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Enjoy your search.

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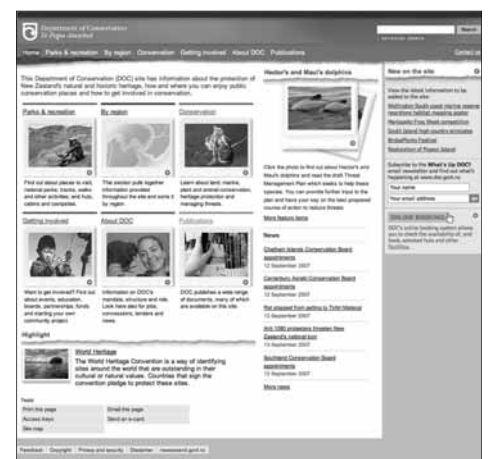
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Tiritiri Matangi Island

Located 31km north east of central Auckland and just 4km from the end of Whangaparaoa Peninsula, Tiritiri Matangi Island is one of New Zealand's most important and exciting conservation projects. 120 years of farming saw this 230-hectare island stripped of 94% of its native bush but between 1984 and 1994, volunteers planted between 250,000 and 300,000 trees. The island is now 60% forested. The remaining 40% will be left as grassland for species such as the Tokab.

In conjunction with this planting programme, all mammalian predators have been eradicated and a number of species of threatened and endangered birds have been successfully introduced. Nowhere else in New Zealand can you readily walk amongst so many species in such significant quantities.

Ferries depart from both Gulf Harbour and downtown Auckland allowing 150 visitors per day to visit the island. This is in addition to any private craft that may land. For ornithologically minded people, no visit to Auckland would be complete without a trip to Tiritiri Matangi.

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Glossary

Arboreal	Living in, or connected with trees.
Autotomy	The ability (of reptiles) to drop their tails at a 'weak point' to escape predators.
Biodiversity	The variety of life on earth (short for biological diversity).
Biota	Animal and plant life.
Camouflage	Disguise by blending-in to the surroundings.
Candled (noun candling)	A process where an egg is held up against the light to see what is happening inside.
Capsule	A dry fruit which splits at maturity to release its seeds.
Captive breeding programme	Set up by zoos etc to breed and monitor a population of native animals or birds in captivity to help increase and conserve the population.
Carnivore	An animal that feeds on meat.
Conservation	Trying to protect animals and plants, their habitats and whole ecosystems.
Crepuscular	Active in twilight.
Coevolution	A change in the composition of one species in response to a genetic change in another (reciprocal adaptation).
Deforestation	Cutting down or clearing forest.
Diurnal	Active during the day.
Drupe	A fleshy fruit with a hard stone enclosing a seed (e.g. cherry, coprosma).
Eclipse (plumage)	Dull plumage assumed by male birds after breeding.
Ecosystem	A specific area in which climate, land, animals and plants constantly interact (ecological + system).
Egg tooth	A special hard piece on the end of a bird's beak that helps it break out of its shell. It falls off the beak soon after hatching. Tuatara also have this.
Embryo	An animal in the earliest stages of development, before it is born or hatched.
Endangered	A population of plants or animals so small that it's in danger of becoming extinct.
Endemic	Animals whose natural range is in a certain country and nowhere else in the world.
Environment	The area, conditions, etc which surround us.
Eradicate	To remove or get rid of (usually pests, weeds, predators).

Extinct	Gone forever.
Extirpated	No longer exists, gone completely (extinct).
Feral	Living wild after having been domesticated.
Forage	Search for food.
Genus	A group of species having similar characteristics.
Gravid	Pregnant (reptiles).
Habitat	The natural home of a plant or animal, where they live, breed and search for food.
Herbivore	An animal that feeds on plants.
Incubators	Especially climate-controlled containers for hatching eggs.
Inflorescence	A collection of flowering parts.
Insectivorous	Eating mainly insects.
Instars	Growth stages (of insects, weta).
Juvenile	Birds in their first proper feathers after replacing their down.
Micro-organism	An organism not visible to the naked eye.
Migrate	When animals travel to different areas to find food or because of temperature changes, or both.
Mustelid	A group of mammalian predators (stoats, weasels, ferrets) introduced into New Zealand in the 1880's to control rabbits.
Nocturnal	Active during the night.
Omnivore	An animal that feeds on many kinds of food.
Order	A group containing one or more biological families.
Parthenogenic	Capable of reproducing without mating e.g. some stick insects.
Plumage	A bird's feathers.
Predator	An animal which preys upon others.
Raptor	A bird of prey (hawk, falcon).
Regurgitate	Bring back into the mouth food that has been swallowed or digested.
Reintroduction	Releasing native animals into habitats where they once lived.
Sloughing	Casting off dead outer skin in reptiles (pronounced sluffing).
Species	Animals or plants so similar that they can have offspring.
Subspecies	A variety or a subdivision of a species, that has some consistent differences from others of the species.
Sustainable	Using resources in a responsible way so they will be available in the future.

Taxonomy	The scientific discipline of naming, describing and classifying organisms.
Thermoregulation	Maintenance of a steady body temperature even under difficult and changing conditions.
Threatened	A species that is threatened with extinction if we don't take steps to protect it.
Translocate	To place birds/reptiles/insects/plants into new areas, where they may have been before, usually in order to save them from extinction.
Trifoliate	Having three leaves.
Unifoliate	Having a single leaf.
Vagrant	A wanderer (bird). Usually caught in a storm and blown off-course or strayed by mistake.
Vestigial	A non-functional remnant of something other animals/creatures have e.g. a kiwi's wings, a tuatara's 'third eye'.
Wetlands	Places where land and water meet or where the ground is wet for most or all of the year.
Wildlife	Animals not domesticated by humans.
SVL	(Snout, Vent, Length – abbreviation) Used when measuring reptiles – allows for consistent measure of body, irrespective of state of tail.
Stridulation	The rasping sound made by the tree weta.