

Uretara Island Walk

Thursday October 1 9.30am - 2.00pm

Explore the island, experience some of the islands bird life, a little of its history, and the natural revegetation taking place. Bring old footwear to get wet crossing the channel, strong footwear for the walk, warm clothing, a rain coat, lunch & drink. Field glasses could be useful.

Meet at 321 Burke Road Off road parking in paddock.

Cost: A gold coin donation

To register phone Stuart 07 312 4583

"On the Tundra with Nesting Godwits"

Friday October 2 5.30pm

Join us for the opening lecture of Birdsaplenty 2009. An illustrated talk by Keith Woodley of Miranda Shorebird Centre and author of hot off the press book *Godwits: Long-haul Champions*

Eastbay REAP, 21 Pyne Street, Whakatane

Light refreshments sponsored by Environment BOP

Godwit welcome at Ohiwa.

Saturday October 3 8.00am

Meet at Ohiwa Holiday Park. Walk out to meet the Godwits. Keith Woodley is the guide and will give a talk following the walk.

BBQ brunch provided by EnvBOP.

Nukuhou Salt Marsh

Sunday October 4 6.30am

Join group members on their monthly bird monitoring activity. Sure to see fern birds, and possibly banded rail.

8.00am

Join everyone over a cuppa at Cheddar Valley Pottery, and hear about Anne Botha's study of the banded rails use of the mangrove environment here. Wear gum boots and warm clothing. Bring field glasses, & cameras. You never know when you'll get that perfect camera shot!

A koha of a coin.

Further info. phone Stuart 07 312 4583

Birds of Ohiwa Harbour

Monday October 5 1.00pm

Join Ohiwa Reserves Care Group and Department of Conservation staff for a two hour explore of the Ohiwa Harbour margins, including a splash out to Whagakopikopiko Island to see the various birds of the harbour. Hopefully we will see and learn about one of the true and very rare characters of the harbour – the NZ dotterel (only 1600 remain nationally). After the walk and talk, join with us for a hot drink and biscuit. Aimed at children of all ages, please wear warm, comfortable clothing that is alright to get wet in (as we will be walking across the harbour up to knee depth!). Children will need to be supervised by a guardian.

Meet at harbour's edge, opposite 280 Ohiwa Harbour Road.

Spaces limited, please book by contacting

Mike Jones, 07 308 7095, mjones@doc.govt.nz

Ornithology in Rotorua

Wednesday October 7 7.30am – 6.00pm

7:30am Leave REAP car park 9:00 – 11:00am Lake Okareka Board Walk 11:30 – 1:00pm Kiwi Encounter. 1:30 – 3:00pm Falcons at Wingspan, 3:30 – 4:30 Birdlife at Sulphur Point

Limited to 10 at Kiwi Encounter and Wingspan \$26.00 Own Transport -we will car pool if possible Bookings essential contact Morley gwest@wave.co.nz 021 145 2495

Planting For Birds

Thursday October 8 7.00pm

Rosemary Tully will give a PowerPoint presentation outlining how with appropriate planting you can attract birds to your garden, be it large or small. Find out what to buy at the Forest and Bird Plant sale Eastbay REAP, 21 Pyne Street, Whakatane



Karearea: The Pine Falcon (49mins)

Opposable Chums: Guts and Glory at the World Series of Birding (67 mins)

Friday October 9 6.15pm

Saturday October 10 2.00pm

Karearea: The Pine Falcon

Sandy Crichton :: NZ :: 2008 :: 49 mins :: 2nd Best NZ Film, Director's Merit Award, Best Cinematography Reel Earth 2009

A special film with spectacular footage of wild NZ falcons that reveals new behaviour. It is also about relationships – the film maker, the birds, the sympathetic loggers and aging wildlife photographer George Chance, who had earlier captured stills of these iconic birds. A beautiful, informative and moving film

Opposable Chums: Guts & Glory at the World Series of Birding Jason Kessler :: USA

A light-hearted view of bird watching through the World Series of Birding in New Jersey. This annual event sees bird lovers flock in for a manic 24 hour marathon in which teams compete to spot the most bird species.

Venue: Opotiki De Luxe Theatre Cost \$8

Bookings contact Lyn Dempsey

dempsey@clear.net.nz or phone 07 315 4646

Forest and Bird Native Plant Sale

Saturday October 10 9.00am – 12.00noon

Forest & Bird Plant Sale at their nursery in Fortunes Road (will be sign-posted) Theme will be Birds - several different types of plant packs available for the small garden to the large. The packs will include 3 plants of value to birds, either for nectar or seed/ fruit @ \$5.00 each pack. Enquiries phone Linda Conning on 07 322 8245



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Eastbay REAP

He Poutoko Mātauranga

Sea Bird Watching with Julian Fitter

Saturday October 10 8.30am

Join White Island Tours on a 3 hour sea journey to Whale Island and surrounds to view the array of pelagic bird species in our area with commentary from Julian Fitter – author and conservationist. Julian is co-author of the book *Albatross, Their World, Their Ways* which was a finalist in the 2009 Montana book awards
Cost: \$70 per adult \$50 per child (13yrs and under). To book contact the White Island Tours office on 0800 733 529 www.whiteisland.co.nz - Bookings essential, weather and numbers dependent.

Hukutaia Domain

Sunday October 11 2.00pm

Join the Hukutaia Domain Care Group and visit this small reserve of native bush that has a wide range of plants and some interesting birds.

Hukutaia Road, Woodlands, Opotiki

\$5 donation to assist with the work of the care group.

Tablelands Bird Chorus

Listen and watch as Tui hands over to Ruru

Sunday October 11 6.00pm

An early evening walk amongst ancient trees in a remnant of Puriri Forest. Listen to tui, bellbird, kereru, grey warbler and weka. Sit and enjoy a hot drink as dusk descends and the tui hands things over to the ruru.

Limited to 10 people Registration essential
Phone Wayne or May 07 315 7556
Gold coin donation appreciated.

Meet the Locals

Tuesday October 13 7.00pm

Green Screening joins in the celebrations of the Eastern Bay of Plenty's Birds-a-Plenty Festival.

This month's screening will showcase a range of New Zealand birds with a focus on their management. Keith Owen, Senior Ornithologist DoC Bay of Plenty Conservancy, will be giving an

overview of the management of birds and their habitats in our area.

Eastbay REAP, 21 Pyne Street, Whakatane

Manawahe Kokako Trust

Saturday October 17 7.00am

See and hear one of the largest kokako populations on private land, also bush robins, tui, bellbird, kereru. Bird viewing followed by a BBQ breakfast. \$5 per person.. Not suitable for young children. Moderate fitness required. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited
Ph Jude (07) 3088585.

Apanui Saltmarsh

Saturday October 17 8.00am

Join the Apanui Saltmarsh Care Group for a walk through the wetlands – breeding ground for whitebait. Hear about developments in the Apanui Saltmarsh, the birds using the area and the visits by migratory birds. Followed by assisting the group with a tidy up of the area

Meet at the Whakatane Yacht Club

Overnight Walk to Otamatuna Hut

Te Urewera Mainland Island.

Saturday October 17 8.00am – Sunday 18 3.00pm

Hear and see kokako and other forest birds and learn about the Mainland Island project.

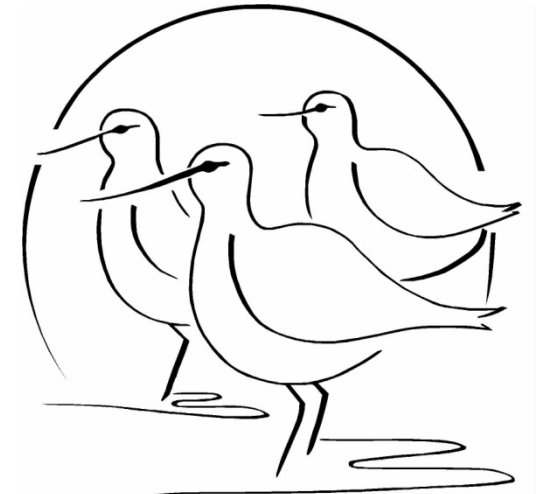
Contact Greg Moorcroft gmoorcroft@doc.govt.nz, 07 315 1008 or 07 315 1001 for bookings or more information

Limited to 12 people. Cost is \$25 (includes dinner and breakfast; BYO lunches)

1XX Bird Quiz

5th – 9th October

Three chances a day to answer a bird question and be in to win one of four free trips with White Island Tours.



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