

# birdsAplenty

## 2016

## PROGRAMME

*The 15th annual celebration of the Eastern Bay of Plenty's migratory and native birdlife.*

### MONDAY 22 AUGUST

#### **Whakatāne Harbour Care Group's Annual BirdsAplenty Photo Competition**

Entries open for the bird photography competition sponsored by nzbirds.com, BOP Regional Council and Forest and Bird. Three sections – Birds of NZ, Birds of the Whakatāne Harbour and youth entrants. Supreme Award prize \$500. Details on BirdsAplenty Photo Competition Facebook page. Entries close Friday 23 September.

### SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

#### **Whakatane Harbour Care Group Planting Session, 9am-10.30am**

Meet at the end of McGarvey Road, Whakatāne . Wear gumboots and bring a spade. Morning tea to follow. All welcome. Cancellation on 1XX if too wet.

### SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

#### **Waiewe Stream Reserve Restoration Group Planting Session, 9.30am-11am**

Join the group to plant a further area of trees to attract birds to the reserve. Bring a spade and wear boots. Morning tea to follow. Meet at reserve off Waiewe St or The Fairway. All most welcome.

### FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

#### **Bittern Conservation followed by Whio in Partnership, 5.30pm**

Eastbay REAP 21 Pyne Street, Whakatāne . Emma Williams will outline her work in Bittern conservation then Andrew Glaser will cover the work in conserving Whio (blue duck). Light refreshments provided between sessions. \$5 donation. A Department of Conservation event.

### SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

#### **Manawahe Kokako Trust Visit, 7am**

A rare opportunity to walk through native bush to hear, and hopefully see, the rare and endangered kokako. Bring warm clothing and sturdy footwear. A BBQ is provided after the walk. Full details on registration. To register phone Jude Hays 07 308 8473 evenings.

### SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

#### **Kiwi Aversion Training for Dogs, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Corner of Burke and Wainui Roads. Each dog takes 15 minutes – to register contact Amy Hurren phone 07 307 1363. \$10 per dog.

### FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

## **nzbirds.com Photography Exhibition and Prizegiving, 5.30pm**

Te koputu a whanga a Toi –Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre. Refreshments provided. Exhibition runs over the weekend then at the Whakatāne isite from 3rd to 23rd October. A Whakatāne Harbour Care Group activity.

## **SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER**

### **“The Flock is coming to Ōhiwa”, 11am, BBQ @Noon**

Ōhiwa Holiday Camp. Come and paint a Shorebird for the Flock. 12.30pm Set up the Flock on the Beach with group photo. Gold Coin Donation and bring your own paintbrush. See [miranda-shorebirds.org.nz/flock](http://miranda-shorebirds.org.nz/flock) for an outline of what we plan to do.

## **MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**

### **The 1xx radio(90.5 fm) Bird Quiz**

Be in to win trips with White Island Tours by testing your knowledge of birds. Solve the clues to identify three birds each morning this week.

*Forest & Bird is hoping to have  
a key note speaker this week.  
Look for details in your local newspaper.*

## **THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

### **Annual Bird Spotting Challenge, 4pm-5.30 pm**

Meet at the isite to collect your recording sheet. Family fun along the Warren Cole walkway. How many different birds can you spot along the river? Bring binoculars if you can and a picnic tea. Spot prizes.

## **SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

### **Moutohorā with White Island Tours**

Explore one of NZ's most restricted sanctuaries for a chance to see endangered species such as Tieke (Saddleback) and Kākāriki.

Check in at White Island Tours 9.30am (approximately) followed by biosecurity process at the wharf. Boat returns at approximately 1.30pm. Cost: \$89.10 per adult (10% discount for the BIRDSaPLENTY Festival) and \$59 per child (15 and under). Bookings essential – Phone White Island Tours on 07 308 9588 or book online at [www.whiteisland.co.nz](http://www.whiteisland.co.nz) using Promo Code: saddleback or phone White Island Tours on 07 308 9588.

Postponement date 15th October.

## **WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER**

### **Fernbird Survey on Uretara Island – Ōhiwa,**

**8am – 10.30am**

Fernbird (Matata) are being monitored as an indicative bird species following the reduction of the islands rat population and the eradication of possums. Spotless crane can sometimes be called up with taped calls. Be prepared to walk over uneven ground, and get wet & Muddy feet crossing to the island at low tide. Bring dry footwear to wear after crossing the mud, warm clothes, a snack and drinks. Meeting at Burke Rd /Wainui Rd Saltmarsh Look-out. Book in with Stuart: [s.m.slade@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s.m.slade@xtra.co.nz), or phone 3124583

### **Birds of the Ōhiwa Harbour, 5.30pm**

Eastbay REAP, Pyne Street, Whakatāne

Two informative presentations on the increase in bird numbers in the Ōhiwa Harbour since care group activities began over ten years ago. Meg and Mike Collins of The Ōhiwa Reserves Care Group will update the species list published in the booklet *Birds of the ....* “The story, growth, and achievements of the Nukuhou Saltmarsh Care Group”, presented by Stuart and Margaret Slade, will outline activities that have led to increases in bird numbers in the area. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of The Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy Group.

## **SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**

### **Forest and Bird Plant Sale, 9am-noon**

Buy plants to attract birds to your garden. Fortunes Road – Follow signs from SH30. Cash or cheques only. For more information phone Annette Such 07 307 0227

## **SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER**

**Meet the Locals, 10am**

Walk around the Fairbrother Loop and meet some of our small bush birds – North Island robin, tomtit, fantail, grey warbler. Be impressed to see how the numbers are increasing. The new loan walking poles project will be launched at the start so you can make the going easier with the help of one.

## TUESDAY 18 OCT

### **Waitane Kiwi Reserve Trap and Bait line Check, 8.30am**

Approximately a 5 hour walk and climb through a bush reserve not normally available to the public. Tomtits, robins, & kereru, and some mature puriri and nikau. Reasonable fitness required. Wear boots/shoes with good grip soles. Snacks, drinks & lunch along with a raincoat and warm clothes in a back-pack. Book in with Stuart s.m.slade@xtra.co.nz or phone 07 312 4583.

## SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

### **Island Hopper Kayak Tour, 11am**

Kayak across Ōhiwa... from Ohakana , east to Uretara and then on past Hokianga and Pataua Islands to see the bird roosting sites.

Bring your own kayak or hire a single or double from KG Kayaks kgkayaks@xtra.co.nz

Plenty of birdlife on the way! Guide Kenny McCracken, bird guide Meg Collins. Meet at Golf Club Boat Ramp - Port Ōhope Phone Meg Collins to book 07 974 6510. If weather not suitable meet at 11.45am on Sunday.

## SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

### **Annual Care Group Get Together, 10am start with cuppa at 9.30am**

Hosted by the Wairata Care Group –Wairata Station, SH 2, Waioweka Gorge. The group has a successful whio (Blue Duck) management programme. Hear not only about the work of this group but also of the many other care groups in our region. A BBQ lunch will be provided courtesy of the Bay of Plenty Region Council. To register phone Anne Red path 07 3157763 or email: wairatacaregroup@gmail.com.

## EXHIBITIONS

### **Whakatāne isite corner of Quay St & Kakohora Drive**

Photography exhibition, display of bird tea towels and other bird information.

### **Whakatane Library and Exhibition Centre -**

#### **Te kōputu a te whanga a Toi -**

Bird photographs from September 30 to 2 October. An exhibition based around birds from 23 September to 30 November.

**L'Épicerie cafe** - Exhibition of bird prints.

## BIRD WALK BROCHURE

The Visitor Centre team has developed a Bird Walk brochure.

Please call in to pick up your free copy.

**Whakatāne Visitor Centre** corner of Quay Street and Kakahoroa Drive.

## FURTHER INFO CONTACT:

*Jacqui Hughes 07 308 7064, or Morley West 07 312 5116*