



Wild Birds
of New Zealand
2026



White-faced heron / matuku moana (*Egretta novaehollandiae*), Hutt River estuary, Lower Hutt.

January 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

				1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2 <small>Day after New Year's Day</small>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <small>Wellington Anniversary</small>	20	21	22	23	24
25 <small>Northland & Auckland Anniversary</small>	26	27	28	29	30	31



Kererū / New Zealand pigeon (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*), Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Christchurch.

February 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

1	2 <i>Nelson Anniversary</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Waitangi Day</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						



Fernbird / mātātā (*Poodytes punctatus*), Pāuatahanui.

March 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Taranaki Anniversary</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>Otago Anniversary</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



New Zealand fantail / pīwakawaka (*Rhipidura fuliginosa*), Bason Botanic Gardens, Whanganui.

April 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

			1	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 <i>Daylight Saving ends</i>	6 <i>Easter Monday</i>	7 <i>Southland Anniversary</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Anzac Day</i>
26	27 <i>Anzac Day Observed</i>	28	29	30		



Pied stilt / poaka (*Himantopus himantopus*), Shakespear Regional Park, Auckland.

May 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Little black shag / kawau tū (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*), Waimanu Lagoon, Waikanae.

June 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

	1 <i>King's Birthday</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Bellbird / korimako (*Anthornis melanura*), Kapiti Island.

July 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <small>Matariki</small>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Rifleman / tītipounamu (*Acanthisitta chloris*), Mount Ruapehu.

August 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Brown teal / pāteke (*Anas chlorotis*), Waimanu Lagoon, Waikanae.

September 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
<i>Daylight Saving starts</i>	<i>South Canterbury Anniversary</i>					



Whitehead / pōpokotea (*Moboua albicilla*), Wairakei Golf Sanctuary, Taupo.

October 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Hawke's Bay Anniversary</i>	31
	<i>Labour Day</i>					



Blue duck / whio (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*), Mount Ruapehu.

November 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

1	2 <small>Marlborough Anniversary</small>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <small>Canterbury Anniversary</small>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <small>Chatham Islands & Westland Anniversary</small>	30					



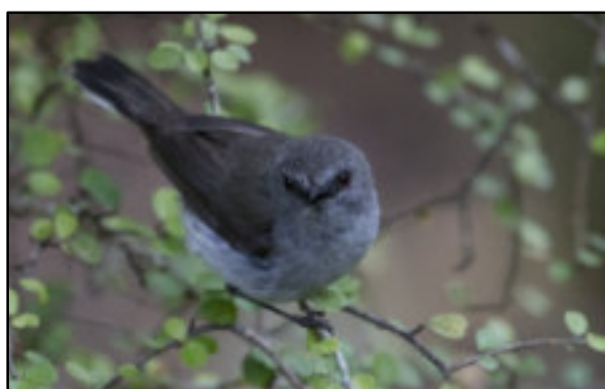
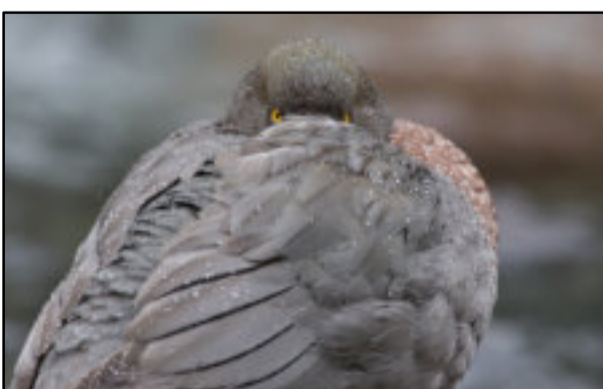
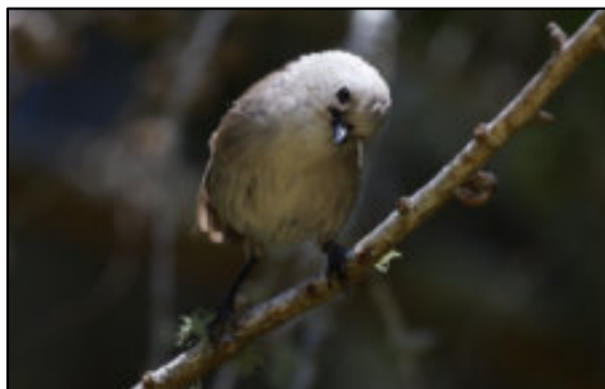
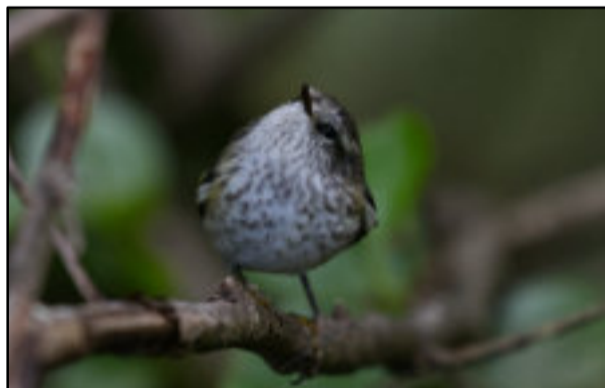
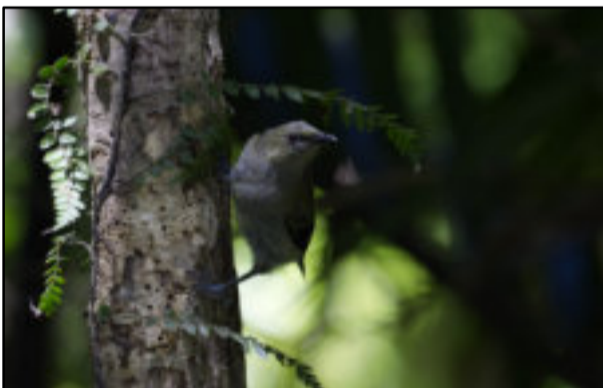
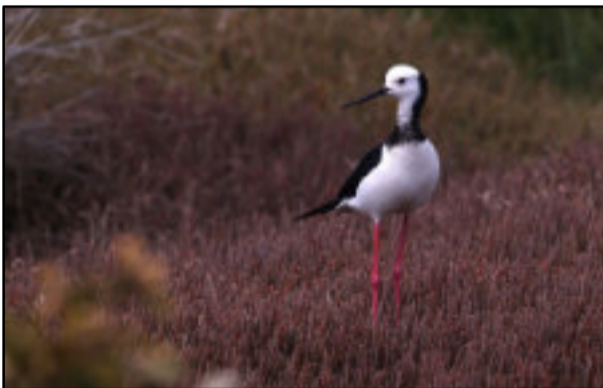
Grey warbler / riroriro (*Gerygone igata*), Mount Ruapehu.

December 2026

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Boxing Day</i>
	<i>Boxing Day Observed</i>					

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