

Keeping you informed about Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust. May  
2020 Update

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# ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST

Hi Dawn,

## Keep Going New Zealand

Well, we have come through Alert Level 4, and now are part way (hopefully) through Alert Level 3.

Please see below for a message from the Board as to what does Alert Level 3 mean for Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust.

Once we are able to undertake our pest control work again please come along and help us, many hands make light work!

May is when we send out our volunteer survey. Please complete this survey if you can as it helps us get more of an understanding of our volunteers and ways in which we can improve.

In the meantime, we must all sit tight, stay strong, keep ourselves safe and follow the advice given by the Government.

We will keep you updated on any progress.

## Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust and COVID-19 lockdown

We're guessing that you're like us and wondering what's happening during lockdown at Ōtanewainuku and are feeling just as frustrated that we haven't been able to do anything.

During level 4 we haven't been able to travel to the forest - this means no kiwi work and no pest control.

We haven't been idle though! We've been working in the background so that, once we can go back, we'll be ready to go.

The Department of Conservation has now advised us that 'work that can be done safely (and) that is important to high priority conservation values' may be able to go ahead during Level 3. We have applied for approval for kiwi monitoring and trapping work to proceed in the first two weeks of level 3 lockdown. We will need to follow approved health and safety guidelines and have our work approved by DOC before we proceed. We're hopeful of hearing about our application in the coming week.

This will hopefully mean that important kiwi monitoring and transmitter work can go ahead at our creche at Warrenheip near Cambridge and at Ōtanewainuku Forest. We will however, probably need to wait a little longer before we can restart the replacement of conibears with DOC 200's, replacing damaged and missing bait stations and trapping work.

So, for you trappers (stoaties, ferrets, possums and rats), please hold off checking your lines until we have approval from DOC for that work to continue. Deadlines in our preparations for this year's toxin programme still need to be met though so it's going to be a race against the clock to get all the work done. We're considering holding workdays twice a month, but we'll let you know. We're going to need as many volunteers as possible working in the forest once we have the approvals. Your health and safety are always important to us and we are putting clear guidelines together to ensure that we can complete the work in time while keeping people safe.

In the meantime, please stick with us - we're on Facebook and Instagram and our website [www.kiwitrust.org](http://www.kiwitrust.org) has some great resources that are worth checking. If you haven't seen the Cam Speedy interview about trapping on our [Facebook page](#), it's well worth checking out.

We'll keep you informed as we receive more information and, hopefully approvals for more work, from DOC .

Bruce Fraser

Chair (on behalf of the Trustees)

## **KOKAKO CENSUS - AUGUST**

### **Ōtanewainuku Kokako Census - all set to start on August 3rd.**

If you would like to get up close to our Ōtanewainuku Kokako and learn more about this amazing bird then volunteer to support the census teams. There is no better opportunity than this to get to know Kokako. Block some time out in your calendar and join a team.

- We have 4 teams and we need 1 or 2 volunteers to support each team.
- We've set aside 2 weeks from 3rd to 15th August. With a 3rd week in reserve if we need it.
- The teams work from pre-dawn to early afternoon finding and following birds, 6 days a week. (If the weather causes lost days during the week the teams can work Sunday as well)
- all volunteers receive 'on the job' kokako census training when they start their task.

You will need:

- A reasonably good level of fitness,
- To be well prepared with strong footwear, appropriate clothing (including your own 'survival' kit, hydration and snacks to sustain the mornings work,
- To be able to commit a minimum of 3 days (this is to ensure that our team leaders are not using each days time to train new people),
- Some GPS experience would be helpful but not essential. Training will be available 'on the job'.

If you have any queries then phone or email Hans Pendergrast  
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## FOR THE KIDS



Hi kids!

Have you ever tried leaf art? It's really cool to see the patterns that leaves have and when you use crayon or paint you can really see them!

All you need is:

Paint

Crayons

Paper

To do a rubbing of your leaves, just place them under a sheet of paper and gently go over it with a crayon.

Use even pressure to colour over where the leaf is.

To do a painting of your leaves, paint them and either do a print of it onto paper using a roller or lay the leaf on the paper and carefully roll the paint over it. You can lay the leaves different ways, or use different shaped leaves to get different patterns.

You can frame them and create a wonderful masterpiece!

See if you can take some photos - we would love to be able to share them with our Ōtanewainuku family!



## I'm a Volunteer!

Before we know it, the time will  
                                           come,  
 To work back in the forest.  
 The past few weeks, to say the least,  
 Have been nothing but the oddest!

I'll pull out all my safety gear,  
 My boots so strong and sturdy.  
 My first aid kit, my vizzy vest,  
 I don't think I look 'nerdy'!

I know I'll meet new people,  
 I'll meet my old friends too.  
 It's been a scary time for us,  
 We've all been oh so blue!

I know the leader is friendly,  
 And will remind me what to do.  
 I hope he's glad I'm in his team,  
                                           I think I'll like it too!

When all this Covid stuff is over,  
 And we have no need to grizzle.  
 I once again can shake your hand  
                                           And enjoy our sausage sizzle!

I think the day will go quite fast,  
 When it's done I'll give a cheer!  
                                           I plan to make a difference,  
                                           Since I'm a Volunteer!

Anon

## **The Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust (OKT) Handbook**

**This handbook gives an insight into the background of the trust, it's purpose and vision and how you as a volunteer can help achieve that vision. This is not only for those working actively in the forest but also to those helping behind the scenes.**

**If you would like a copy of the volunteer handbook emailed to you please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Gaylene Street [volunteers@volbop.org.nz](mailto:volunteers@volbop.org.nz) or on 07 571 3714.**



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