

He Manu — Birds

Approach: Station

Focus: Recognise from prior knowledge a selection of birds, define the term “native bird,” and identify those that fit in this category.

Resources: Pictures numbered 1–8.

Questions/instructions:

1. Look at the bird pictures. Match the birds in the pictures with their names on the chart. Write the number of the bird beside its name.

Titiro ki ngā whakaahua o ngā manu.
Whakaritea ngā whakaahua manu kia hāngai ki ō rātou ingoa. Tuhia te tau o te whakaahua manu ki te taha o tōna ingoa.

English		Māori		% responses	
Bird names	number	✓ native birds	✓ native birds	GED	MI
ingoa manu	te tau	✓ manu māori	✓ manu māori		
fantail	pīwakawaka	4		95	78
thrush	tiutiu, koroheia	6		36	12
shag	kawau	2		53	55
sparrow	tiu	3		53	14
waxeye	tauhou	8		42	27
pukeko	pūkeko	5		82	92
woodpigeon	kererū	1		55	86
kingfisher	kōtare	7		65	37

2. Some of these birds are native to New Zealand. What do we mean by “native” birds?
Ko ētahi o ēnei manu he manu māori o Aotearoa. He aha te tikanga o te “manu māori”?

not introduced to NZ	2	19
found only in NZ	14	28

3. Tick the birds that you think are native to New Zealand. Put your ticks in the “native birds” column. **Results not recorded here.**



Commentary:

Compared to GEd (General Education) students, MI (Māori Immersion) students performed better in naming some distinctive native birds, but worse on introduced species. Overall, MI (Māori Immersion) students scored statistically significantly lower than GEd (General Education) students.