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Foxton Beach
Senior Citizens Inc



Papangaio Te Wharangi Manawatū Estuary Management Plan



Pāpāngaio Te Wharangi Manawatū Estuary Newsletter - November 2024

Kia ora / greetings

It is with great pleasure that we bring you our first community newsletter from the Manawatū Estuary Management Team. The Estuary is a special place for many of us and we are working hard to enhance it for our mutual benefit and enjoyment.

There is a long history of the area, which is referred to by its full name Pāpāngaio Te Wharangi Manawatū Estuary.

There are a wide range of native and precious plants, birds, fungi, and animals that are found in our little part of the world and some of them are barely seen anywhere else at all.



Our community has been working hard for many years to offer safe places for our migratory birds that travel to and from Korea, Russia, Alaska, and other parts of the world.

We are people that live in this community and are working together to protect and enhance this special place. You may have seen some of us in the dunes around the estuary pulling weeds or planting. You may have seen us at the viewing platform on Sunset Parade welcoming the birds back for summer. We are checking traps, monitoring bird numbers, discovering plant species, and making plans for the future.

We have seen a gradual decline in bird numbers for a number of decades and we are looking to halt the decline and help ensure our local environment is again a safe space where these birds can find food and safety while they prepare for the journey to other parts of Aotearoa or across the world.



Rats, stoats, and ferrets are a threat to birds, and we are building our network of traps around the estuary and within the urban community. Over the coming months and years, we will be expanding our trap network and working with the community to host traps and record the catch data.



Bar-tailed Godwit | Kuaka (*Limosa lapponica*)

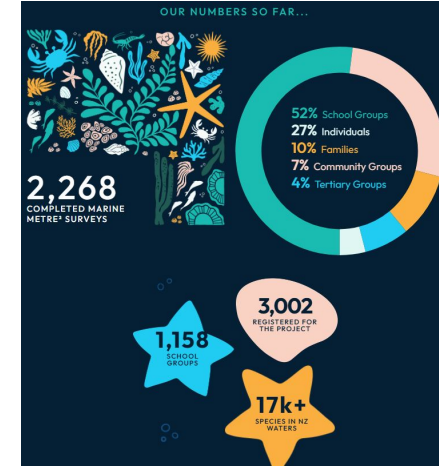
- Longest nonstop flight of any non-seabird, travelling 11,000-12,000 kms over 8-10 days
- Conservation status: Declining - annual population decline of 2%



Our Programmes and Projects

- Marine Metre Squared

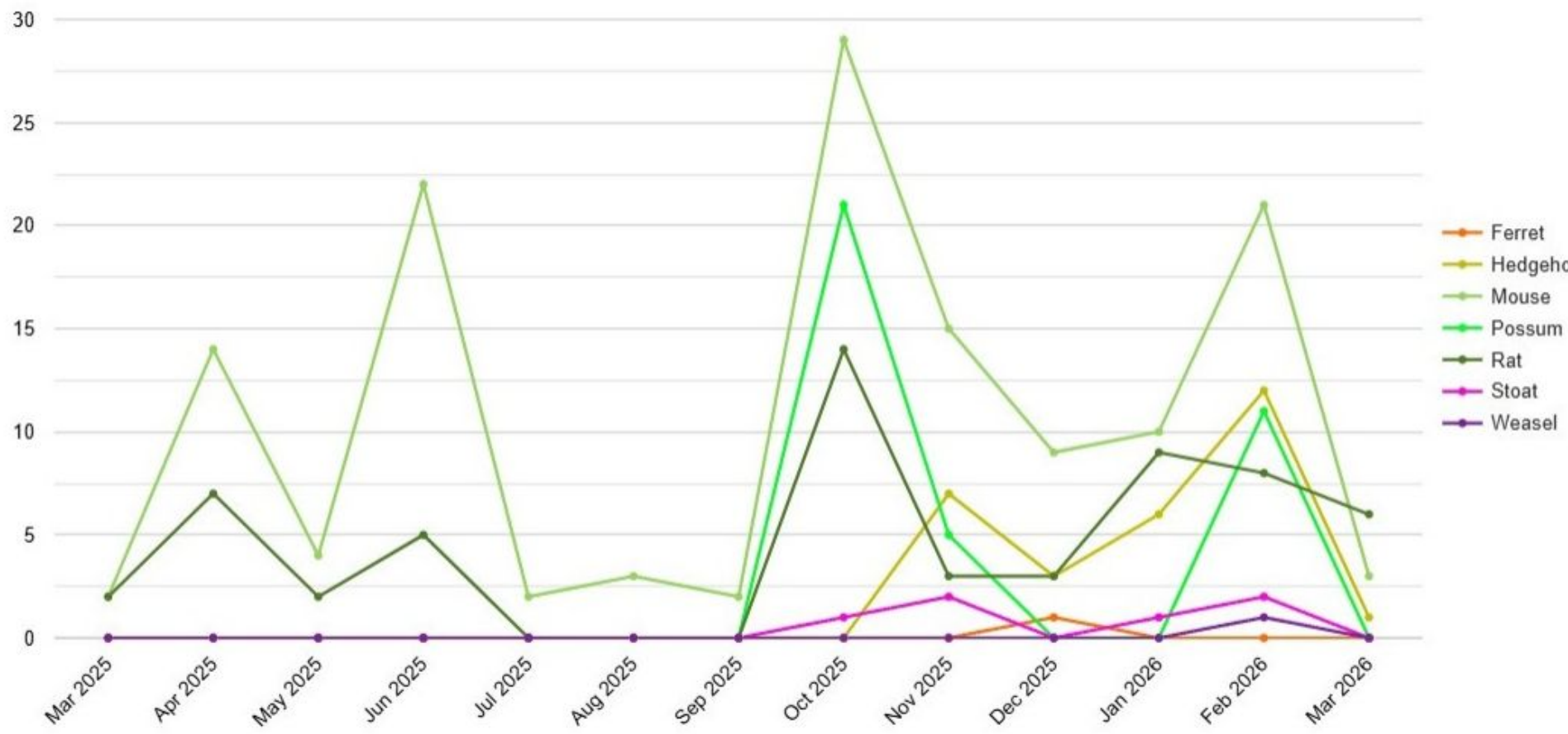
Established in 2013 by the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre – University of Otago, the Marine Metre² project was developed to encourage communities to get involved in monitoring and protecting the seashore and the many species that call it home.



- Litter Intelligence
- Pest Fauna
- Pest Flora
- Planting Days











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