



3. Vision

Long term viability for the City's indigenous biodiversity



Fulfilling this vision will involve commitment by Waitakere City Council, Auckland Regional Council, community groups and indeed all residents of Waitakere City.



VISION FOR THE FORESTS

Increased levels of legal protection for areas of native bush.

Increase in population of kereru.

Expansion in numbers and range of the long-tailed bat populations in the Waitakere Ranges and foothills.

Stabilisation in the occurrence and population levels of threatened plant species.

Increased visits by birds from the off-shore islands.

Land snails and other invertebrate species becoming more common in the Waitakere Ranges and the foothills.

Hochstetter's frog becoming more common throughout the Waitakere Ranges.

Successful re-introduction of species lost from Waitakere City.

VISION FOR THE FRESHWATER HABITATS

A weed-free Te Henga wetland.

A breeding population of fernbird at Orangihina.

Continuous vegetated riparian margins along streams.

Inanga found commonly in all streams.

Giant kōkopu becoming more common in streams.

VISION FOR THE COAST

Little Blue Penguins successfully nesting along the west coast.

Dotterels and terns successfully nesting at Whatipu.

Dunes of the west coast are protected from over-use, maintained as a natural and dynamic system, and re-vegetated to provide habitat for indigenous species.

A viable population of Maui's dolphin off the west coast.



VISION FOR THE URBAN AREA

Expansion and enhancement of native forests in the lowland/urban areas.

Kereru visiting gardens throughout the urban area.

Project Twin Streams rolled out across the rest of the City.

Banded rail along Henderson Creek.

Wildlife refuges established in reserves, for example, seeding grasses, nectar-producing flowers, fruiting native species, thick under storey below stands of trees.

