



MID-AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

F&B AUGUST 2016 TRIP



We have space for one more 4WD vehicle (driver & 3 passengers) on our Whitebait trip. Please let us know if you have a 4WD vehicle, and would like to go on the trip. Also, how many passengers you would be able to take.

If you do not have a vehicle and would like to go on the trip, please let us know.

Please contact: Julia Panfylova Email: J.Panfylova@gmail.com Phone: 021 050 5741

4WD adventure to Whitebait Creek, Whirokino Whitebait Spawning Ground, Koputaroa Scientific Reserve, Wildlife Foxton Trust AND MORE...

This is a special trip, and is limited to 4WD vehicles only,

We will visit important spawning and adult habitat sites. Meet locals who will open your eyes to the incredible and secretive world of NZ freshwater species, and their importance to NZ ecosystem.

Don't miss this chance to get familiar with the iconic NZ freshwater species

Leader: Alastair Cole, NZ Landcare Trust

Guides: Bob Hoskins, who has been involved in habitat restoration

John Girling, who will guide us through Wildlife Foxton Trusts centre, where they have some Giant Kokupu and Inanga adults!

Depart: 10.00 a.m. sharp from Palmerston North

Meet: Palmerston North - Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side). If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver.

What to bring: Suitable warm/wet weather clothing, gumboots or suitable footwear for wet conditions. Bring snacks, water, lunch*, binoculars (we may spot a bittern or so!) – and - do not forget your camera.

*We will be stopping at the Dutch Oven Café, if you do not wish to bring your own lunch, and arrangements have been made for those who bring their own lunch.

THERE ARE STILL SPACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR OVERNIGHT TRIP TO:

LAKE ROTOKARE, nr. ELTHAM, TARANAKI
Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th October, 2016



Rotokare Scenic Reserve is a stunning 230 hectare forested hill-country catchment, extensive wetlands and 17.8 hectare natural lake. This pest-free, fenced paradise is a home to iconic kiwi, extraordinary fernbirds, saddlebacks that were recently translocated from Bushy Park and many other native animals.

The approximate price for this trip is \$50 plus petrol (if you car-pool)

This includes:

- Accommodation at the Eltham Presbyterian Camp - shared rooms and cabins.
- Rotokare Project presentation and guided walk around the Rotokare Scenic Reserve
- Catered dinner
- Night Tour of the Rotokare Scenic Reserve

On Sunday, before you return to Palmerston North, you could:

- Look around the Reserve again
- Explore Stratford and/or Egmont National Park
- Visit the Tawhiti Museum at Harewa (well worth a visit)

If you are interested in going on the Trip, please register your interest with our Trip Coordinator, Julia Panfylova, or if you have any questions about the Trip. Email: J.Panfylova@gmail.com or ph. 021 050 75741.

Timms Possum Traps (used) available free to a good home

F&B Manawatu Branch has been offered 4 x used Timms possum traps to give away to a good home. If you are interested, please email me:

Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Workshop about how to improve the coverage of NZ species on Wikipedia

Michael Dickison, Curator of Natural History, Whanganui Regional, who gave such a thought provoking talk about recreating the Moa, is interested in running a workshop with Forest and Bird Manawatu about how to improve the coverage of New Zealand species on Wikipedia. He ran a similar one at Te Papa in May.

Check out the link below

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Wellington/2016_Edit-a-thon

“What's it about?”

An [Edit-a-thon](#) is an all-day attempt to improve Wikipedia's coverage of a particular topic. Led by an experienced Wikipedia editor, participants learn to create and edit pages, correct mistakes, add references, and upload photos. Complete beginners are welcome; training and troubleshooting is provided. This edit-a-thon is being hosted by the Friends of Te Papa, and will focus on adding **New Zealand plant and animal species** to Wikipedia.”

If you are interested in attending a Workshop, please email me at:

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If we get enough interest, Michael will arrange a date and let everyone know.

TWO SUBMISSIONS –

one on NZ Sea lions

The other on Conservation and environment science roadmap proposal

If current trends continue, the New Zealand sea lion could be virtually extinct in two decades.

Once found all around our coastline, the New Zealand sea lion is now the world's rarest sea lion. They have the same Nationally Critical status as the kākāpō, and some studies predict they could be extinct within 20 years. They need all the help they can get, right now.

Click on the link:

[Use our online submission form to tell the Government to get it right, before it's too late.](#)

The Department of Conservation and the Ministry of Primary Industries have asked for feedback on their plan for managing risks to this special species, but they have only recommended more monitoring and research for the next 20 years - by which time it could be far too late.

The main preventable threat the New Zealand sea lion is the squid fishery that operates off

the coast of their main breeding ground in the Auckland Islands.

Nursing females can be killed or injured in squid trawl nets and so-called Sea Lion Exclusion Devices (SLEDs) while out fishing to feed their young pups.

If a female sea lion is fatally wounded or drowned in a net or by the SLED, it's not just her that dies. Her pup waiting on shore will starve to death and because she is often already pregnant, next year's pup will die as well.

Saving our magnificent sea lion will take determined action from all of us, including the Government, and fishing industry.

Make a submission by August 19 and tell the Government it must act to reduce the impact of commercial fishing on sea lions.

- [Background document: New Zealand sea lion/rāpoka Threat Management Plan \(PDF, 3,480K\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
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No: 2 Conservation and environment science roadmap proposal

Introduction

Have your say on the discussion paper for a proposed conservation and environment science roadmap. **Submissions close 7 September 2016.**

The proposed conservation and environment science roadmap will identify the areas of scientific knowledge needed by government over the next 20 years to support decision-making for conservation and environmental policy and management.

It will help improve the coordination of research in New Zealand, reduce duplication, ensure gaps are addressed and that research is policy-relevant.

The research will be used by central and local government, private sector, non-governmental organisations and individuals to make better decisions that affect our environment and natural heritage.

The Department of Conservation and the Ministry for the Environment are working together to develop the roadmap.

Read the discussion paper and have your say

The discussion paper sets out 12 proposed themes and a series of possible key research questions. Your feedback will help the Government determine if it has identified the key issues, themes and research questions needed to develop the roadmap.

On the Ministry for the Environment website:

[read the discussion paper \(external site\)](#)

[make a submission \(external site\)](#).

Submissions close at 5 pm on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

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