

Ruahine Kiwi

Habitat Restoration Project



Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Timeline

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
PROJECT ACTIVATION						
	TRAPPING					
	MONITORING					
					RELEASE KOHANGA KIWI	

Objectives

- Recovery of threatened species, especially kiwi, whio, native snail, Northern rātā and long-tailed bat.
- Improved general forest health.
- Involvement of community.
- Improved farming economic benefits.
- Provide safe environment for the reintroduction of kiwi.

An effective trapping network needs to be in place for at least three years before kiwi can be released. It is expected that about 40 birds will be introduced per release-site. The number and location of release sites is still to be determined.

Methods

- Kill trapping for mustelids, feral cats and possums by volunteer trappers and professional field workers.
- Feral cat and possum live-capture by field workers.
- Toxin by professional field workers.



Trap deployment in the southern Ruahine near Apiti, 2020.

Southern Ruahine Operational Areas Land area (ha) approx.

Pohangina catchment – farmland – western side.	10 251
Pohangina catchment – public conservation land – western side.	18 471
Upper Manawatū catchment – public conservation land – eastern side.	5 891
Upper Manawatū catchment – farmland – eastern side.	6 536
Total Land Area (ha) approx.	41 149

