

# Treasure islands

Help look after the Hauraki Gulf



Bellbird

Photo: Courtesy of ARC / A. Jamieson

## Islands in the Hauraki Gulf provide sanctuaries for native plants and animals

### You can help keep it that way

### Stowaways in my gear?

Yes, pests can and have hitched a ride on or in bags, clothing and boats.



Rainbow skink Photo: Tony Whitaker



Mouse



Rat at fantail nest



Argentine ant  
Photo courtesy Alex Wild



Weeds seeds and soil

Rats can squeeze through a 12mm gap, and mice through a 7mm gap!  
Mice, insect pests and the invasive rainbow skink could hide in your bag.  
Weed seeds cling to clothing and shoes.  
Soil on shoes or gear may carry unwanted plant diseases.

## Pests can easily destroy our wildlife

### What you need to do

Check your bags and gear for rats, mice, Argentine ants, rainbow skinks, soil and seeds.



Visiting overnight?  
Check tents, bedding and camping gear thoroughly for "stowaways"



No open bags allowed.  
Put sleeping bags into a zipped bag or pack.

Clean dirty gear especially footwear, removing soil and seeds.



Thank you for helping to keep Islands in the Hauraki Gulf pest free!

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