# FOREST & BIRD YOUTH Ngā Māhuri Tiaki

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# WE'RE A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE

The world is facing many environmental challenges right now. It can be easy to feel disempowered in the face of current and looming climate and biodiversity crises.

But we respond by taking action and making a difference.

And we know you want to, too.

## WHO ARE WE?

#### Forest & Bird Youth | Ngā Māhuri Tiaki

We are a nationwide network of young people (aged 14 - 25) who are protecting and restoring Aotearoa's wildlife and wild places. We're also upskilling ourselves and building leadership abilities to tackle environmental issues today and tomorrow.

From tree plantings and beach cleanups to public campaigns and lobbying decision-makers to act for te taiao / nature, there is something for everyone.

# WILL YOU JOIN US?

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Forest & Bird Youth is run by young people, for young people, with support from Forest & Bird, Aotearoa's leading non-profit organisation for nature.

Our national network is made up **Youth Hubs** that engage in environmental action. Some are location-based Hubs around Aotearoa and others are virtual nationwide (like our Communications Hub). We also have a Youth National Committee that leads national projects and events.

Some Hubs meet in person to manage projects, run events, and lead efforts in conservation and restoration. Others meet online to discuss environmental issues, run advocacy campaigns, or create material for education and awareness.



Location Hubs (January 2024)

You can choose how you participate with Forest & Bird Youth - whether it's attending events, engaging online, running a campaign, or becoming a **Youth Leader** to lead your own projects. You can be involved in as many Hubs as you like and new Hubs can be formed around any interest area.

## WHY FOREST & BIRD YOUTH?



#### Protect Pāpātūānuku

Participate in events and do your bit for the environment.



**Build Resilience** 

Get wellness support to maintain wellbeing as a young environmentalist.



#### Find your People

Connect with other Youth members and Leaders across Aotearoa.



#### Gain Knowledge

Learn from inspiring intergenerational leaders, peers, and experts.



#### **Access Events**

Gain a chance to attend workshops, conferences, hui, and other events.



#### Become a Leader

Discover pathways to develop your inner leader.



#### **Develop Skills**

Skill up in conservation, advocacy, engagement and management.



#### Stay informed

Use the Forest & Bird magazine for important stories and issues.

# **UNIQUE FOREST & BIRD PERKS**



Join Forest & Bird in their activities and campaigns in their fight for nature. **Forest & Bird** is a registered charity and has been protecting and restoring te taiao / nature across the country for more than 100 years.



Access resources, experienced mentors and professional staff for advice and support in your journey through practical conservation, campaigning and advocacy, fundraising, communications, and other skills in environment and sustainability.



Get funding for projects throughout the year our dedicated Youth Fund. Youth Leadership gives you more options to bring your projects to life.



Level up skills and knowledge with professional development, leadership and mentoring opportunities to support your unique life journey.

# SOME FOREST & BIRD YOUTH PROJECTS



Scorecard for Nature
F&BY Campaigns Hub
For the 2020 General
Elections, the Hub
created scorecards that
rated the policies of each
political party. The
scorecards captured
attention around the
country and caused quite
a stir!



Hoskings Reserve Project F&BY Tāmaki Makaurau

Auckland Hub
This legacy project belongs
to our Auckland members,
who fully manage the
area's restoration. They've
planted over 20,000 plants
and are actively monitoring
and controlling predator
numbers.



**Quail Island Trip 2023**F&BY Ōtautahi

Christchurch Hub

Collaborating with

BIOSOC at University of

Canterbury, the Hub

organised a biodiversity
and restoration field trip
that saw them walking,
learning, and planting at

Quail Island.

# WHAT NEXT?



#### Follow us on social media



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#### Sign up online

Become a <u>Forest & Bird Youth</u> member! Contribution: \$45 per year. Click <u>here</u> to join us today.



#### Connect to our network

We'll email you with more info and connect you to your closest location Hub and to other Hubs of your choice. You can also start a Hub in your own location!



#### Get involved!

Attend events, join in the group chats, and start your environmental journey with Forest & Bird Youth.

Want to know more? Have a question about Forest & Bird Youth?

Contact us at <a href="mailto:youthsupport@forestandbird.org.nz">youthsupport@forestandbird.org.nz</a>

