

# Native Forests & Ferns — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- New Zealand has lush native forests, often called 'the bush'.
- Giant kauri trees can live for over a thousand years.
- Ferns grow everywhere; the silver fern is a national symbol.
- Forests are home to native birds and insects.

## Key vocabulary

- Native — growing naturally in a place.
- Kauri — a giant native tree.
- Fern — a leafy green plant.
- Canopy — the leafy roof of a forest.

## Ancient giants

Some kauri trees are over a thousand years old — living giants of the New Zealand bush.

## The silver fern

The silver fern, with its silvery underside, is one of New Zealand's best-known symbols.