

Kokopu, Kaoro & other native NZ fish

NZ has 35+ varieties of native fish, some of which can be seen in Whareroa streams. They are more likely to be seen at night but approach streams quietly and you may see some.

The water is reasonably clean which is good for fish but much of the stream is without shade. This lets the water heat up and weeds grow which blocks the water highway. Volunteers are planting ribbon wood trees to provide shade.



Common Bully



Red Finned Bully

**NZ's most
colourful fish**



Koaro

Koaro use their flattened fins to climb waterfalls to reach shady bouldery creeks.



Banded Kokopu

Banded Kokopu can grow up to 26 cm long. They are good climbers and go upstream seeking small shady rocky streams.

Whitebait are the young of our native fish — they are all on the threatened list. Is whitebaiting a good or bad thing?

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