

Conservation Coast

Predator control project (Issue 6 | December 2021)



Kia ora koutou, and welcome to the sixth edition of our quarterly update.

As we farewell spring and welcome summer you've likely noticed plenty of wildlife around including the emergence of this season's chicks. There's plenty of ducklings and pūkeko around the farms, and dotterel and fairy tern are busy raising broods on the coast. There has also been an increase in the number of stoats and weasels being trapped, so it's a great time to check your traps and refresh the bait!

Although travel restrictions have stalled the expansion of our trapping network south of Te Ārai, the ball keeps rolling! We have been working to set up a Mangawhai Predator Control Zone, linking the Conservation Coast up with the Brynderwyn ranges, where extensive pest control is being undertaken by the Piroa-Brynderwyn Landcare Trust.

In Mangawhai we aim to bring together existing predator control on private land, and establish new control on public land with assistance from NRC.

If you know of anyone trapping in Mangawhai do invite them to join!

<https://www.trap.nz/project/5034783/info>

The Conservation Coast team have also been training with the Te Uri O Hau at their nursery in Te Ārai. Participating staff can now add predator control to their already impressive skill sets which also include seed collection, propagation of native plants and revegetation. These kaitiaki will help maintain the Conservation Coast trapping network, and we are stoked to be supporting their ambitions to restore the whenua within their rohe!

Finally, keep an eye out for our new green John Deere utility vehicle, this will be put to good use maintaining the trap network throughout our community.

Tui enjoying the spring – summer nectar of harakeke flowers.







If you haven't already, check out the Conservation Coast website and Facebook group (links below).

Here you can stay up to date and find loads of information on all things conservation in our area.

The Grand total for pests removed by Conservation Coast participants currently sits at **3,446!**

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.

Ngā mihi nui, Alex.

Predator Control Zones	 Mustelids	 Possums	 Hedgehogs	 Rats
Black Swamp Predator Control Zone	23	18	61	168
Tomarata - Te Ārai Predator Control Zone	3	18	-	22
Tara Iti Ecological Sanctuary	186	150	1107	272
Te Ārai regional Park	48	32	65	247
Te Arai South	53	241	275	84
Totals	313	459	1508	793

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