

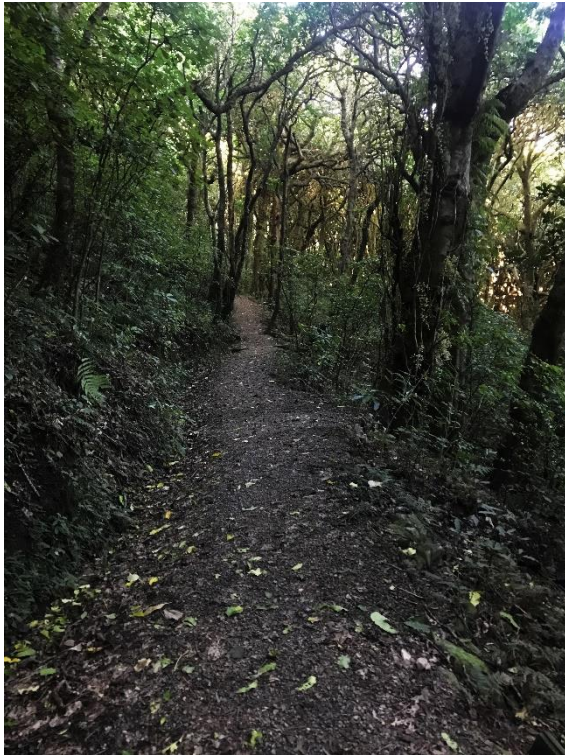
Bird Count Walkthrough

May 23, 2022

Helen reports...

Today's clear blue day seemed too good to miss, after all the stormy weather of the last few days. So, a much later start than normal - early afternoon.

I decided to go through the Kohekohe Forest to begin with and was rewarded with wonderful birdsong from tuis and bellbirds and also the first look at this year's Kohekohe flowering.



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It seems as though we will get a lovely display this year, after a year or two with very little. With that, and the glorious birdsong, a walk in Whareroa is a must!



Otherwise, it was a day of fantails and silvereyes. The fantails were absolutely everywhere.

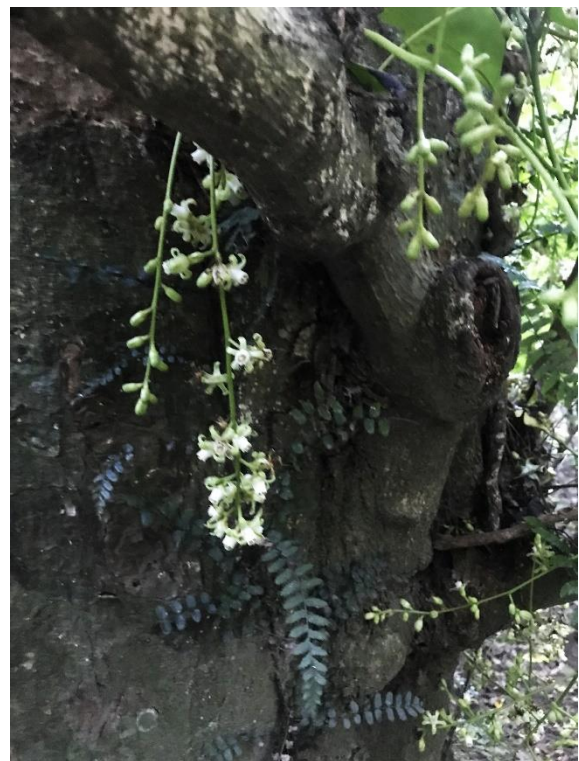
I also heard my first song thrush, several of them.

The territorial song of the male is heard from April to December, then they become secretive and inconspicuous. So it is always lovely to hear them at this time of year.

You can find out more about these magical singers at [here](#)

Today species numbers were down (12) but the bird numbers made up for that (88)!

Until next time,
Helen



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A bit of data crunching from the attached table (35 walkthrough visits up to and including 23.5.22)

Usually between 14 and 20 species have been sighted during most walk-throughs. September 12, 2020 was a big day with 23 species, on May 28, 2020 & on the most recent walkthrough, only 12 were recorded.

Helen records on average, a total number of 80 birds per walkthrough (the average has ranged from 54 to 130).

- On May 23, 22: 12 species & 88 birds recorded (seen or heard).
- 3 species have been seen during every walk-through: Blackbird, Tui & Fantail (Grey Warblers have not been seen once during separate visits, otherwise they would be in this exclusive group too)
- 14 species were sighted during at least 66% (22 or more) of visits: Bellbird, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Eastern Rosella, Fantail, Grey Warbler, Kereru, Magpie, Paradise Shelduck, Pukeko, Silvereye, Sparrow, Thrush & Tui
- Most sighted / Top 8 in alphabetical order: Blackbird (270), Chaffinch (246), Fantail (231), Goldfinch (156), Pukeko (166), Silvereyes (280), Starling (145), Tui (277)
- Least sighted in this series of reports (in alphabetical order, how often sighted, total number): Dunnock (3, 3), Falcon (2, 3), Mallard (3, 5), Redpoll (3, 7), Rock Pigeon (0, 0), Shining Cuckoo (4, 7), White Faced Heron (2, 3)

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BIRDS RECORDED at Whareroa Farm, 'Walk Through' – Occasional Report

Date	Begin Time	End Time	Bellbird	Blackbacked Gull	Blackbird	Black Swan	California quail	Canada Goose	Chaffinch	Dunnoek	Eastern rosella	Falcon	Fantail	Goldfinch	Greenfinch	Greywarbler	Harrier	Kereru	Kingfisher	Magpie	Mallard	Paradise shelduck	Pheasant	Pukeko	Redpoll	Rock Pigeon	Shining Cuckoo	Silvereye	Sparrow	Spurwinged Plover	Starling	Swallow	Thrush	Tui	White faced Heron	Yellowhammer	Total Birds	Species Count	
09. Aug 18	14.00	15.50	1		10				10				12	4	1				2			5	3	1						3	5	2		3	62	14			
08. Sep 18	9.45	12.30	2		2				10	1	4		4		2		2	1				6	3					7	12		2	4	2	5			69	17	
10. Okt 18	9.40	11.30			8				18	2			2	14	6	1	2	2		2		4	5								1		2				69	14	
21. Nov 18	9.30	11.00	1		7				8	1			6	7	1	2			1	1		1	5	2				3	6		5	4	2	6		1	70	20	
21. Feb 19	9.35	11.15		3	7		1		1				6	2	2	1	1	2	3				1					10	12		3			4			59	16	
18. Mär 19	10.38	12.50	3	2	2		1				4		7	8		4		1		4		2		3				11	29	1	20			8			110	17	
08. Mai 19	9.45	12.50	3		2				2	3	2		6		3				2	3		4	3	13				2	1		2		3	10		1	65	18	
10. Jun 19	10.00	11.58	1		6				3	2			10		1	2			4			4	1	3				3	5		2	1		9			57	16	
22. Jul 19	9.30	11.15	3		7		2		18	1	2		7		3				2	1				6				15	2	2	6			5	15		3	100	18
15. Aug 19	10.05	11.45	1		12				10	1			3		1	4	3		1	1	1	5	2	4				1			1	5	5				61	18	
20. Sep 19	10.03	11.58	4		19				8	1			12			13	4		2	1		4	4	3				12	4				5	8				103	15
15. Nov 19	9.08	10.30			14		8		14	2			7	6	3	5		1		1		4	3					17	4		1	3	4	7			104	18	
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11. Apr 22	8.43	10.30	1		7				5	2			7	1	2							2		4				18		1	1	2		5			58	14	
23. Mai 22	1.11	2.53	2		8				3				20	3	3	1							6					23	4			3	12				88	12	

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