## WHENUA ITI OUTDOORS Nature Connection Activity #1



# Nature Hunt

### Nā te whakarongo me te titiro ka puta mai te kōrero.

Through looking and listening, we gain wisdom.

Kia ora tamariki! Today we're going to go on a hunt for Tāne Mahuta's children - the manu (birds) and mū (insects) in our taiao (natural world). This could be in your backyard or on a hīkoi (walk) with your whānau.

### DIY binoculars might help you along the way! Here's how to make a pair:

#### What you need:

- 2 cardboard tubes or rolled up card
- Stapler, sellotape or glue
- String, ribbon, or thin pieces of cardboard from your recycling
- Decorations paint, colouring pencils, markers, coloured paper or cardboard (check your recycling), or flowers.

### Steps:

- 1. Staple or stick the 2 cardboard tubes / rolled up card together
- 2. Cut a piece of string/ribbon/cardboard that will be long enough to go over your head easily
- 3. Stick/staple/tie each end of the ribbon to each tube
- 4. Decorate your adventure binos!

# Now the hunt begins!

#### What you need:

- Your binos if you made them
- A sheet of paper with the manu and mū below listed.

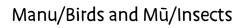
#### Steps:

- 1. Walk slowly and quietly around your back yard or go on a walk around your neighbourhood
- 2. Use your binos to help you focus in on the manu and mū
- 3. Note down the critters on the next page that you see
- 4. If you see something that wasn't on your list you can add that to your tally too
- 5. Count your points!





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Kererū- 10 pts	Tūī- 5pts	Pīwakawaka- 5 pts
Kōtare- 15 pts	Sparrow- 1pt	Blackbird- 1pt
Pukeko- 5pts	Korimako/Bellbird- 10pts	Silvereye/Tauhou- 5pts
		o Kerry
Snail/Ngata- 2pts	Worm/Toke- 1 pt	Bee/ Pī-10pts
Spider/Pūngāwere- 5pts	Wasp/Wāpi- 1pt	Wētā- 20pts

# Questions to think about...

- Were there more birds around in the morning or at night?
- What were the birds and bugs mostly doing?
- Were they making any sounds? What did it sound like?
- What sorts of places could you find more insects in?

Kupu! Kupu! Do you know these Māori words?

*Manu*- Birds *Mū*- Insects *Hīkoi*- Walk *Taiao*- Natural World/ environment

Ka Rawe! Awesome!