

# GARDEN BIRD SURVEY



## EXPLORE YOUR BACKYARD

Find the perfect spot to sit while you do the survey. The best place is somewhere you have a clear view of your garden, or local green space, and of the birds that visit. You need to be close enough to see which species are there, but not too close that you scare them away. Often it is best to sit inside at a window, allowing the birds to relax and stay around. Another option for the more adventurous is to make a bird hide – just make sure you can still easily see the birds.

## COMPLETE A BIRD SURVEY

Create your tally sheet – you could print and use the garden bird survey tally sheet (it's on our Toa Manu Bird Surveyor webpage) or create your own. Get settled in your survey spot, and look and listen for one hour - it's your choice to do this all at once or in smaller blocks of time that add up to one hour.

For each bird species you see, record the highest number you see at one time. So, for example, if you see three kererū then one kererū a few minutes later, your tally is three kererū. This is so you don't accidentally count the same bird twice. Record your findings on your tally sheet when you see them.

Make sure you tell us about your bird survey and we'll send you a Kiwi Guardians Toa Manu Bird Surveyor medal. You can;

- Tell us all about the birds in your garden and which ones visited the most?
- Who stayed the longest?
- What time of day did you do your survey?

**REMEMBER TO CLAIM YOUR ACTION MEDAL AT [KIWIGUARDIANS.CO.NZ](http://KIWIGUARDIANS.CO.NZ)**



*Keep a tally sheet of what you see and when*

*Do you know which birds are native to Aotearoa?*

*Binoculars are a great way to spot birds at a distance*

