



## FEBRUARY 2019 EVENTS

**Firstly, I should like to welcome all the new F&B Manawatū members to the Branch and I hope we shall see you at one of our monthly talks or on one of our trips. You can subscribe to our website to receive updates and check on the Manawatū Branch events etc. The website is: [www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz](http://www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz)**

**Secondly, As you will notice we have a new Manawatū Branch Logo. The bird is a whitehead or pōpokotea and its population is decreasing. However, the whitehead is found in the Turitea Reserve and can be seen in significant numbers. Whiteheads are the only North Island hosts for the long-tailed cuckoo.**



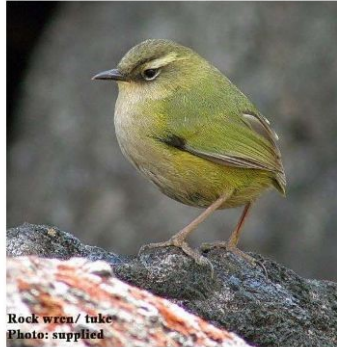
## **F&B MANAWATŪ FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY TALK**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 7.30 p.m.**

Palmerston North City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

**Talk: "Tiakina Ngā Manu (Battle for our Birds and beyond):  
Planning for a response to a very widespread mast event"**

**Speaker:** Bill Fleury, Biodiversity Planner for DoC Lower N.Island Region



Rock wren / tuke  
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In recent years the Department of Conservation has been attempting large-scale control of predators on the mainland to protect species at risk of national or regional extinction. Bill Fleury will describe some of the science and logic behind the programme.

He will talk about how an understanding of the risks has developed,

- what tools are used to identify the need for intervention,
- why different interventions and strategies are used and how sites are selected.

He will also give an update on some of the monitoring that is being done to assess the effectiveness of the programme and the predictions for mast driven predator plagues in 2019. Questions are welcome.

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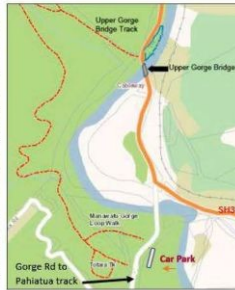


## MANAWATŪ BRANCH

### FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY TRIP

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

#### LOOP TRACK AT EASTERN END OF THE MANAWATŪ GORGE TRACK (Upper Gorge Bridge Track, also known as the Klein Track)



This trip will go to the eastern end of the Manawātū Gorge Track. This loop track includes a new section of the track, has good view points and other features. You will be guided by a DoC Ranger and be given an insight on how DoC manages the tracks and biodiversity in the Gorge. You will also see the flora and fauna along the way.

**Depart:** Palmerston North at 09.00 a.m. (Sharp)

**Leaders:** Jorinna Prinz

**Meet:** Palmerston North: Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).

If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

\*\*If it is more convenient to meet at the carpark opposite the eastern end of the Manawātū track, please let Jorinna know at the email below

**Fitness Level:** moderate (well-formed track, but some uphill)

**What to bring:** Please bring snacks, lunch, water, raincoat or stout footwear and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

**For more info & Register:** Contact Jorinna Prinz –

Email: [Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz)

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## MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY – JUNE, 2019

**Tues 12 Feb**    **Talk:**    “Tiakina Ngā Manu (Battle for our Birds and beyond):  
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**Speaker:** Bill Fleury, Biodiversity Planner for DoC Lower N.Island Region

SEA WEEK – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019.  
“The theme is “*Tiakina o Tātou Mōana – Care for our Seas*”.

**Tue 12 Mar**    **Talk:**    “Albatross conservation and the future of ecotourism in NZ”  
**Speaker:** Anne-Sophie Pagé, F&B Committee Member, Massey University

**Tue 9 Apr**    **Manawatū Annual General Meeting \* Starting at 7.15 p.m.**  
followed at 7.30 p.m. by a talk  
**Talk:**    “Alpine plants found in the Lower North Island Ranges  
**Speaker:** Catherine Jackson

**Tue 14 May**    **Talk:**    “Restoring balance using biological control”.  
**Speaker:** Craig Davey, Horizons Environment Programme Coordinator,  
Biosecurity in Plants,

**Tue 11 Jun**    **Talk:**    “Willow aphid and the impact on the forest ecology”  
**Speaker:** Dr. Andrea McCormick, Ecology, Massey University

### Branch Monthly Meetings:

@ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street entrance, Palmerston North

All visitors welcome

Your gold coin donation at meetings is appreciated

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