

Celebrate International Year of Biodiversity! Celebrate International Year of Biodiversity!

Enter our

PHOTO

COMPETITION!



New Zealand biodiversity: captured

A national photo competition in celebration of New Zealand's biodiversity



In celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity, Department of Conservation (DOC), in partnership with NZ National Commission for UNESCO, NIWA, and Forest & Bird, is looking for winning photographs of our wonderful biodiversity.

This national photo competition offers a way for students to learn what the word biodiversity means and to identify New Zealand's unique biodiversity.

Photos can highlight New Zealand's biodiversity, including our native plants, animals and fungi, or can show human interaction with our biodiversity and why it is important to us. As well as sending in a photo, entrants need to explain in 100 words or less how their photo 'captures' the spirit of the International Year of Biodiversity theme, 'Biodiversity is life, biodiversity is our life'.

Entrants can win prizes and have their work exhibited as part of an International Year of Biodiversity display.

There are two entry categories in the competition:

- Young entrant—less than 18 years of age
- Adult entrant—18 years and older

Entries must be received by 30 July 2010.

Visit www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversitycaptured to learn more.

Values—innovation, inquiry, curiosity, and ecological sustainability.

Key competencies—using language, symbols, and texts.

Learning Areas

Science—Living World

- Exploring the concept and meaning of biodiversity, and developing an awareness of the special native plants, animals and fungi that make up our diverse biodiversity.
- Learning how we interact with our biodiversity and the important part it plays in our everyday lives.

Social Sciences—Place and Environment

- Learning how people perceive and interact with places and environments, leading to an understanding of the special relationship that exists between people and their environment.

Visual Arts—Developing Ideas; Communicating and Interpreting

- Developing visual ideas and skills in the medium of photography, enabling the communication and interpretation of powerful and meaningful images using the concept of sustainability as a motivation.



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Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Biodiversity sustains the life systems on which we depend—from the air we breathe, to the water we drink, to the food we eat



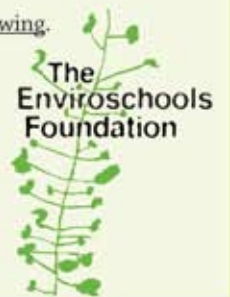
Words on a Wing Youth shout out

The Department of Conservation, with support from The EnviroSchools Foundation, has launched an environmental action to give young people the opportunity to tell world leaders why biodiversity matters to them, what they want them to do about its loss, and what they themselves are doing to enhance biodiversity.

Called *Words on a Wing*, the action features two giant steel and mesh kākāpō and 20,000 cardboard feathers. Students from around the country will have the opportunity to write messages on the feathers, which will be used to cover the kākāpō.

The messages will then be taken to the Convention on Biological Diversity's 10th meeting in Japan in October.

To learn more, visit www.doc.govt.nz/wordsonawing.



LOVE NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATION WEEK 12-19 SEPTEMBER 2010

Conservation Week 2010 is about showing how much you love Aotearoa New Zealand and its unique environment, so mark your calendars for 12-19 September. More information will be coming soon about education resources for you to use in your classroom. You can also visit www.conservationweek.org.nz over the coming months for further details.

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Ko te kōiora kanorau, he tauoranga, ko te kōiora kanorau to tātou tauoranga

