



Supporter of Tiritiri Matangi Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa

(Greetings, hello to you all)



Blog News

To enhance our knowledge and appreciation of Tiri, Stacey Balich has created a Tiritiri Matangi Island blog which contains photographs, samples below, plus stories of Tiritiri Matangi people and the island. [Check it out here](#).



A collage of some of the great photographs Stacey has included. Here we see: Tīeke - Kathryn Jones; Kōkako - Darren Markin; Tarāpunga - Derek Tearne; Kāruhiruhi - Simon Fordham; Hobbs Beach - Jack Gladwell.

Northern sanctuary sites tour - takahē

The DoC Takahē Recovery team is planning a North Island June visit to takahē sites. They will be talking to rangers/managers and are keen to catch up with Tiritiri Matangi regarding all things takahē. If you want to find out more about takahē the team has scheduled the following meetings and Tiritiri Matangi supporters are welcome:

- Monday 19th June: 6pm at the Warkworth Town Hall
- Tuesday 20th June: 2pm at Auckland Zoo
- There is also a tentative booking Tuesday 20th June at 5pm, also at Auckland Zoo.
- Wednesday 21st June 1:45pm at the Visitors Centre, Tiritiri Matangi.

To assist with planning could any SoTM members interested in attending please advise booktguide@tiritirimatangi.org.nz.

Ask the experts

Q: Why don't birds hit trees and branches when they fly through woodlands?

A: Fascinating subject; the easy answer is parallel universes. In this one the birds avoid the trees and in another there are no forest birds because they didn't avoid the trees.

Of the millions of birds worldwide it is rare to see a dead bird, other than those killed by a vehicle or fly into a window. It is therefore reasonable to assume that not all flights through a treed area are successful, we just don't see the birds that collided with a branch or tree. Tests indicate that this number would be small. We all admire the way that tui, korimako, hihi and others whizz between the trees. How do they do it?

Ultimately, it's a combination of:

- vision - superior acuity, high flicker rate and UV detection,
- manoeuvrability - relatively short wings with shape optimised for direction changing,
- awareness - of their size relative to gaps, and
- caution - slower flying around dense objects.

For a more detailed description of how the bird uses these attributes [follow this link](#).

Send your most vexing questions to guidelines@tiritirimatangi.org.nz and we'll ask the experts for an answer.

Focus on Te Reo Māori

This is a major part in the New Zealand Curriculum across all levels in schools.

1. **Helpful Guidelines for all SoTM members for upskilling in Te Reo Māori:** [Māori language week video lesson: pronounce words with confidence](#)
2. The following link has been provided by the 2022 Year 11 te reo Māori students at Rangitoto College. It is excellent for learning about vowel and consonant sounds, and the use of macrons, in te reo Māori. It includes some key words specific to Tiritiri Matangi: [Pronunciation - Te Reo](#)
3. .Note the **Māori Bird Lore - An Introduction by Murdoch Riley** is available in the office for guides/ SoTM members to pick up and dip into during lunch breaks.
4. **Kupu Māori / words.** Ideal to constantly check the aural: Te Aka Māori Dictionary <http://maoridictionary.co.nz/> The sound in

Māori is often quite different from the way many of us have traditionally pronounced kupu / words.

Up and Coming

Guide Training - 3rd July

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Matariki - 14th July (tbc)

Supporters weekend - 2nd September

Guides Day Out - 17th September

AGM - 7:30pm Monday 18th September at the Fickling Centre

Guides Day Out - 23rd September

Dawn Chorus - 30th September