

AOTEA'S WILDLIFE

Aotea/Great Barrier Island is within the rohe of Ngāti Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea and is dominated by the Aotea Conservation Park (more than 12,000 hectares) and other scenic reserves.

The island is a stronghold of diverse habitat for significant conservation species, including ocean, beaches, estuaries, wetlands, streams and regenerating ancient forests. This is why wildlife thrives here.



Te Paparahi

Largest stoat, possum and browsing animal free forest in NZ, kauri dieback-free, last kōkako site on Aotea, Hochstetters frog, long tailed bat.



Okiwi basin and reserves

Pāteke, kākāriki, kākā, banded rails, community pest projects



Whangapoua Estuary

Intact dune system, dotterel, banded dotterel, Caspian terns, wrybill, migratory waders, pāteke, oystercatchers



Glenfern Sanctuary

Regional Park, and with Kotuku Peninsula, a pest management hub, home to 3 species of seabird and chevron skinks



Motu Kaikoura and Motuhaku

Predator free island and lodge on Kaikoura



Hirakimata (Mt Hobson)

Takaketai (black petrel) colony, national high biodiversity site with North Island robin, tomtit, kākā, Kirk's pine and kanuka species



North east coast

Unique marine features and species including intact reefs



Rakitu

Predator free, on Northern NZ seabird highway, koru and other rare plants



Harataonga

High quality forest, kauri dieback-free scenic reserve, dotterel, kākā and pāteke



Awana, Kaitoke and Medlands beach & dunes

Intact dune and estuary systems, dotterel, oystercatcher, pāteke



Port Fitzroy

Marine mammals can often be seen – bottlenose and common dolphin, orca



Mahuki/Broken Islands

Gannet colony



Mt Young

Kauri and other forest types, a national high biodiversity site



Te Ahumata (White Cliffs)

National high biodiversity area



Windy Hill

This nationally recognised sanctuary anchors pest control in south – includes intact coastal broadleaf and kanuka forests



50+ islets, 40+ rock stacks

Home to rare plants, lizards & seabird breeding areas



Kaitoke wetland

Nationally significant intact maunga to moana, fernbird, spotless crane, bittern