

Welcome to the Kaweka Forest Park

Help us help wildlife by reporting whio sightings, clearing traps and ensuring dogs are kiwi aversion trained

Kiwi, traps and dogs

The Kaweka kiwi programme has been operating since 1999. ECOED (www.ecoed.org.nz) manage the programme and have seen over 250 kiwi returned to the park after spending time at the Opouahi kiwi creche as chicks, growing to a size which will increase their chances of survival in the wild. To ensure their hard work isn't set back, we rely on volunteers to check over 500 predator traps, and kiwi aversion training for dogs.

Whio/Blue duck

To learn more about the current population, we rely on observations by park users. If you see whio, please note:

- The number of adults (look for golden yellow eyes)
- The number and age of ducklings/fledglings (older fledglings look like adults but with brown eyes)
- The location (such as gps location, nearest trap box), and the date
- Pass on the information to DOC

Contact us

If you would like to get involved or learn more about the kiwi programme, trap network, kiwi aversion training opportunities, and to report a whio sighting, please contact the local DOC office on (06) 834 3111 or at napier@doc.govt.nz