

## Do you want to volunteer for conservation?

Conservation volunteers make an important contribution to conservation in New Zealand and we'd like to thank all our volunteers from New Zealand and overseas for your help.

Volunteers help with many different conservation tasks such as bird counts, historic building restoration, habitat restoration, hut maintenance, weed control, whale strandings, tree planting, and giving talks. What you do depends partly on your skills.

The projects are practical ones and offer you opportunities to learn new skills, meet others, do useful conservation work and enjoy the outdoors.

Being a volunteer is fun. You also get to work as part of a team, share your skills and experience conservation in action.

The projects described here are all (except two) undertaken on public conservation land. Some are coordinated by the Department of Conservation, and others are organised and supervised by community trusts or groups.

The projects all have conservation value. They could not be done without your help.



Working in the nursery, Motuora Island.  
Photo: Dave Jenkins



Lizard survey, Motutapu Island. Photo: Chris Wedding

Trap cleaning after rat operation, Motuora Island.  
Photo: Sue Cameron, DOC



## Quotes

### Little Barrier Island Volunteer

"Thanks for the wonderful time, and the opportunity to see and learn, long may the volunteer programme last"

### Tiritiri Matangi Ranger

"her enthusiasm and willingness to be involved in all aspects of conservation and restoration was encouraging for us."

## Project information

### 1 Atuanui Restoration Project

Atuanui Scenic Reserve (Mt Auckland Walkway). Entrance via Kaipara Hills Road. Turn off State Highway 16 at Glorit, about 20km north of Kaukapakapa. An hour's drive from Auckland City.

Volunteers are needed to help with bird monitoring and pest control. This requires off-track tramping in often steep areas of native bush for 4-5 hours per day.

**When** – Ongoing – most weekends by arrangement with organiser.

**Contact** – Suzi Phillips, suzi@dialogue.co.nz or 021 271 2527.

**Website** – www.kaiparaforestandbird.org.nz

### 2 Little Barrier Island (Hauturu)

Little Barrier Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Devonport Wharf (DOC Island Service Vessel) or Sandspit Wharf.

From time to time volunteers are required for monitoring, general maintenance and other projects. A high level of fitness is required.

**When** – Check DOC website for details.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz



Removing bellbirds from mist nets, Little Barrier Island.  
Photo: Sue Cameron, DOC

### 3 Omaha NZ dotterel Protection Group

Omaha Spit, northern end of Omaha beach, 15 minutes NE of Warkworth.

Volunteers help to check traps and monitor the NZ dotterels at this important coastal breeding site.

**When** - Sept to Feb, the work takes up to an hour once a fortnight, on a roster basis.

**Contact** - Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

### 4 Kawau Island Volunteer Project

Kawau Island, Hauraki Marine Park, via Sandspit, east of Warkworth.

Volunteers assist with the maintenance of the reserve and presentation of historic Mansion House and surrounding gardens.

**When** – Five day stints: April 13-17, July 13-17, Oct 5-9, Dec 7-11.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz



Washing down the Mansion House veranda, Kawau Island.  
Photo: Heather Bowles

### 5 Motuora Island Volunteer Programme

Motuora Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Sandspit, east of Warkworth.

**Five Day Opportunities:** Volunteers assist the island rangers in a wide range of tasks including planting, weeding, beach clean ups, seed collecting and general maintenance.

**When** – Wednesday to Sunday inclusive.

March 25-29, April 22-26, May 13-17, May 27-31, June 10-14, June 24-28, July 8-12, July 22-26, Aug 5-9, Aug 26-30, Sept 23-27, Oct 21-25, Nov 25-29.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz

**Single Day Opportunities:** Join the Motuora Restoration Society for one of their monthly trips to assist with planting and other essential tasks.

**When** – Last Sunday of each month and other dates as required during planting season. Bookings essential.

**Contact** – Eilene Lamb, 09 427 8911 or Robin Gardiner-Gee, 09 378 9548.

**Website** – www.motuora.org.nz

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## Opportunities to volunteer for conservation



## Remember to bring

For day trips: sturdy shoes, sunscreen, water, raincoat, hat, lunch and snacks.

Check the relevant website for other requirements specific to the project.

For residential projects: a gear list will be provided on confirmation of your placement on the programme.

- Bookings essential for most projects – see relevant website for more information.
- Some programmes have a transport cost – see relevant website for more information.
- Residential programmes are suitable for people aged 16 years and over.

Whitehead. Photo: J.L. Kendrick



Kiwi. Photo: Rod Morris

**DOC HOTline**  
**0800 362 468**

Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies  
For fire and search and rescue call 111

Cover: Track Maintenance supervised by takaha, Tiritiri Matangi Island.  
Photo: Sue Cameron, DOC

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## 6 Tiritiri Matangi Volunteer Programme

Tiritiri Matangi Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland or Gulf Harbour Marina, Whangaparaoa.

**Seven Day Opportunities:** Weekly volunteers assist the island rangers in a wide range of tasks from checking water troughs to weeding and track work.

**When** – Weekly, seven day stint from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz

### Ongoing Opportunities:

Join the community group Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi and help them enhance the visitor experience. Volunteers work in the visitor centre shop or guide visitors around the island. Regular commitment is preferable and training is provided.



Guiding visitors along the Wattle Track, Tiritiri Matangi Island. Photo: Sue Cameron, DOC

**When** – Rostered according to your availability.

**Contact** – Shop and guiding coordinator, 09 476 0010, manager@tiritirimatangi.org.nz.

**Website** – www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz

## 7 Raroa Restoration Project

A DOC reserve at 53 Stanmore Bay Rd, Whangaparaoa, known as Raroa Bush Reserve, 40 minutes from Auckland City.

Volunteers are needed to help with weeding, planting and watering.

**When** – Ongoing, first Saturday in each month, from 9am - noon or other times by arrangement.

**Contact** – Pauline Smith, pauline@rodneyfinancialservices.co.nz or 09 426 4270.

**Website** – hibiscus.forestandbird.org.nz



Helping out on planting day, Raroa Bush Reserve. Photo: Sarah Smead

## 8 North Head Plant Maintenance Days

North Head Historic Reserve, Takarunga Road, Devonport.

Join the rangers for a day of weeding and releasing plants on this headland reserve overlooking Rangitoto and the inner Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

**When** – Feb 16, Dec 16.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz

## 9 Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust

Rangitoto Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland or Devonport wharf.

Volunteers are needed to help restore several historic baches on the island; painting and general building maintenance skills are required. Archiving historic material, weeding and general clean ups are other tasks.

**When** – Every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

**Contact** – Allan Godsall, allangodsall@actrix.co.nz or 09 634 7020 or 09 634 0161.

**Website** – www.rangitoto.org

## 10 Motutapu Restoration Trust

Motutapu Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland.

Volunteers are needed all year for conservation work; planting, weed control, nursery work, seed collecting, flora and fauna monitoring, beach clean ups, fencing and general maintenance.

**When** – Jan 18, Feb 1, 15, March 1, 15, 29, April 5, 19, May 3, 17, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, Aug 2, 16, 30, Sept 6, 20, Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 6, 20.

**Contact** – admin@motutapu.org.nz, Bridget Winstone 09 524 5072 or Belinda Vernon 09 522 0919.

**Website** – www.motutapu.org.nz

## 11 Motuihe Project

Motuihe Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland.

Volunteers are needed for nursery work, planting trees, seed collecting, weed control, fauna and flora monitoring, as tour guides and for general maintenance tasks.

**When** – Volunteer trips are held every Sunday throughout the year and Saturday from 1 November to 30 July. Ferry departs from Pier 3 at 9.15am and returns at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Register to receive discount ferry ticket. Midweek volunteer trips are available for groups and schools by arrangement.

**Contact** – John Laurence, info@motuihe.org.nz or 0800 66 88 44.

**Website** – www.motuihe.org.nz

## 12 Stony Batter Protection and Restoration Society

Waiheke Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland.

Volunteers are needed to help restore and maintain this WWII fort and historic reserve at the north east end of Waiheke Island. Volunteers can help with tunnel maintenance, weeding, special historic restoration projects and can be trained as tour guides.

**When** – Any Saturday or Sunday.

**Contact** – Sue Pawley, 027 305 2772 (leave a message) or just show up any weekend day.

**Website** - www.doc.govt.nz (search Stony Batter for directions to get to the fort).



Stony Batter. Photo: Terry Smith DOC

## 13 Whitford Estuaries Conservation Society

Access off Whitford Road, near Whitford Village, East Auckland.

Volunteers are required throughout the year for weed control and nursery work. Help is also needed with planting, particularly over the autumn and winter seasons, to re-establish native forest ecosystems along the riparian margins of Whitford's streams, estuaries and coast line. The 1.2km Turanga Stream Esplanade Reserve will be the focus over the coming planting season.

**When** – For work details refer to contact details (below).

**Contact** – Dr Anthony Bellvé, bellve@clear.net.nz or 021 671 681 or Alan La Roche, alanlaroche@xtra.co.nz or 09 534 7366.

## Other opportunities

For more conservation based volunteer opportunities see:

www.conservationvolunteers.org.nz

www.arc.govt.nz

www.ecoevents.org.nz

### Raoul Island Volunteer Programme

Raoul Island, Kermadec Islands, 1000km north east of New Zealand.

Volunteers are needed to assist with conservation work on this distant and isolated volcanic island, particularly weeding. A high level of fitness is required.

**When** – Summer volunteers from October/November to March/April. Winter volunteers from March/April to October/November. Dates are approximate only.

**Contact** – Karen Baird, Programme Manager, Raoul Island, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.

**Website** – www.doc.govt.nz

### North-West Wildlink

The Wildlink is a biodiversity action network of community groups, individual land owners, businesses and iwi, in partnership with the ARC, DOC, Forest and Bird, North Shore City Council, Rodney District Council and Waitakere City Council. The network aims to facilitate biodiversity conservation using habitat 'stepping stones' to link the Hauraki Gulf and the Waitakere ranges. It links people in order to link nature and focuses on collective planting days, project showcasing, training and regional events.

There are volunteer opportunities at various restoration projects in the network. The area spans the Hauraki Gulf islands, Rodney District, North Shore City, and Waitakere City. Get a sense of the big picture and how conservation efforts in the Auckland region are linked.

See website for event and contact details.

**Website** - www.arc.govt.nz (search: Wildlink)

## Corporate, group and school opportunities

Available on Motuihe, Motuora, Motutapu and Tiritiri Matangi Islands and Raroa Bush Reserve.

**Contact** – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 7812.



Volunteer group getting ready to plant, Motuihe Island. Photo: Louise Cotterall

