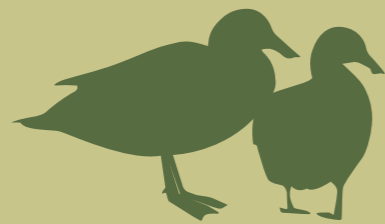


**Tī kōuka**  
Cabbage tree



**Whio**  
Blue duck

**Pepeketua**  
Frog



**Matuku**  
Bittern



**Pīngao**  
Sedge



**Matuku moana**  
White-faced heron

**He nui he iti rānei?**

Is it big or small?

Who is in the wetland?

# Ko wai kei te repo?

**E hia ngā kararehe i konei?**

How many animals are here?

**Toetoe**

**Kawau**  
Shag



**Kōura**  
Crayfish



**Tuna**  
Eel

**Harakeke**  
Flax

**Kei roto i te wai?**

Is it in the water?

**Kōkopu**



**Īnanga/Matamata**  
Whitebait



## Ngā Repo o Aotearoa

Repo (wetlands) are wāhi taonga (treasured areas) and act like the kidneys or sponges of the Earth – Ngā whatukuhu o Papatūānuku – filtering the whenua (land) and wai (water). They are full of resources and many Māori cultural practices are associated with repo, for example: mahinga kai (food gathering sites), rongoā Māori (medicines), raranga (weaving), waihanga (building and construction).

Repo provide unique habitats for taonga species, including: native fish – tuna, kōkopu, īnanga; birds – matuku, kawau; plants – tī kōuka, harakeke.

Whānau/hapū/iwi (tribes) depend on repo for wellbeing, strength and survival. Learn how to protect and restore our precious wetlands: [www.landcareresearch.co.nz/wetland-handbooks](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/wetland-handbooks)



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