

YOU KNOW??

Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere



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“Dinosaurs once roamed amongst tree ferns, and dracophyllum of NEW ZEALAND”.

WOW what a place to live!

About 70% of New Zealand's native plants are found naturally nowhere else in the world. NZ natives are known for their distinctive shapes, and textures eg. the cabbage tree, tussock grasses, & ponga. They often have weird features - a result of our unusual climate, strange geological conditions and our isolation from everywhere else.

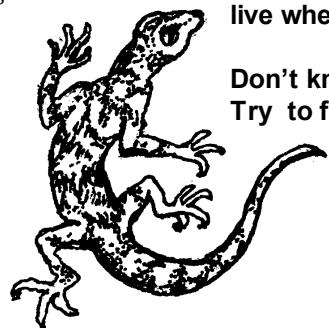


WAITAKERE SPECIALS!

Can you name any endangered species found in Waitakere?

- makaka (a maiden hair fern)
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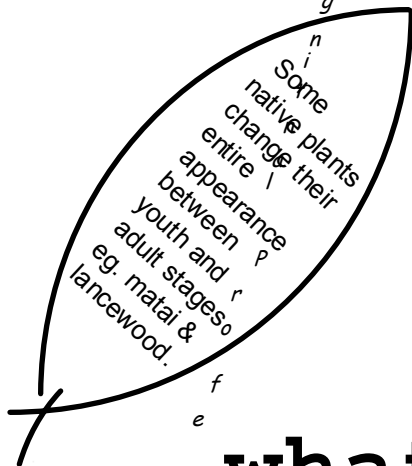


Green geckos

like to:
eat what?.....
live where?.....

Don't know?
Try to find out!

- NZ** has the biggest forget-me-not flower - Chatham Island Forget Me Not. What colour is it's flower?.....
- NZ** plants were among the 1st to produce flowers in the world eg. rewarewa, horopito and tawa.
- NZ** has the southern most palm in the world-the nikau.



Some native plants change their appearance between youth and adult stages eg. matai & lancewood.

what

once lived where your house is now?
To find out read:

(Free from Waitakere City Council).

We have divaricating plants eg..... They are tangled in shape and exist almost no-where else in the world.



The tallest tree in the world - kahakitea

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Why are mangroves so marvellous?

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How many

insects can you spot in your garden?
List the names of as many as you can.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10



Where
in Waitakere
do Hochstetters frogs live?

What is the name of the stream nearest to where you live?



This feather comes from a bird that you will find on some Waitakere streams. Can you draw the bird it belongs to?



- ~We have our own mahogany tree; the kohekohe.
- ~We have our very own orchids; a rare orchid bulbophytium tuberculatum lives at Green Bay.
- ~We have our own honeysuckle; the rewarewa.