

BLACK SWAMP BUFFER ZONE

PREDATOR CONTROL PROJECT

Kia ora koutou, and welcome to our first ever BSBZ quarterly newsletter.

First off - I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has come on board - We now have 75 traps set up and ready to tackle invasive predators within our community!

For those of you still waiting for traps, I will aim to be in touch over the next few weeks. There is a bit of a backlog with trap suppliers due to the covid lockdowns.

We are now in the 'summer' phase of trapping and this means we should aim to check & reset traps once a fortnight (August to February). This is the time of year our birds are breeding, and both parents and chicks are at their most vulnerable. It's also the time of year that juvenile stoats & weasels head out to establish their own home range. Did you know stoats can travel long distances very quickly - up to 70km in just two weeks!



Stoats are clever and careful. They are very suspicious of baits and traps, making it difficult to catch them. This makes it important to ensure you have fresh bait, and dispose of old bait (bury or bin it) to ensure pests don't become trap shy.

Well done to those of you who have begun recording your trap catches. We currently have **1 stoat, 5 rats and 1 possum recorded.**

If you haven't already please make sure to record when you check your traps, as this lets us know how well pest control is going within the community.

The easiest way to do this is to download the Trap NZ app on your mobile device. The app allows you to collect records while out checking your traps.

Alternatively you can use the www.trap.nz website, or text, call or email your records through to me.

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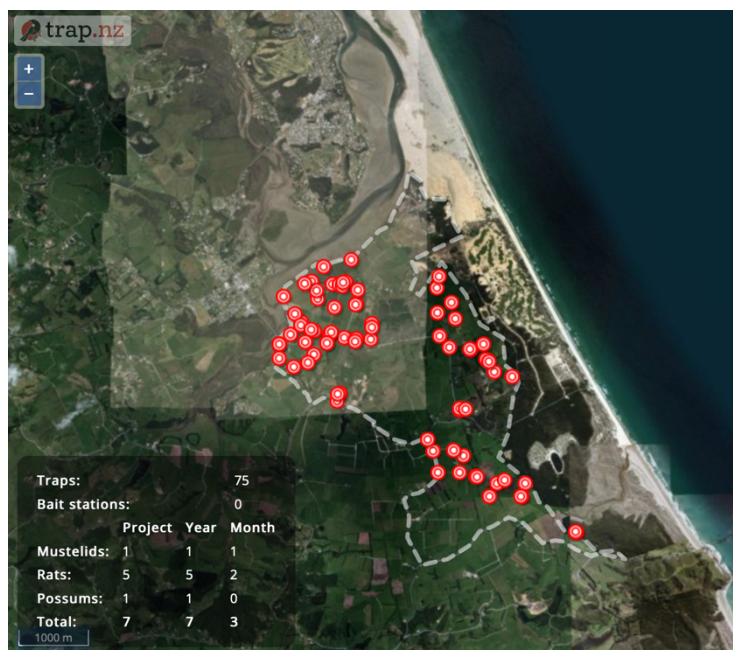
Stoats are extremely efficient predators.

Once the remainder of traps are in place throughout the project area I will try and rustle up some quarterly spot prizes for our trappers 😊

If you have any interesting catches, wildlife encounters or conservation questions feel free to send in a photo, story or question for our next quarterly newsletter.

As always if you have any issues, questions or need assistance with trapping contact me any time.

But for now, happy trapping. And thanks again for helping keep the wildlife in our community safe from invasive predators.



Black Swamp Buffer Zone: 75 traps set as of September 2020. So far 1 stoat 5 rats and 1 possum have been caught and recorded on TrapNZ.

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