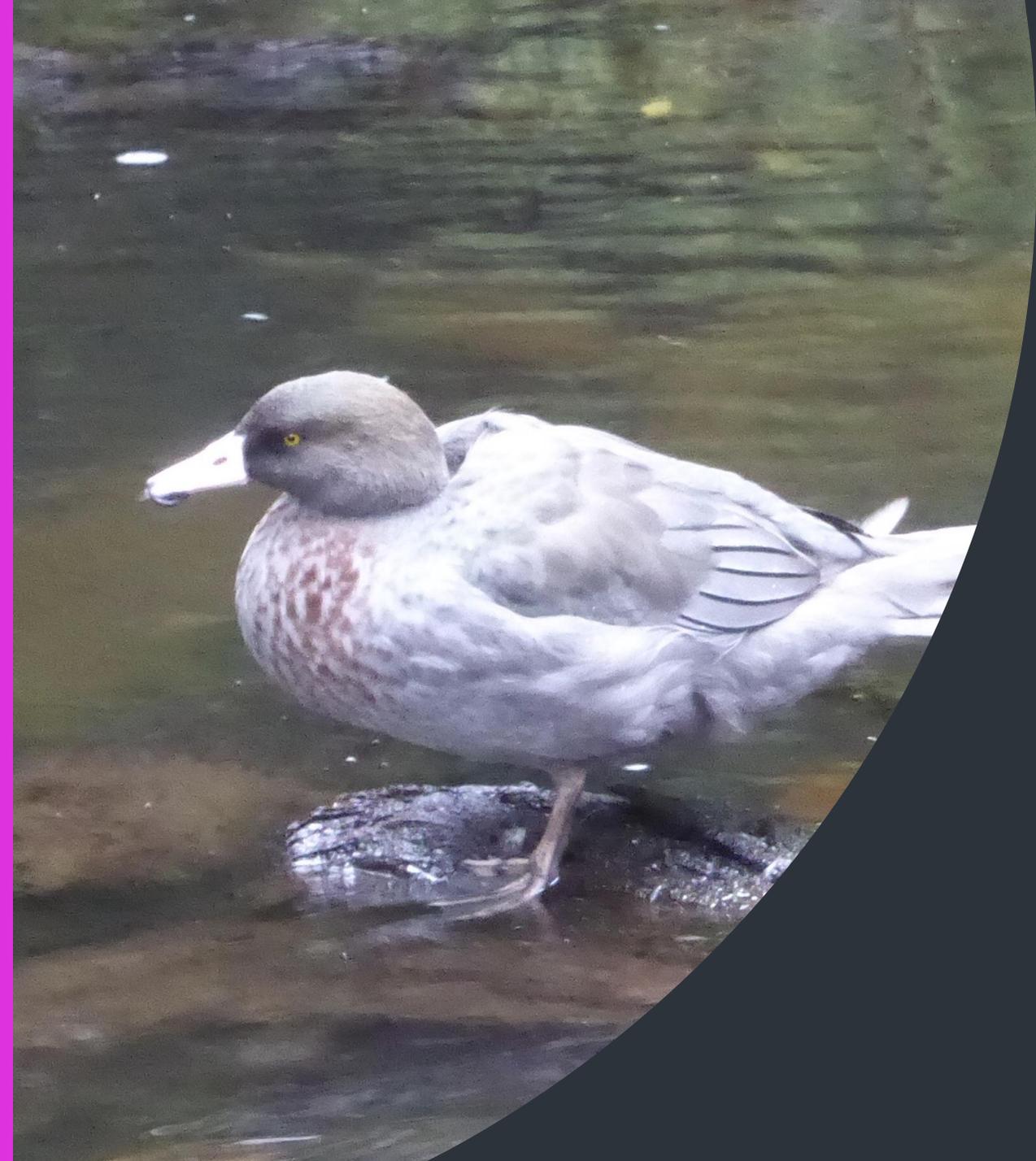


Te Ao o Tane

Departs Napier
April 5 2022



The forests of Aotearoa are a reminder of a world now long gone, of ferns, of ancient conifers, flightless ground birds, prehistoric reptiles and insects, and virtually no mammals. We traverse the North Island from Napier to Whanganui in search of the finest forests amidst dramatic fascinating landscapes. From the sub-antarctic beech forests to the ever changing podocarp forests of the volcanic plateau, we study the intricacies of the forests saved from destruction by Forest & Bird and others in the 1980s-90s



Day 1

Te Urewera National Park, Lake Waikaremoana, Kohutapu Lodge

Home of the Tūhoe, the rugged and remote Te Urewera region is full of stunning landscapes. As we travel through the hills surrounding Lake Waikaremoana, we'll stop to walk amidst the ancient native forests, visiting Lake Wakareiti, and gaining an insight into this region steeped in history and rich in biodiversity that is now administered by a Tūhoe/Crown Board. Stay Aniwheua.

Day 2

Whirinaki Forest, Minginui, Whirinaki Footsteps Cultural tour

A guided cultural walking tour deep into the heart of the Whirinaki rain forest with members of the Ngāti Manawa. Discover the history of the forest, traditional medicinal uses of key plant species, and listen to and view a number of threatened forest bird species



Day 3

Bay of Plenty Marine Issues day with Te Atarangi Sayers from a Mōfiti hapū

Join Te Atarangi Sayers, Forest & Bird Board member, as he takes us through the Bay of Plenty. He weaves an inspiring spiritual journey with his hapū as they strove to gain firstly awareness, then understanding, and protection for the unique waters surrounding Mōfiti waters that were all but destroyed when SS Rena ran aground.

Day 4

Aongatete Forest, Rotoehu Forest

Meet with the Graeme family, founders of KCC and staunch supporters of greater protection for the Kaimai Mamaku forests. Walk in the Aongatete forest before continuing through to the central North Island. Mid afternoon take a gentle 2 km walk through the edge of Rotoehu Forest by Lake Rotoiti, before continuing to our overnight stay in Rotorua.



Day 5

Waihora Lagoon in Pureora Forest, Blue Duck Station

Today we visit one of the finest tracts of podocarp rain forest in the country to study the intricacies and complexities of this, the predominant forest type in New Zealand. The so-called 'dinosaur forests' have changed little over 100 million years and are typical of the forest cover of Gondwana. The rimu-dominated forest here is perhaps the finest in the country. Pureora was a flashpoint in the late 1970s and the actions of conservation stalwarts here paved the way for other significant lowland forests in the North island to be protected. We study the podocarp forest communities in detail today as we walk into Waihora Lagoon, a gem within the forest. Later travel to Blue Duck Station for two nights.



Day 6

Blue Duck Station

Situated on the banks of the Whanganui and Retaruke Rivers where their core values are protecting endangered wildlife and increasing the health of the surrounding forest and rivers, Blue Duck Station offers a wide range of activities. You may opt to partake in any, but we'll take a walk through native forest to Kaiwhakauka Waterfall, with very good opportunities for good views of Whio/Blue Duck.

Day 7

Trip termination in Wanganui.

Travel south to Whanganui and trip termination late morning.



Departs : from Napier and terminates in Whanganui.

Inclusions :

Services of tour naturalist leader

All tour travel

All accommodation in quality hotels and lodges

Three meals daily excepting dinner in Tauranga

Information booklet with background ecological information.

Contribution to Forest & Bird

Goods and Services Tax of 15%

Admission fees where applicable

Cost per Person NZ\$2365.00 per person twin-share

Single room rate add \$NZ555.00 per person

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