

Rowi Kiwi Predator Game



This game demonstrates the effects predators have on our Rowi Kiwi. See how tracking and trapping can help support them. *See the important role pest control has to play!*

Split your group in two, half are kiwi and half are predators (stoats, possums and dogs). Kiwi can only walk as they are slower than stoats and dogs, but predators can run.





This game works like tag. Have all the kiwi walking around within a defined space.

Then the predators get introduced and 'eat/tag' the kiwi.

If you get tagged, you sit down. Time it and see how long it takes.



Now there's less kiwi left because they got eaten, so half of the tamariki that were kiwi can be predators and have a turn at running. Play the tag game again, all the kiwi should get tagged even quicker this time.

Now its time to add in some conservation heroes!

Let's see what happens when we give conservation a helping hand!



Turn half of your Kiwis into trappers, they can tag/trap the predators. When a trapper tags a predator, that predator turns into a Kiwi! Helping our Kiwi population grow. See how long it takes to tag everyone out!

This game can be altered with any kind of species to help demonstrate the effect of predators on our native species.

You can also add in habitat loss by creating loggers, to counteract them you add in DOC rangers creating reserves and protected areas for the native species.

**Hint: use bibs, or hi-vis vests (etc) of different colours to distinguish the difference between predators and native species.