



ŌTANEWAINUKU KIWI TRUST

Hi Dawn,

Welcome to the Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust Update for May 2021.

Last month's workday saw 19 Volunteers brave the wet conditions in the forest. Thank you for venturing out and helping OKT, especially on Mother's Day!

SURVEY

In May, a survey was sent out to gain insight into the needs of the Volunteers and Supporters, their expectations, and how they see their Volunteering or Supporting experience with Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust. This information is utilized to evaluate our current procedures and processes to continually improve the Volunteer or Supporter experience.

Thank you to those of you who gave your time to submit your feedback.

The main points that came out of the survey are as follows:

- There is significant goodwill with a positive Volunteering experience, and members are likely to recommend OKT to others.
- Most who completed the survey felt that what they did for OKT had a lot of impact.
- Only one respondent felt that there were some procedures that needed to be implemented or renewed, but most felt well informed and comfortable with carrying out the task they were assigned.
- When given options as to what Volunteering or Supporting OKT meant for them, most responses were that people can do something for a cause

that is important to them. Some enjoy the direct, hands-on experience that they receive.

- Everyone enjoys the update - thanks!

FOREST WORKDAY - SUNDAY 13th JUNE 2021

When - Sunday 13th June 2021

What time - 9.00 am to whenever

Where - Ōtanewainuku Shelter - Mountain road, Oropi

The proposed work activities for the June workday include bait line maintenance and bait station upgrades, also small teams will be carrying DOC 200 stoat traps into the Bush as part of the stoat trap line upgrade.

- The workday will start at 9 am. Please arrive at **8.45 am** to ensure everyone is present at the briefing and H&S Induction.
- New volunteers - once the briefing is completed you will be assigned to an experienced volunteer. Please make yourself known to the person in charge of the day. Assemble where required.
- Sturdy walking shoes or boots will be required, as well as warm gear, raincoat, drink, and snacks if going out in the bush.
- Hi-Viz vest and personal first aid kit are recommended. Allergy medications need to be in the first aid kit i.e. wasp sting.
- A reasonable level of fitness required as you need to be aware of changes in the terrain, however, there is the option of line clearing.
- Sausage Sizzle and a cuppa provided afterward for you.

Please remember to check Facebook and email for cancellations.

KOKAKO TEAM

Thank you to all those who have offered to join the Kokako team. Kokako work is currently focused on the immense amount of paperwork required to prepare for a future translocation.

The greatest thing that everyone can do for Kokako over the next few years is to get behind the toxin programme and deal with the rats. We need to get as close to zero rats during each nesting season to make a significant advance in the kokako population.

Even if all you do is look after one line of bait stations, that will make a significant difference when added to everyone else's effort to achieve the best

rat kill we can.

Thank you to all the stoat and possum trappers who are keeping these pests down. All this adds to Kokako nesting success.

Be encouraged, Keep your 'pedal to the metal', and together we will give the Kokako chickens the best chance of survival.

Hans

ŌTANEWAINUKU: THE NUMBERS

- The Trust has over 180 km of trap and bait station lines
- 250 stoat trap tunnels
- 2142 bait stations within 1200ha of the Ōtanewainuku Conservation Area
- Originally estimated to be around 30 million Kiwi in NZ. Now around 70,000
- North Island Brown Eastern Taxon kiwi estimated to be about 7,000
- Kiwi eggs and chicks get eaten by predators where there is no protection. Out of every 100 kiwi eggs laid only five kiwi chicks will make it to adulthood
- An average of 27 kiwi are killed by predators EVERY WEEK. That's a population decline of around 1,400 kiwi every year (or 2%)
- Kiwi may disappear from the mainland in our lifetime. Just one hundred years ago, kiwi numbered in the millions
- In areas where predators are controlled, 50-60% of chicks survive. When areas are not under management 95% of kiwi die before reaching breeding age
- Over 4000 predators trapped since the start of the Trust's work
- Over 600 possums removed from the bush in the past year

Also, here's another piece for you

Celebrating our great walks

Sometimes we get so busy with bush work that we forget to enjoy and savour the beautiful piece of forest that we're privileged to be associated with. To help with this, we've recently posted videos of two of the 3 fantastic walks at Otanewainuku. Check them out here <https://kiwitrust.org/experiences/walks/>

If you take any photos or videos in the bush and post them online, please tag us in

Nga mihi

Bruce Fraser

Ōtanewainuki Kiwi Trust Chair

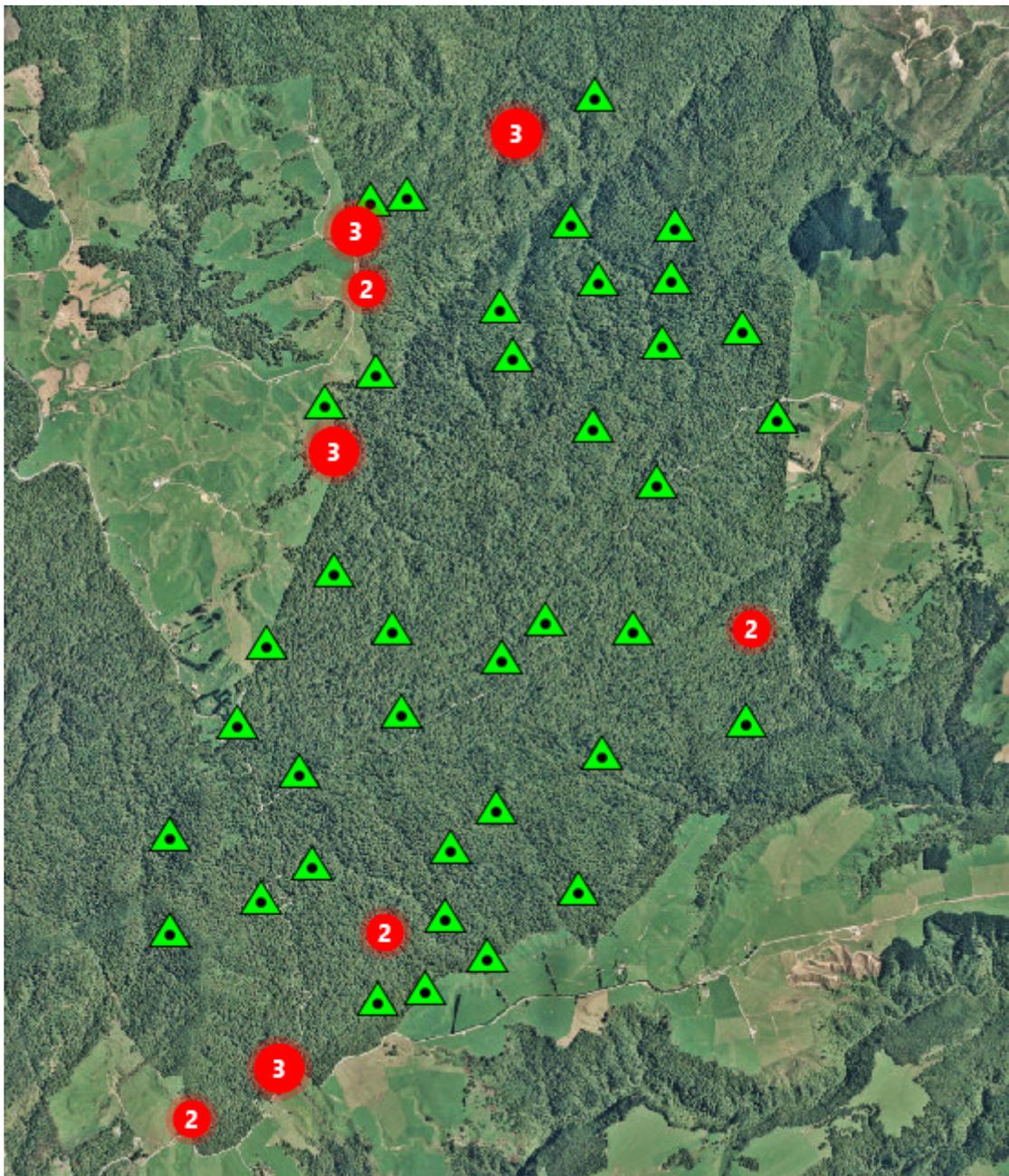
FERRET AND STOAT

The map below is showing ferret and stoat catches from 1.11.2020 to 30.4.2021.

Green triangles = single catches

Red circles = clusters

Chris



FOR THE KIDS (and maybe the big kids too!)



Did you know that World Environment Day is on the 5th of June, every year!

The theme for 2021 is Ecosystem Restoration. Ōtanewainuku is made up of many types of ecosystems.

Forests and trees make Earth liveable. They provide us with clean air and water. By storing vast amounts of carbon and moderating the climate, they are a critical defence against global heating. They are home to most of the planet's amazing biodiversity. They provide shade, recreation, and a sense of well-being.

Mountains occupy about a quarter of the Earth's land, harbour most of its biodiversity hotspots, and supply fresh water to an estimated half of humanity.

Rivers and Streams provide unique habitats for many plants and animals, including one-third of all vertebrate species. Streams at Ōtanewainuku flow in many directions, some underground.

The work that the Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust does not only protects the wildlife from invasive pests, it also protects the forest itself from those pests and assists in natural regeneration.

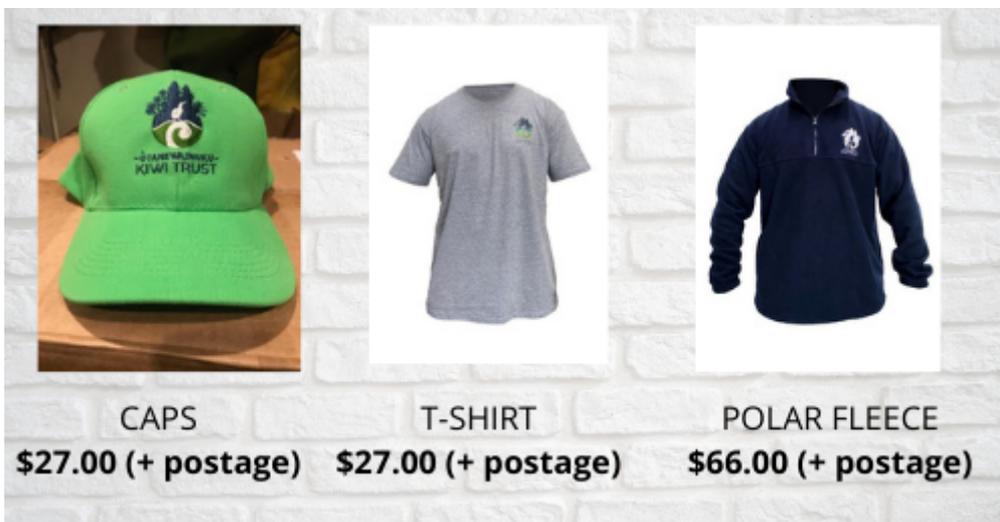
We can all do our part in protecting our ecosystems. If you are unable to Volunteer your time with OKT, then think about how you can do something around your home, like green scaping. Check it out [here](#).



ORDER YOUR OKT GEAR!

Our T-shirts, Polar Fleece and Caps are now on sale with purchasing via our website. The Polar Fleece would be great in the cooler weather!

For more information go to <https://kiwitrust.org/store/>



OKT & SOCIAL MEDIA

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram and, if you take any photos at Ōtanewainuku that you're happy to share, please tag us in. We love seeing people enjoying the great walks there.

<https://www.facebook.com/otanewainuku/>

<https://www.instagram.com/otanewainukukiwitrust/>

The Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust (OKT) Handbook

This handbook gives an insight into the background of the trust, its 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 for those helping behind the scenes.

The handbook is sent to all new volunteer registrations but if you have not received a copy please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Gaylene Street volunteers@volbop.org.nz or on 07 571 3714.

**It's not a bad thing to have a little impact,
each trapline is little when you look at it
singularly but when lots of people do a little
thing it turns into a big thing. We each do
have a little impact that amounts to a great
deal of impact I think.**

Anon

A thought from one of our Volunteers

When the Forest Flourishes, the People Flourish.



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