

Our Strengths

We have an exceptional record of community based conservation success.

In 2012 and 2013 we reintroduced pītoitoi / robins from Mangatutu (northern Pureora). It took over two years and 70 volunteers to complete the field work. The captured birds were contained and then released under the supervision of a highly experienced ecologist.

Our on-going pest control on Mt Pirongia also uses a community model with up to 50 volunteers involved on trap and baiting days. Our efforts have been hugely effective, achieving a consistent reduction in pest population levels since 2006. This success reflects the strength of our local networks, our links with key partners such as the Department of Conservation, Waikato Regional Council and our local iwi.

The support we have built up in our local community is our most valuable asset. It is demonstrated in the awards we have received, especially the national 2017 Green Ribbon Award for Biodiversity Protection, the 2013 Supreme Award for Biodiversity for Waipa District and the 2010 Supreme Award in the TrustPower Waipa District Community Awards.



See our short kōkako video posted on our Facebook page - thanks to support from Chalky Digits and Nimbus Media



P.O. Box 34007, Pirongia , Waikato 3844

T: 07 8719133 M: 027 324 8195

mtpirongiarestoration@gmail.com

www.mtpirongia.org.nz

Registered Charity No: CC22495



Photo: Corey Mosen

Donations

Direct bank deposit to:

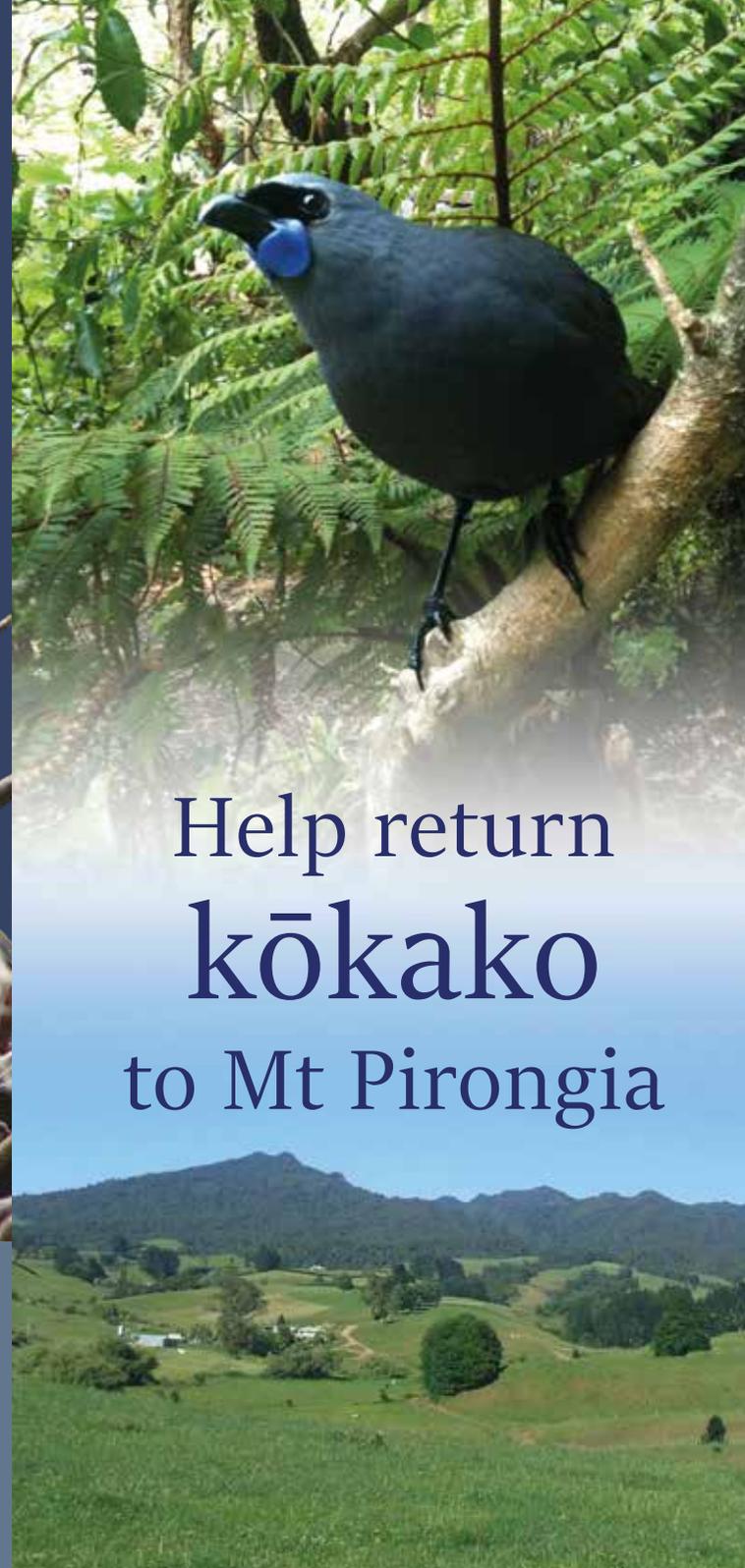
Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society

38 9007 0773226-00 with Kokako as the reference

Post a cheque or use our Give a Little Page.

Email us for a receipt. Donations are tax deductible.

Cover kōkako photo: J.Macce, Department of Conservation



Help return kōkako to Mt Pirongia

Kōkako

a living taonga



Photo: Department of Conservation

Kōkako are unique to New Zealand. Along with many other native birds they were once abundant on Mt Pirongia, but predators such as rats and stoats contributed to their gradual decline. The last Pirongia kōkako were captured in 1996 and moved to Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre where it was hoped they might breed.

Today, with careful management, kōkako numbers are trending generally upward and our society is re-establishing a population on Mt Pirongia to help with this recovery. Now that pest levels have been drastically reduced, the maunga has ideal habitat and the birds have an excellent chance of establishing and thriving.

Our vision for kōkako

Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society was formed in 2002 with the aim of restoring native ecosystems on Mt Pirongia. The maunga, though ravaged by predators, has high biodiversity values and is the largest intact bush area left in the Waikato. Returning species which were once present is part of this founding vision and we are now in a position to have kōkako return to the maunga. But, to achieve this goal we need volunteers and more funding. We would like to invite you to be part of this quest – come and help us bring the maunga back to life.

What's involved

Translocating threatened species is a delicate and costly exercise. We need to meet the expenses of capture from a DOC-approved source population, transfers and ongoing post-release monitoring for at least five years. Expenses for the first founder birds in 2017 were around \$150,000 and we met this funding target, but similar amounts are still needed for returning Pirongia-lineage kōkako from Tiritiri Matangi Island and extra population top ups. We're also asking for help with this.



Photo: A.Rogers

A kōkako gets a health check before its transfer to Mt Pirongia

Ways to help

Assistance we are looking for includes:

-  Sponsorship, grants and / or donations
-  Volunteers for fieldwork, monitoring and possibly additional pest control to protect kōkako pairs.

Corporate sponsorship range

- **Major Sponsor:** \$200,000
Three year involvement, present at kōkako releases, mentioned in media coverage.
- **Gold Sponsor:** \$12,000
One-off, sponsoring a breeding pair of kōkako, invited to their releases on Mt Pirongia, mentioned in media coverage.
- **Silver Sponsor:** \$6000
One-off, sponsoring a single kōkako, invited to their release on Mt Pirongia.
- **Heartbeat Sponsor:** \$1000
Monthly contribution which gives our project a steady pulse of support.

Supporter options

- | | |
|---|--------|
| • Sponsorship of one kōkako | \$6000 |
| • Capture cost of one bird | \$3000 |
| • Professional contractors support
e.g. accommodation / equipment etc. | \$1000 |
| • Annual monitoring cost of one bird | \$2500 |
| • Annual pest protection of one pair (10 ha) | \$300 |
| • Health screening for one bird | \$125 |
| • Annual pest control for 2 hectares | \$60 |

As we are a registered charity, all donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible.