

# CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST WILDBASE RECOVERY EDUCATION PROGRAMME VISIT RESOURCE



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RECOVERY

WITH MASSEY UNIVERSITY  
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## ABOUT CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST WILDBASE RECOVERY

Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery is a world class rehabilitation Centre for native wildlife recovering from illness or injury. The Centre provides shelter and care to a range of native wildlife during their recovery after treatment at Massey University's Wildbase Hospital. Every animal we care for in the Centre is an ambassador for their species and the challenges that face them in the wild.

In our Centre you will find:

- Specially designed rehabilitation aviaries for patients
- A walkthrough aviary housing tuatara and a variety of resident ambassador native birds
- Two breeding aviaries for the endangered whio (blue duck) and pāteke (brown teal)
- The Powerco Education Centre
- Bilingual signage in te reo Māori and English

### Keen on visiting us?

We provide the community with a conservation education experience like no other. Locals, visitors, schools and community organisations have the opportunity to see conservation in action - and learn how they can make a difference to the future of New Zealand's native wildlife.

### HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource is a great starting point for preparing to visit our Centre and is best used in conjunction with our website.

Before your visit, work through this resource with your tamariki, familiarizing yourselves with the native manu you may see when you visit. Tamariki tend to get more out of their visit when seeing manu they have learnt about in class.

This resource introduces the animals in our centre, and includes questions and activities, some are best completed before your visit and others are your choice.

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# ANIMALS IN OUR CENTRE

## THE WALKTHROUGH AVIARY

The animals in our walkthrough aviary are resident ambassadors and live with us permanently. They're ambassadors for their species and the issues their wild counterparts face.

Click their photo to learn more! This links to our website.

Animals you may see include:

### TUATARA



### KERERŪ

NZ WOOD PIGEON



### KĀKĀ

BUSH PARROT



### KORIMAKO

BELLBIRD



## CAPTIVE BREED FOR RELEASE AVIARIES

The captive breed for release programmes for Pateke and Whio are in partnership with the Department of Conservation. The breeding pairs live with us, and offspring are released to the wild when ready.

### WHIO

BLUE DUCK



### PĀTEKE

BROWN TEAL



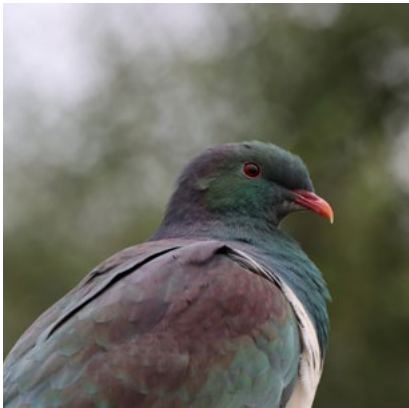
## REHABILITATION AVIARIES

At Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery, manu recover after treatment at Wildbase Hospital, they change regularly as they recover and are released back into the wild. We can provide patient updates prior to your visit. Sometimes aviaries are empty as patients have been released – this is very exciting; an empty aviary means we are able to help another bird.

Our most common patients include:

### KERERŪ

NZ WOOD PIGEON



### KĀHU

HARRIER HAWK



### TŪI

TUI



### RURU

MOREPORK



### TAUHOU

WAXEYE



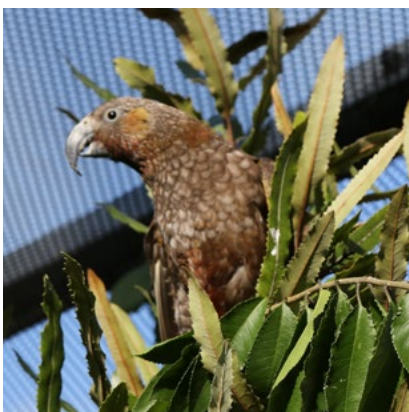
### KŌTARE

SCACRED KINGFISHER



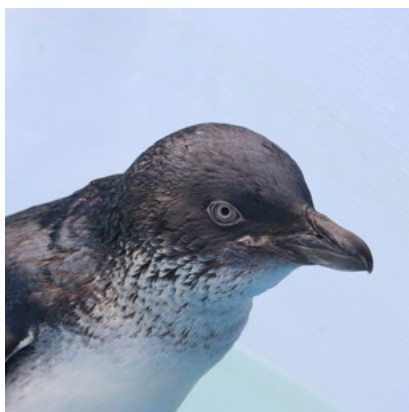
### KĀKĀ

BUSH PARROT



### KORORĀ

LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN



### KĀREAREA

NZ FALCON



See our current patients online [here](#)

# QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## Before you visit, can you answer these questions?

- What does Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery do?
- What does Wildbase Hospital do?
- What makes an animal or plant endemic, native or introduced?
- Name some pests and predators that effect our native wildlife and why they are an issue?
- How can predator-proof fences help?

You can learn more about us and The Wildbase Story [here](#)

## These questions and activities can be completed before, or after your visit – you pick!

### RESEARCH AND LEARN ABOUT THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE

- What is their Threat Classification/Conservation Status?
- How many are in the wild?
- Where are they found(distribution)? What habitats?
- Are they native or endemic?
- What are their threats?
- What do they eat?

### REQUEST A PATIENT UPDATE

One week prior to your visit, request a patient update. Learn about some of the patients that may be in the Centre when you visit.

Possible questions to ask:

- Is this patient endangered? What is their Threat Classification/Conservation Status?
- What was this patient's injury?
- *How was this patient injured? Or what has cause it to become ill?*
- *Could we have done anything to prevent this type of injury or illness?*
- *How could we have prevented this?*

*These questions will be answered on your visit.*

### QUIZ YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Conduct a survey to find out who has visited Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery. How many have visited? What did they like about their visit? If they haven't visited, do they know we are free to visit?

Then analyse these results.

## ANIMAL INVESTIGATION

Choose a New Zealand native animal; a bat, a bird, a reptile, a sea creature....

Research your animal:

- What does the animal eat?
- Where does the animal live?
- What is its habitat like?
- What does it need to survive?
- What threats does this animal face?

Include pictures or your own drawings of your special animal and any other visual aid to make your information sheet fun and informative!



## POSTER POWER

In a group or on your own create a poster that shares an important conservation message, for example:

- Keeping dogs on leads when out and about
- Put stickers on windows to stop birds hitting them
- Keeping cats indoors at night to stop them hunting
- Using less plastic
- Recycle and reuse
- Pests and predators - a problem in NZ bush
- Plant native trees

Include the following:

- Your message
- How people can help
- Information you have researched



## ARE YOU GAME?

Survival Game - Create a game for a native animal

- Choose an animal
- What helps it to survive?
- What are threats to it?

Create a survival game – maybe it is similar to another game you know e.g. snakes and ladders, Game of Life etc

See the **Whio Forever Stoats and Rivers** game as an example.

## CREATIVE CORNER

Write a senses story or poem about a patient that has come to Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery

- Why is it needing care?
- What does it feel?
- What does it see?
- What does it hear?
- What does it smell?

Think about how strange it might be or an animal to come from the wild to a hospital or recovery environment.



## AT THE MOVIES

In a group or on your own -make a mini documentary about your favourite native animal

Research your animal first – some things to think about:

- Facts about the animal
- Why the animal is special
- The animal's habitat.
- The conservation status of the animal
- Threats the animal faces – for example stoat predation, pollution, habitat loss;

## WHO'S THAT PEST?

Investigate an animal pest or predator introduced to New Zealand.

- When was it introduced to New Zealand?
- Why is it a pest or predator?
- What native species does it threaten?
- How is it being controlled?
- How can people help?



WE'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

SEND YOUR WORK TO

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