

Protecting NZ Wildlife: Predator-Free — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Many of New Zealand's native birds are flightless and cannot escape introduced predators.
- Animals such as rats, stoats and possums were brought by people and now hunt native wildlife.
- New Zealand has created predator-free islands where native species are safe.
- The country has a goal to become Predator Free by 2050.

Key vocabulary

- Predator — an animal that hunts others.
- Introduced species — an animal brought to a place by people.
- Conservation — protecting nature and wildlife.
- Sanctuary — a safe, protected place for wildlife.

How people help

Conservationists set traps, clear predators from islands and fenced sanctuaries, guard nests, and sometimes move rare birds to safe places to breed. Schools and communities take part too.

Why it matters

New Zealand's wildlife is found nowhere else on Earth. Once a species is gone, it is gone forever — so protecting it now matters for the whole world.