



AGM Guest Speaker:

Alan Saunders,

"Communities in Conservation"

We have been most fortunate to secure an excellent speaker for our AGM. Alan Saunders is at present Director of the Pacific Invasives Initiative, based at Auckland University, and working with nations of the Pacific to improve pest and predator control. His career in conservation began with the NZ Wildlife Service and he was based in Tauranga for some years as their regional officer.

When the Department of Conservation was formed Alan took a leading role in species conservation and was the instigator of the Mainland Island projects. He is a dynamic speaker and will give an illustrated presentation on biodiversity communities and the way our communities relate to their welfare.



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Put it on your calendar today!

Date : Thursday 10 August 2006

Time : 7 p.m.

Venue : Lecture theatre Dt106, BOP Polytechnic
Bongard Campus, Cameron Road,
Tauranga

Contact : Carole Long 07 542 0224

All welcome.

Gold coin donation - supper provided.

Open Day

Meet for a free sausage sizzle with volunteers and trustees and get an update on progress and plans for the future. Guided walks available during the afternoon with options of going to the top of the mountain, around the rimu walk, or adventurous souls can inspect a trap line with our stoat trapping team.

Date: Sunday 29 October

Time: 12 noon

Location: Meet at the shelter by the carpark at Otanewainuku Forest on Mountain Road, Oropi. Travel up No.2 Road from Te Puke, or up Oropi Road and Mountain Road from Tauranga.

Bring: Lunch (to go with the sausages), drink, WARM CLOTHES, sturdy footwear and a raincoat.

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Work Days for Possum Control

These have been well attended and the bait station lines are ready for the possum control operation at the end of the month. This was a major effort, with 60 km of lines to mark, clear and have bait stations checked. Funding from Environment Bay of Plenty's Environmental Enhancement Fund will pay for a contractor to complete bait station changeover, and carry out the pre-feed and toxin operation, including removing all unused bait at the end of the operation.

A karakia (blessing) was held at the shelter prior to the pre-feed being put out (See photo below)



Kiwi Survey Debrief

Success again this winter with two sites recording calls, and grateful thanks to all those who sat out under the stars during April, May and June to do the surveys.

There will be a debrief of the results Wednesday 23 August at 7pm in the Greerton DOC Office. All welcome.

Trustpower Award

Once again our great team of volunteers has been recognised by being judged joint winners of the Heritage and Environment section of the Trustpower Volunteer Awards.

Carole Long and Dave Wills attended the function at the Tauranga Golf Club and received the framed award and a cheque for \$250. Thanks to Trustpower for their generosity and special thanks to all the people who put in the hours of volunteer work to make this a most deserving win.

Volunteer Notice Board

Trap TLC

Winter is typically a quite time for catching stoats but a good time to give those traps a bit of tender loving care before spring, info sheets on "trap and tunnel maintenance" are in the gear cabinet and a highly recommended read as a refresher, simple things like a drop of lube on the trigger or using your boot to clear the leaves from tunnel entrances to make it look like an animal run do make a big difference. I'm generally available to go out and do a trap line with people as a refresher and pass on what we have learnt during the past year plus pick up some tips from volunteers.

Copies of our trapping data from October 2002 are in the cabinet and makes interesting reading the charts clearly show the spring and summer peaks for rats and stoats.

Rat Trapping

The trial rat trapping project is still under way with snap traps every 50 metres down 8 trap lines, the trial will give data on the logistics and effectiveness of trapping rats against the more commonly used toxin operations. Large scale rat trapping is successfully carried out at other locations in New Zealand. Peter Crane has taken over this project and will be injecting some enthusiasm and technical knowledge into it. Thanks Peter!

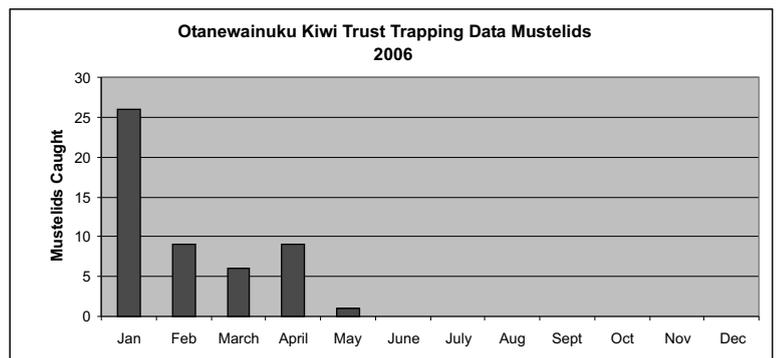
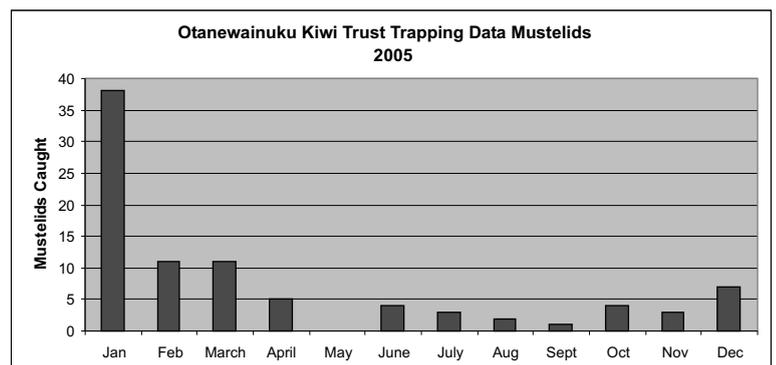
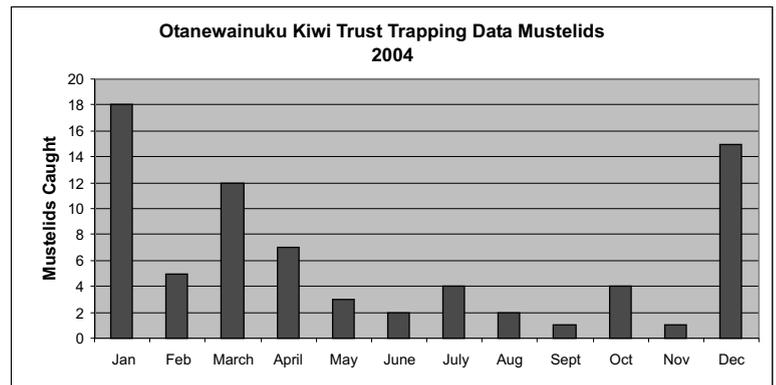
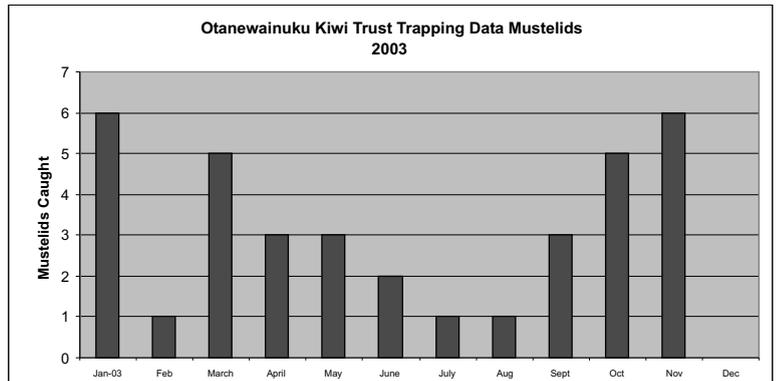
Stoat Bait Trial

We are currently trialing a new stoat lure on about half our trap lines, it is made by putting rabbits (dead) through a mincer to produce a rabbit paste, a small amount of mould inhibitor is added to increase its effective life, we have caught a few stoats on it but its too early to really comment on its effectiveness but it is more user friendly than the salted rabbit. Environment BOP are supplying the bait to us free of charge for the trial.

As always your comments and feedback are appreciated, this is your trust and we would like you to have a say in how it's run.

Dave Edwards

**Trapping Tally in
Otanewainuku**
For the latest tally update see our
website www.kiwitrust.org



Volunteer Profile - Sheryl Petersen

Interview by Sharon Seager

Sheryl lives amongst a tropical oasis that she and her partner Brian have created in Papamoa. Between the two of them they have raised three children, and have seven grandchildren, all living locally. Sheryl works lines 9, 11 and 14. She shares these lines with Janet, taking turns when Janet is onshore. (Janet works as a fisheries officer on fishing boats, but that is another story.)

How did you get involved with the Trust? I followed the pest exclusion fence at Waikaremoana. As you cross the peninsular the bush is alive with birds. I wanted to help with something similar here, so asked DOC what was around.

I always wanted to get back to tennis and tramping when I retired. I can't play tennis now, so I've taken up tramping with a vengeance. I tramp on Wednesdays with the Tauranga mid week group. We've become DOC volunteers and have adopted a Ngamuwahine track. I'd really like to do more off track tramping but first I need experience with someone who knows what they're doing.

The funniest thing that happened to me? On a recent trip I ran into Dave and a mate of his at the end of line 14. We stopped and lunched together and traded bush tales. We talked about the silly things you sometimes do in the bush. Dave mentioned that he and his mate had just crossed a piece that he would never have attempted alone.

After lunch I continued on my lines. Part of one line is very steep and is roped for safety. In the last storm a huge tree had fallen right down my rope line. I looked down the line, thought of our conversation, and turned back. I'm learning some restraint for safeties sake.

Any more bush tales? I was tramping at Kaikoura. I went into the bush on a good weather forecast, and got caught in a 36 hour thunderstorm. I was trapped on a steep knoll between two rivers. It was too dangerous to go back or forward, so I sat in the rain for two days, waiting. I tried thinking of the people in the tramping group who may have enjoyed sharing this experience with me, and drew a blank. I had enough room to stretch out, and luckily two well placed trees to prevent me rolling down the hill. I tried reading in the rain, but it's really hard to turn wet pages with snow gloves on.

What keeps you motivated? I never know what I am going to find, and line clearing is a good excuse to get out into beautiful bush.

I really notice the number of small birds at Otanewainuku.

Final word; People like Dave Edwards are to be applauded for their enthusiasm, dedication, the hours spent in the bush plus organizing volunteers and doing research.



Business Sponsorship

Is your business or someone you know looking for a worthy local environmental project to sponsor??

We have a range of sponsorship options from as little as \$250 per annum.

Bronze: 10 hectares for 1 year \$250

Silver: 20 hectares for 1 year \$500

Gold: 40 hectares for 1 year \$1000

Platinum: 100 hectares for 1 year \$2500

For more info contact Mark Dean 07 5433021
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Neale Blaymires takes a break



We would like to acknowledge the huge contribution that Neale has made to the Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust since it's beginnings. Thank you for your energy, willingness to pass on your knowledge, your innovative designs and many, many hours.

Neale is taking a break from the Trust to concentrate on his other passions. For Magpie traps call 573 4157.

Thank-you very much!

Donations received

One of our sponsors found an unusual way to barter the price of their new car with Pacific Toyota of Tauranga. The Kiwi Trust were very happy to bank their cheque \$250.

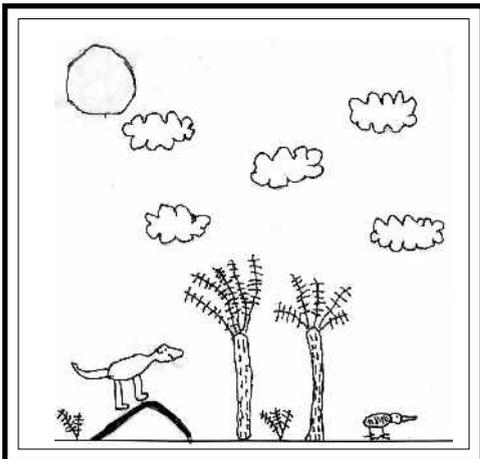
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Do check out our website www.kiwitrust.org to see other businesses who support us.

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Matthew Hampton aged 7

Phone Book Cover Competition

Congratulations to the following winners of Oropi School 's Telephone Directory competition

Junior: Matthew Hampton aged 7
Middle: Suzy Cumming aged 9
Senior: Nick Robinson aged 13

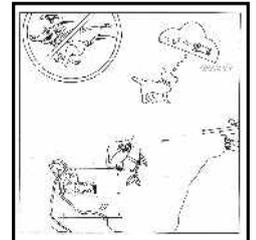
Overall winner Matthew Hampton

Well done kids! Remember...

- * To a dog kiwi smell like chocolate
- * Dogs kill kiwi
- * Tie dogs up at night
- * Don't take dogs on bush walks
- * See if adults know these things?!



Suzy Cumming aged 9



Nick Robinson aged 13

REMINDER – A KIWI ZONE IS A NO-DOG ZONE!!!

We are working hard to educate locals and visitors alike to keep dogs out of the forest.

Nationwide, dogs are acknowledged as a serious threat to kiwi but the serious nature of this threat is not readily understood by the public.

A kiwi is a vulnerable bird. You would not think so if you were on the receiving end of a kick from those strong legs with big feet and sharp claws, but the body, particularly the chest, is very vulnerable to crushing. A pet dog being taken for a walk on a lead in a kiwi zone in Northland killed a kiwi that was sleeping by the side of the track – it can happen and it can be your dog!

Speak up! If you see visitors bringing dogs into Otanewainuku, just mention to them that this is a dog free zone and invite them to take time to read the sign at the shelter.

With all the funding and effort that is being put into enhancing habitat for kiwi and other native birds, it becomes a community responsibility to keep Otanewainuku pet free as well as pest free.



Dogs kill kiwi
Leave them at home

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