

Rimu (loop) track

Enjoy your visit and toitu te whenua
(leave the land undisturbed).

Self-guided
Activity Trail

Rimu

Te Tui a Tāne



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Ingua / Name:

The Riddle...

Remi the Ranger saw an interesting bird in a pretty cool looking tree. Unfortunately for Remi, they didn't get a good look at the bird before it flew away. And they were so upset about the bird flying away that they forgot to get a good look at the tree!

Can you help Remi identify the mystery bird and the tree by following the steps on the following pages? Read the information on the various signs and maps on the Rimu Track to cross out the birds and trees that weren't the ones Remi saw.

Hei mahi
Activity



name of tree

Clues from Remi about whether you can cross any trees or birds off after reading the information on this sign.



patē
seven finger

Hopefully by the end of your walk you'll end up with just one bird and one tree left. If that's the case then ka pai! You've just helped Remi work out what bird and tree they saw.

Pop into the Visitor Centre on your way out if you'd like to check to see if you got it right.

Also look out for the green, orange and black circles on your sheet. These might help you learn some new words (kupu) in te reo Māori, some interesting bonus facts and some scientific vocabulary.

Kupu Māori
manu
bird



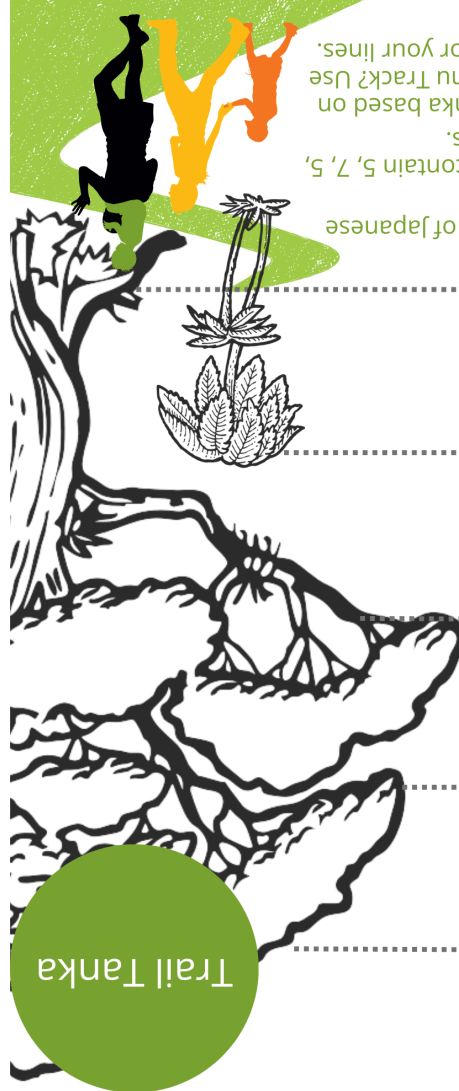
Kupu Māori
rākau
tree



I mōhio
rānei koe?
Did you
know?

Vocab:

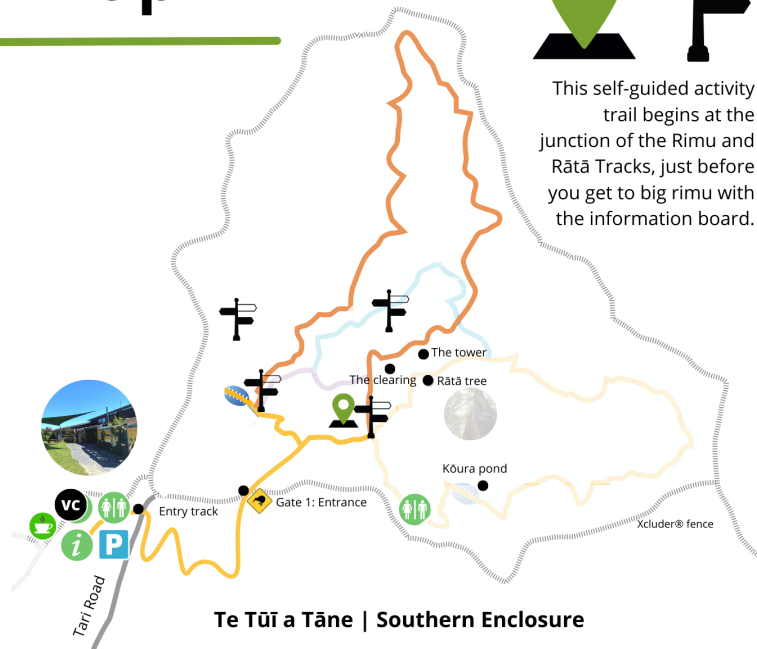
A tanka is an ancient form of Japanese poetry.
It has five lines. These lines contain 5, 7, 5, 7 and 7 syllables.
Can you write your own tanka based on what you've seen on the Rimu Track? Use the different forest layers for your lines.



Map



This self-guided activity trail begins at the junction of the Rimu and Rātā Tracks, just before you get to big rimu with the information board.



Te Tui a Tāne | Southern Enclosure

Key

- Rimu Track 2km, 1h
- Entrance to clearing 800m, 30 min
- Rātā Track 2.2km, 1.5h
- Nikau Track 700m, 20 min
- Ponga Track 130m, 5 min
- Rimu Riddle starts here!

Biosecurity Check!

Help us to keep Sanctuary Mountain pest-free by checking your gear before you visit for any soil, seeds or unwanted stowaway pests.

- Check** - your gear for pests.
- Clean** - your footwear removing soil & seeds.
- Close** - zip your bag closed & put food in sealed containers to avoid attracting pests.

Ngā manu: If you know that a bird is **NOT** the one Remi saw then you can cross them off.



pitoitoi (NI robin)



kererū



pōpokotea (whitehead)



kākāpō



tūī



korimako (bellbird)



hihi (stitchbird)



piwakawaka (fantail)

Ngā rākau: If you know that a tree is **NOT** the one Remi saw then you can cross it off.



pukatea



porokaiwhiri / pigeonwood



rimu



kānoro

Laurelia novae-zelandiae

Hedycarya arborea

Dacrydium cupressinum

Coprosma autumnalis



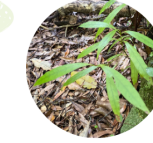
miro



rewarewa



toropapa



tawa

Pectinopitys ferruginea

Knightia excelsa

Alseuosmia macrophylla

Beilschmiedia tawa



nikau



kareao / supplejack



kōtukutuku



kawakawa

Rhopalostylis sapida

Ripogonum scandens

Fuchsia excorticata

Piper excelsum



Have a break on the bench. Can you hear five different bird calls?



kōtukutuku tree fuchsia

My tree didn't have peeling bark. If kōtukutuku does then cross it off. I also don't think I saw the bird mentioned on this sign. Cross that one off.

kareao supplejack

I'm certain that it was a tree and not a vine that the bird was sitting in. Cross this one off if it's a vine.

Kupu Māori aka vine

Kupu Māori waihonga nectar

tawa

Hmm, maybe it was a tawa. Better not cross this one off just yet...

The red colour on climbing rātā is said to have come from the blood of Tunara, the eel god who was slain by Maui.

I mōhio rānei koe?
Did you know?

kererū

Yes, we were right to cross this bird off! Also... I don't think the tree had berries like any of the ones in this photo. Cross those ones off.

Here's an uphill part. But you're nearly done!

climbing rātā

Another vine. But hang on, I think the bird was one of those mentioned on this sign. You can cross off any birds **NOT** mentioned on this sign.



pukatea

Hmm, the leaves I saw were toothed. But the tree didn't have buttressed roots. If pukatea have buttressed roots you can cross it off.

Vocab: buttress
Large, wide roots of a shallow rooted tree.

toropapa

The tree I saw was over 3m metres tall. If toropapa is less than that height then it can be crossed off.

kawakawa

The tree I saw didn't look like a caterpillar had been snacking on the leaves. Do they eat kawakawa? If they do then cross it off.

Kupu Māori mokamoka caterpillar

There is a layer of still air above the ground. You can tell how high this layer is by how high the moss grows. The moss won't grow high enough for any wind to dry it out.

I mōhio rānei koe?
Did you know?

How many types of moss can you see on these stumps?

Kupu Māori kohukohu moss

rimu

I remember learning about conifers. The tree I saw wasn't a conifer. Is rimu a conifer? If it is then it can't be the one we're looking for.

We have around 2,500 western North Island brown kiwi on the maunga. So many that each year we are able to translocate around 300 to other sites in Aotearoa.

Kupu Māori whero red

rewarewa

The tree I saw definitely had some red on it. And toothed leaves like I said at the start. Can you cross rewarewa out?

Vocab: hyphae
The branching structures that make up fungi.

Can you spot the fungi on these logs?

I mōhio rānei koe?
Did you know?

kanono

I saw some red in the tree. But I don't think the leaves were mottled. If kānoro leaves are mottled you can cross it off.

Vocab: mottled
Marked with spots or smears of colour.

Kupu Māori ara trail/track map

I recognise the name of the tree that the light green track is named after. You can cross that one off your list.

Female hihi are less colourful than the males and can be confused with korimako (bellbird). Top tip: hihi will usually have their tail flicked up when perching.

I mōhio rānei koe?
Did you know?

Make sure to stay on the **Rimu Track**.

If you want to see a **hihi feeder** you can take a quick detour to the left on the Nikau Track.

If you want to climb up the 16m **tower** then take a right on the Nikau Track.

nīkau

I know the bird mentioned on this sign. It wasn't that one. You can cross it off.

I mōhio rānei koe?
Did you know?

Poro is another name for kererū, kai means food and whiri means gathering. So porokaiwhiri represents the place where kererū gather to feed.

porokaiwhiri (pigeonwood)

Hmm, I can't rule this tree out. But porokaiwhiri, pigeonwood... all these p words are making me think the bird's te reo name does **NOT** begin with a p. Cross those out.

Kiwi Drop E



kererū

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climbing rātā

Another vine. But hang on, I think the bird was one of those mentioned on this sign. You can cross off any birds **NOT** mentioned on this sign.

Turn right at the next junction to head out the way you came in.

Turn left onto the Rātā Track as the Rimu Track ends.