



## MANAWATU BRANCH

### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

Sound and Vision Centre, Palmerston North City Library,  
George Street, Palmerston North

### “WHAT IS A NATIVE BIRD?”



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Photo: Harrier Hawk by Brian Gratwicke

**Speaker:** Dr Mike Dickison · Curator of Natural History, Whanganui Regional Museum

In New Zealand, we distinguish between native birds (legally protected and often under threat) and introduced birds (almost no legal protection, often hunted or eradicated). But this distinction collapses when we look at the archaeological and fossil record. Some of our birds are self-introduced, some arrived after Polynesians but before Pākehā, and others have ancient roots. “Native good, foreign bad” is too simple a rule for managing our biodiversity; Mike’s arguments may well change the way you view nature and conservation in New Zealand.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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