



Kārearea
NZ falcon



Pīwakawaka
Fantail



E noho ana ia ki hea?

Where does it live?



Kororā
Little blue penguin



Kākā



Pūkeko

What is this bird?

He aha tēnei manu?

Ruru
Morepork



Kōmiromiro
Tomtit



Pēhea tana tangi?

What sound does it make?



Tūī



Weka



Kererū

He aha tana kai?

What does it eat?



Kawau pū
Black shag



Kiwi



Whio
Blue duck

Ngā manu o Aotearoa

Aotearoa is home to more than 200 native manu (bird) species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Ngā manu have always been a taonga (treasure) to Māori. In traditional Māori life, ngā manu were used for kai (food), kākahu (clothing/cloaks), whakatauākī (proverb) and predicting the future.

Feathers from the tūī, kiwi and kākā were very precious and worn by chiefs in korowai (cloaks), while the pīwakawaka (fantail), kōmiromiro (tomtit) and kārearea (falcon) were watched carefully for predicting the future and weather.

Ngā manu live all over Aotearoa and make very different sounds. You can help identify ngā manu found in your backyard by using the free identification posters and recordings available here:

<https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/identification/>



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