

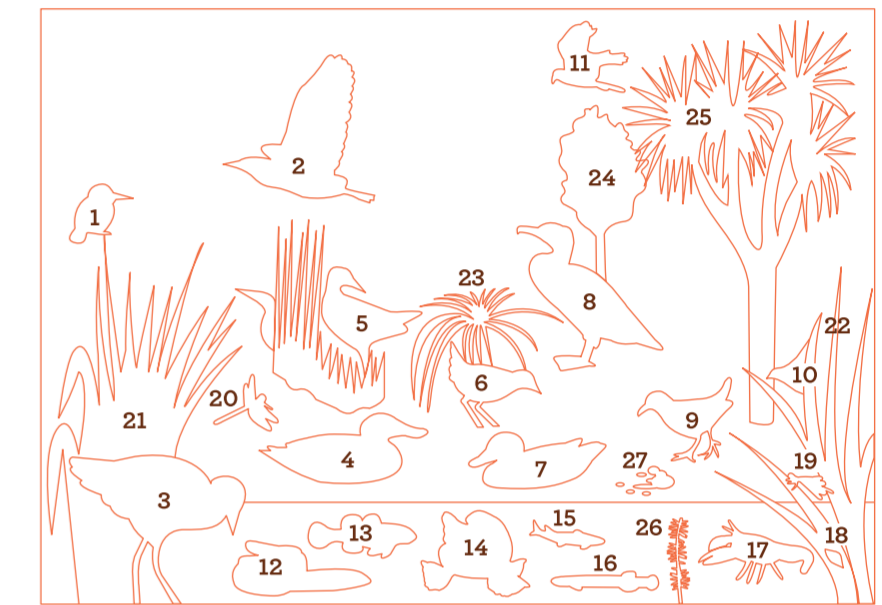
Wetland Life



Life in a lowland swamp

Wetlands are places where plants and animals are used to living in wet conditions. They support the greatest concentration of wildlife than any other habitat in New Zealand.

The native species illustrated in this poster can be found in a lowland swamp (a type of wetland) but it is unlikely you will see them all together in one place at the same time.



Identification

Common Name
Maori Name

Birds

- 1 Kingfisher
Kōtare
- 2 Australasian bittern
Matuku
- 3 Pūkeko/swamp hen
Pūkeko
- 4 Shoveler
Kuruwhengi
- 5 Banded rail
Moho pererū
- 6 Marsh crake
Koitareke
- 7 Brown teal
Pāteke
- 8 Black shag
Kawau
- 9 Spotless crake
Pūweto
- 10 Fernbird
Mātātā
- 11 Australasian harrier/hawk
Kāhu

Fish

- 12 Shortfin eel
Tuna
- 13 Common bully
Toitoi

14 Giant kōkopu
Kōkopu

15 Inanga/Whitebait
Inanga

16 Black mudfish
Waikaka

Invertebrates

17 Freshwater crayfish
Koura

18 Water snail
Pūpū wai māori

19 Red damselfly
Kihitara

20 Giant dragonfly
Kapokapowai

Plants

21 Flax
Harakeke

22 Raupō/bulrush
Raupō

23 Carex secta/Sedge
Pūrei

24 Kahikatea/White pine
Kahikatea

25 Cabbage tree
Tī kōuka

26 Stout water milfoil

27 Algae/diatoms