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## JULY 2021

**July 2021 Monthly talk**  
**Tuesday 13th July 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Palmerston North City Library,  
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

### **Talk: Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project**

**Speaker:** Paul 'Scratch' Jansen, Department of Conservation



The Mahia and Cape Kidnapper kiwi kohanga/creches are having huge success with their breeding programs. Thirty to sixty birds are expected to be ready for release each year to suitable predator-controlled sites. The current sites are full to overflowing and the southern Ruahine has been identified as a possible release area. Kiwi thrive in any area that has an effective trapping network. Currently there is a network of over 900 traps in the Pohangina and Oroua Rivers that are in place to protect the Whio (Blue Duck) and these traps are regularly serviced by a large number of Ruahine Whio Protector volunteers.

The plight of the Eastern Brown Kiwi is not as rosy as other Kiwi taxa, with its habitat reducing and the population fragmented and the plan is to expand on this trapping network southwards and depending on funding, the project area will be anywhere between 10,000

and 40,000 hectares. After three years of effective trapping and monitoring, in 2026 kiwi will again be at home in the Southern Ruahine Range.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated  
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## **F&B Manawatū July 2021 Monthly Trip**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

### **PREDATOR CONTROL AROUND POHANGINA FIELD BASE**



Pohangina Base: Ruahine Forest Park – *photos from DOC website*

We will join Ian Rasmussen, a volunteer from RECAP, for one of his trap-line checks. Ian will tell us more about his work and show us how to service the traps, while we walk high above Pohangina River. We will also have a look around the old DOC base (now bookable accommodation) and see some impressive specimen trees, like Northern Rata, Kahikatea and Tōtōra.

**Depart:** 9:00 a.m.

**Leader:** Jorinna Prinz and Ian Rasmussen (a RECAP volunteer)

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

If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

**Fitness Level:** Easy - Intermediate

**What to bring:** Also, please bring snacks, lunch, water, raincoat, good footwear and walking poles if you usually use them - and do not forget your camera.

**If you would like to go on this trip, please email:**

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