and distinguished Life Member.

This presentation is organised by the Forest and Bird, Nelson - Tasman branch.

Pearl Creek working bee



Location: Cotterel Road, Appleby

17 Aug 19

Contact: Malcolm Hugman
Email: m.hugman@hotmail.com
www.tet.org.nz
Time: 9am



Come and join us at Pearl Creek for a working bee from 9am. We will be cutting back tree lucerne and releasing plants etc.

Bring morning tea, gardening gloves and spade and if you have secateurs/loppers or pruning saw that could be handy.

For more info contact Malcolm.





Ronga Reserve restoration planting



Location: Ronga Reserve, Rai Valley

31 Aug 19

Contact: Debs Martin

Email: d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz

forestandbird.org.nz

Time: 10am



Join us at the Ronga Reserve, for our annual planting day. Under the shade of giant totara and matai, we'll be restoring the site with a variety of broadleaf and podocarp species. This year we'll be planting into clearings, and extending our existing plantings to the original DOC restoration sites. Join us on site, at 10am or meet at the Brick Oven in Rai Valley by 9.45am to convoy to the site. You'll need strong footwear and gardening gloves are optional. All other gear, including spades, will be included. We'll have a BBQ lunch courtesy of DOC, so bring along a salad to share. You'll need your own plates, etc. Postponed if wet – check our FB page "Ronga Reserve Restoration" or phone 035452431 by 8am for advice.

September, 2019

Grovetown Lagoon working bee



Location: Grovetown

8 Sep 19

Contact: Justine Johnson

Email: johnsonmarlborough@gmail.com

www.grovetown.co.nz

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Come and volunteer at the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon, on Sunday 8 September. Meet at 9.30am at the Wairau Rowing Club at the end of Steam Wharf Road, Grovetown. Work includes tree planting, weeding and mulching at the Lagoon. Stay for a cup of tea and sausage sizzle afterwards. For more information contact Justine.

Caves of Mt Arthur Tablelands



Location: Tahunanui School Hall, Nelson

11 Sep 19

Contact: Julie McLintock

Email: nikau48@gmail.com

Phone: 03 545 0989

www.forestandbird.org.nz

Time: 7.30pm



Martin Grinsted will give a talk about the caves of the Mt Arthur Tablelands - the discovery, exploration and mapping of Te Mana Nui and other caves near Salisbury Lodge. Martin is a caver with almost 50 years experience, and is currently President of Nelson Speleological Group. He is also a volunteer for DOC, Land SAR and Red Cross Refugee Resettlement. He has Forest & Bird connections and has planted and managed native bush on his land.

This presentation is organised by the Forest and Bird, Nelson - Tasman branch.

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Email: m.hugman@hotmail.com

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Cawthron Annual Lecture



17 Sep 19

Contact: Cawthron

www.cawthron.org.nz

Time: 7:15pm



Location: Annesbrook Church, Nelson

The 76th Thomas Cawthron Memorial Lecture ticket registrations are being announced the week of 12 August, keep a look out on the Cawthron website to register.

This year the Lecture will be delivered by Professor Gideon Henderson, from the Earth Sciences Department of Oxford University and Fellow of the Royal Society. His work centres around climate studies and the carbon cycle.

Professor Henderson will talk about his research into the mitigation of climate change by removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Although tickets are free, you will need to get your ticket online and present it at the door.

Paremata Flats restoration working bees



17 Sep 19

Contact: Ian Price

Email: ian.price@xtra.co.nz

www.paremataflats.co.nz

Time: 9am to 3pm



Location: Paramata Flats Reserve, Cable Bay

One of the most important management roles in any ecological restoration is weed management, at Paremata Flats Reserve we undertake bi annual grid searching of all our plantings removing all nasty weeds, join us to help with an integral part of ecological restoration, come and appreciate the massive ecological changes at Paremata Flats Reserve.

We meet at 9.30 at Paremata Flats Reserve every Tuesday, weather permitting, bring spade, gloves, solid footwear, secateurs, food and drink, drive onto the Reserve off Maori Pa Rd and look out for my white single cab flat deck truck.

Conservation Week talks



19 Sep 19 - 25 Sep 19

Contact: The libraries

Time: See text



Location: Motueka and Richmond libraries

Come down to the Motueka and Richmond libraries for presentations about some of our awesome native birds.

*Richmond Library: 19 September, from 12 - 1pm. A DOC ranger will give a presentation about our specialist river bird, the whio or blue duck.

*Motueka Library: 25 September, 10am bring the kids down for a talk by a DOC ranger about our cheeky weka, this talk is aimed for preschool children.

*Motueka Library: 25 September, 11am. A DOC ranger will be giving a presentation about the small reclusive rock wren or tuke, this presentation is aimed for adults.

Image: Rock wren, Liz Whitwell

The Great Kererū Count



20 Sep 19 - 29 Sep 19

www.greatkererucount.nz

Location: Nationwide

The Great Kererū Count is NZ's biggest citizen science project to help gather information on the abundance and distribution of the New Zealand pigeon or kererū.

Everyone in New Zealand can get involved whether you see any kererū or not, sharing your observations with us will help build up a clearer picture of where the kererū live, how many there are and what they are feeding on.

To find out more visit www.greatkererucount.nz or visit the Nelson Saturday Market on the 7 and 21 September, where Nelson Nature (Nelson City Council) will have information on how to get involved and will have some trees to give away.





Top of the South trapping workshop



Location: Endeavour Pavilion, Picton

22 Sep 19

Contact: Wendy Sullivan

Email: wsullivan@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 03 520 3002

www.doc.govt.nz

Time: 9am to 4pm



The 2019 regional trapping workshop will have two concurrent sessions: "Back to Basics" (for beginners to immediate, or for those who want to refresh on best practice) and "Monitoring your Success" (intermediate to experienced), so regardless of your experience the day is for you. There will be an optional afternoon field trip to Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary (\$10pp for boat trip), a community-led restoration project.

To register your interest in receiving further information, please email Wendy at wsullivan@doc.govt.nz.

Hosted by DOC, Picton Dawn Chorus and Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

D'Urville Island weeds and rats



Location: D'Urville Island

23 Sep 19 - 27 Sep 19

Contact: Rae Lerew

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Phone: 027 5844293

www.doc.govt.nz



Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island weeds and rats with DOC.

There is an opportunity to assist in running tracking tunnels on the island and controlling gorse near the summit.

Candidates must be extremely fit, and comfortable navigating through untracked bush. GPS experience preferable and you must feel comfortable on steep terrain. A very beautiful setting, and an opportunity to explore this special motu!

For more information and to register your interest please contact Rae.

Cawthron Scitec Expo 2019



Location: Trafalgar Centre, Nelson

24 Sep 19 - 25 Sep 19

Contact: Cawthron

Email: foundation@cawthron.org.nz

www.cawthron.org.nz

Time: 10am - 4pm



Preparations for the Cawthron Scitec Expo are well underway and entries are now coming in from students across the region. We have received generous support and prize sponsorships from organisations, individuals and businesses totalling almost \$10,000 worth of prizes. We are expecting over 300 entries and the event is sure to result in a fantastic showcase of the region's best young minds.

The event is open to public, so please come along to view the wide range of projects on display.

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of September, Trafalgar Centre, 10am - 4pm.





October, 2019

Marlborough camp hosts



Location: South Marlborough

1 Oct 19 - 30 Apr 20

Contact: Natalie Lawler

Email: renwick@doc.govt.nz

www.doc.govt.nz



Come and camp host in the beautiful Marlborough region.

Locations include:

*Onamalutu campsite - 2 to 4 week positions available, you will need your own tent or campervan.

*Molesworth Cobb Cottage and Molesworth Acheron Cottage - 1 week positions available, accommodation is provided.

*Rarangi Beach Campsite - 2 to 4 week positions available, you will need your own tent or campervan. You can book in now for the summer season as spaces are limited. For more information and how to apply, see the DOC website - www.doc.govt.nz and search camp hosts Marlborough.

Saving the Kakapo



Location: Tahunanui School Hall, Nelson

9 Oct 19

Contact: Julie McLintock

Email: nikau48@gmail.com

Phone: 03 545 0989

www.forestandbird.org.nz

Time: 7.30pm



Come and hear a presentation by Ricky-Anne Mitchell "Saving the Kakapo; 2018/19 Breeding season". Ricky-Anne was a recipient of the Andy Dennis Award in 2018, and she has been involved with the highly successful Kakapo breeding season on Whenua Hou/Codfish Island.

This presentation is organised by the Forest and Bird, Nelson - Tasman branch.

D'Urville Island weedy wonders!



Location: D'Urville Island

21 Oct 19 - 25 Oct 19

Contact: Rae Lerew

Email: rlerew@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 027 5844293

www.doc.govt.nz



Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Weedy Wonders! An opportunity to assist DOC rangers controlling Old Mans Beard in the beautiful Greville Harbour and beyond. Candidates must be extremely fit, comfortable on untracked and steep/unstable terrain, and have an excellent eye for spotting weeds. Most beautiful spot on earth (no exaggeration here)!

For more information and to register your interest please contact Rae.

November, 2019

Nelson Lakes hut wardens



Location: Nelson Lakes National Park

1 Nov 19 - 31 May 20

Contact: Gabriella Czoma

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 03 521 1806

www.doc.govt.nz



Have you wanted to spend a week at the glorious Angelus, the Travers-Sabine Circuit or the Sabine Valley/Blue Lake Hut route?

Get involved with one of these well-run summer hut warden programmes. You must be a very fit and experienced trampler in New Zealand conditions. You'll love helping other trampers have a memorable time in the Nelson Lakes National Park. You'll be well supported by DOC, get good training and safety equipment. You'll have access to private hut warden accommodation. See this part of the country and make some new friends.

Apply online at www.doc.govt.nz

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz





December, 2019

West Bay camp hosts



Location: Nelson Lakes National Park

1 Dec 19 - 30 Apr 20

Contact: Gabriella Czoma

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 03 521 1806

www.doc.govt.nz



We are offering a free powered camp site for your caravan/campervan or a simple, furnished cabin for people who want to be part of this well-known summer camp host programme.

Enjoy the lake views, bush surroundings and easy access to all that Lake Rotoiti offers during the day. Check in campers after 4:30pm. EFTPOS, so little cash-handling. No cleaning required. Apply online at www.doc.govt.nz

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz

Kerr Bay camp hosts



Location: Nelson Lakes National Park

1 Dec 19 - 30 Apr 20

Contact: Gabriella Czoma

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 03 521 1806

www.doc.govt.nz



You can help travellers have a relaxing break beside beautiful Lake Rotoiti. We are looking for camp hosts with great people skills. You'll need a campervan (no more than 7m). Your day is free to discover the walks and wildlife in Nelson Lakes National Park. Check in campers after 4:30pm. Cooking amenities available. EFTPOS, so little cash-handling. Free powered campsite. No cleaning required.

Apply online at www.doc.govt.nz

Email: nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz

Onetahuti hosts and Tableland wardens



Location: Abel Tasman & Kahurangi National Parks

1 Dec 19 - 29 Feb 20

Contact: Sally Leggett

Email: sleggett@doc.govt.nz

Phone: 027 2035235

www.doc.govt.nz



Thanks to the camp hosts and hut wardens who have booked onto the Onetahuti camp host and Tablelands hut warden programmes for this summer season. These two volunteer programmes are now full for the 2019 - 2020 season. If you are new to these volunteer opportunities and would like to know more about them or would like to be added to the list for next season please get in touch with Sally.

Christmas in the Sounds



Location: Marlborough Sounds locations

17 Dec 19 - 7 Jan 20

Contact: Wendy Sullivan

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www.doc.govt.nz



Volunteer camp hosts are needed for Cowshed Bay and Camp Bay (17 December - 7 January) and Kenepuru Head (10 December - 24th December). 2-3 hours of work is required per day, the rest of the day is yours to walk, fish or relax. The Kenepuru and Cowshed Bay opportunities are motorhome suitable, or a family sized tent can be borrowed. Camp Bay hosts will be boated into the camp and a tent and two single beds is provided. The host is expected to have all other camping gear. Other dates are available between November to March.

Please see www.doc.govt.nz and search for 'Marlborough Sounds Camp Hosts' and for more details and to apply.

