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Can you link the missing information to complete the signs below?



CLEAN YOUR GEAR

Before and after visiting kauri forests clean your shoes, tyres and equipment.



STAY ON THE TRACK
 and off kauri roots.

Bird word cross

Can you find these words in our wordcross?

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| pīwakawaka | kākāriki |
| waxeye | pitopito |
| kākā | fantail |
| pihipihi | kererū |
| grey warbler | kāhu |
| Australasian harrier | morepork |
| ruru | black petrel |
| pāteke | shag |
| kingfisher | kōtare |
| banded rail | penguin |
| gannet | tūi |
| oystercatcher | |

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Photo: AWMHM

Wairarapa graves

The northern end of the beach is the site of some of the graves from the SS *Wairarapa*.
Where and when did the ship come to grief?

Where else are there *Wairarapa* graves?

Are you a twitcher?

Can you spot the following?

- pied stilt
- wrybill
- tern
- pāteke
- NZ dotterel
- oyster catcher
- bartailed godwit
- white heron/kōtuku



Shore birds

Many threatened bird species use the Whangapoua environment.

Sit and watch the birds along the shore and dunes.

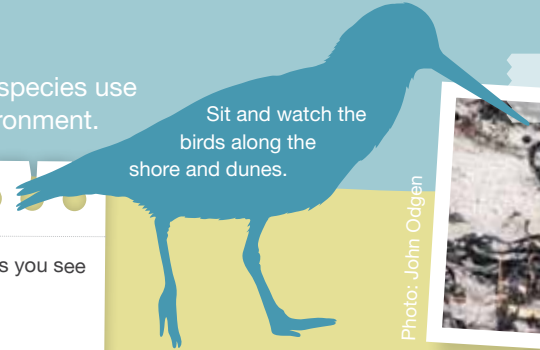


Photo: John Ogden



Shore birds lay their eggs in scrapes on the sand.

They are really well camouflaged, but easily destroyed. What things on this page may destroy a nest or scare a bird?



That's a nest!?!

Count the number of times you see them:

- preening
- eating
- calling
- flying away
- nesting



The legend of Tāne's eye-brows (Ngā tukemata o Tāne)

There was hostility between Tāne, god of the forest, and his brother Tangaroa, god of the sea. In a gesture of friendship, Tāne plucked off his eyebrows and offered them to Tangaroa. Tangaroa rejected this gift and threw them to the shore. There they sprouted and grow today as pīngao, symbolising the boundary between the realms of Tāne and Tangaroa.



Photo: John Ogden



Kohikohi kohikohi pīngao e
Mo ngā kete raukura o te rangi e
Gather up pīngao
For the treasured baskets of the sky.

Pīngao is used for making tukutuku (decorative panels) and kete (baskets).

Who and what else are dune plants useful for?
Collect some beach debris and shells and create Tangaroa in the sand.

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Find the answers at www.doc.govt.nz/gbi-answers

Beach and rock pool wander

As you walk along the beach find shells shaped like a triangle, cone, fan, turban and snail . . .

How many different dune plant species can you see?

At the beach end just beyond the graves site are some great rock pools.

See if you can find alive a sea urchin, seastar, sea anemone, chiton, crab, mussel, barnacle. Sit really still and watch them . . .

