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Blue toadstool

(*Entoloma hochstetteri*)

Photo by Maurice Colgan (Fenceline Track,
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White Toadstool

(*Coprinus disseminatus*)

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Kiekie flower
(*Freycinetia banksii*)

The male kiekie produces several beige-brown stamen that are enclosed by whitish, succulent and fleshy bracts (modified leaves) called tāwhara. These are very sweet-tasting.

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Kokako

(*Callaeas cinereus*)

Kokako are renowned for the clarity and volume of their song which carries far across the forest. In the early morning a pair may sing a duet for up to half an hour, with other kokako joining in to form a "bush choir".

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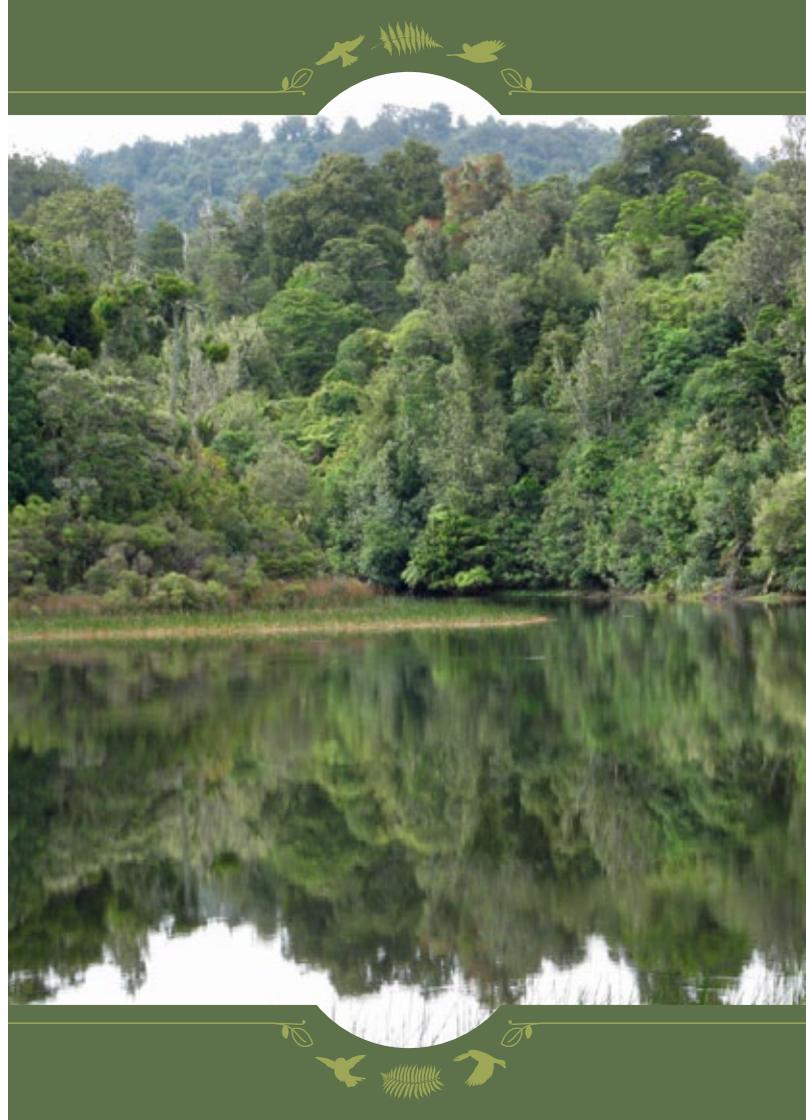
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Waitakere rainforest

Protected from logging for over 100 years, mature bush is reflected in this view from the Fenceline Track. A flowering northern rata can be seen and is evidence of successful possum control.

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North Island Robin, Tautouwai

(*Petroica australis lonpipes*)

The size of a small thrush the north island robin is an inquisitive bird, characterised by an upright stance and beautiful song. They are fearless and will approach humans with curiosity.

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Male Tomtit, Miromiro

(*Petroica macrocephala*)

The highly territorial male can often be seen flitting along trees on the edge of walking tracks.

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Fern Frond, Wheki

(*Dicksonia squarrosa*)

Fern fronds, when young, are coiled into a tight spiral. This shape, called a koru (loop) in Maori, is a popular motif in many New Zealand designs, symbolising new life, or growth.

Photo by Jane Ferguson

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