

Birds And Habitats

PowerPoint information sheet

Photograph	Information
	<p>There are lots of different places for birds to live on Rangatira Island. Some parts of the island have steep cliffs straight into the sea. The rocks at the bottom of the cliff are very sharp and the waves crash against them. Birds that live here are good at flying and can also swim in the water. They usually eat fish.</p>
	<p>On other parts of the island there are rocky shores. Birds that live here often have long beaks to help them find food in the tidal zone.</p>
	<p>The forests on the island are green and damp. The trees grow very close together so only very small birds are able to fly between them. Most of the food in the forest is, insects which are found on the bark of the trees, decaying trees and shrubs and on the forest floor.</p>
	<p>This bird is called a Snipe. It lives in the forest and uses its long beak to find insects, worms and larvae on the forest floor. It is quite hard to see in this picture because it has feathers the same colour as the ground. This helps keep the bird safe from predators because it does not fly.</p>

		<p>This bird is a Black backed Gull. These birds are able to eat lots of different food. They mainly eat small fish and shellfish but will sometimes eat other birds as well.</p>
		<p>These birds are called Chatham Island Oyster Catchers. They have long red beaks which they use to feed in the tidal zone. They use their beaks to probe and pick molluscs, worms and other invertebrates. They can get limpet shells off rocks using their beaks.</p>
		<p>This is a red-crowned parakeet. It is a type of parrot; it likes to feed on fruit and seeds such as the nectar in the flowers of the flax.</p>
		<p>This is a Chatham Island black robin. It is a very small bird so it can fly between the branches in the forest. This bird likes to feed on insects, spiders and wetas.</p>



This bird is a Tui. It has a specially shaped beak so that it can feed on the nectar of the flowers of the flax.



This bird is a Broad billed prion. It has a special beak so that it can filter small animals from the water just like a whale does!