

OUR AMAZING ENDEMIC SPECIES, OUR TAONGA

The famous kiwi conservationist Don Merton said:

"They are our national monuments. They are our Tower of London, our Arc de Triomphe, our pyramids. We don't have ancient architecture that we swoon over in wonder, but what we do have is something that is far, far older than that. No one else has kiwi, no one else has kākāpō. They have been around for millions of years, if not thousands of millions of years. And once they are gone, they are gone forever. And it's up to us to make sure they never die out."

BRAINSTORM

Use this space to brainstorm ideas for your talk.

NAME

MY TOPIC IS

THE TALK STRUCTURE

Use this poster to plan and structure your ideas so you don't need to write it out word for word.

HOOK

Sock it to the audience!

FIRST MAIN POINT

SECOND MAIN POINT

THIRD MAIN POINT

ENDING

Tie it all up

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HILLMAC ELECTRICAL SCHOOL SPEECH CONTESTS

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!

THERE ARE TWO CONTESTS!

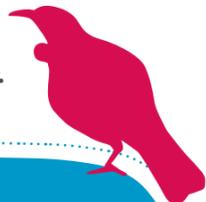
Junior Contest:

Thursday 29th of August 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Intermediate Contest:

Thursday 5th of September, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Held at the **National Aquarium of New Zealand in Napier.**
Both contests are open to schools throughout Hawke's Bay.

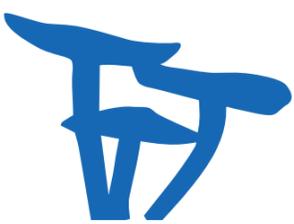


THE AIM OF YOUR SPEECH

The purpose of your three minute speech is to inform the audience about any aspect of endemic or native species.

HOW TO PLAN A GREAT TALK

- 1. Pick a topic** you like and that you are interested in. Will my class (the audience) be interested in it?
- 2. Brainstorm:** jot down all your ideas. Try setting a timer for five minutes and get everything down.
- 3. Grab a highlighter** and highlight the three main points – the most important things you want to get across in your speech.
- 4. Write them in the three boxes** on the front of this poster: point one, point two and point three. Research your ideas, to 'flesh' out your main points.
- 5. Think about how to grab the audience's attention.** Jot down some ideas and when you are happy with it, write it in the 'hook' box.
- 6. How to sum it all up for your ending?** Jot down some ideas and when you are happy, write it in the 'ending' box.
- 7. Remember** it's not an essay but a talk, so each time you do your speech, it will be slightly different.



THEME

Endemic species in New Zealand.

Our Endemic species are found only in New Zealand. Endemic species, such as Tui, Kauri, Hector's dolphins, Hamilton Frog, Tuatara, Kiwi, Kowhai, Kakabeak and Archey's Frog. The topic also covers all our flora and fauna, fish, creepy crawlies, bats, eels, whatever your favourite species is.

You are welcome to talk about native and introduced species, but the special focus is on endemic species that are only found here.



SPEECH TOPICS

A few speech topics to get you started

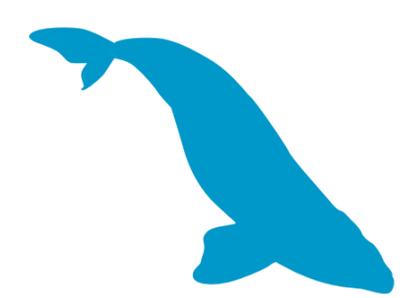
- Endemic fauna in NZ – why bother about them? Who cares about them?
- What's predator free 2050?
- Kiwi crèche at Lake Opouah and the Cape Sanctuary
- Common flax (harakeke) and mountain flax (wharariki) and the flax snail
- What endemic species live in the National Aquarium of New Zealand?
- Endangered and extinct birds of New Zealand
- What can I do to help save our endemic species?
- Weird and wonderful creepie crawlies – blue-damsel fly, flax weevils etc
- Kauri – what's the future for our forest giants?
- What's in the river – banded kokopu and how they climb up the waterfall?



RESEARCH YOUR SPEECH

Websites for more information

- <https://www.ecoed.org.nz/kiwi-creche>
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/>
- <http://nzconservationtrust.org.nz/NZ+Native+Fauna.html>
- <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/campaigns/native-wildlife>
- <https://teara.govt.nz/en/native-plants-and-animals-overview/page-1>
- www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz
- <https://www.biodiversityhb.org/>
- <https://www.nationalaquarium.co.nz/>
- www.terrain.net.nz/friends-of-te-henui-group/local-insects.html
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/threatened-species-ambassador/critter-of-the-week/>
- <http://www.endangeredspecies.org.nz/>



SPEECH TIPS

The purpose of your three minute speech is to inform the audience about endemic and native species, to tell your story about planting native trees in the Karamu stream, finding flax weevils in your wood pile or giant kokopu in your stream, or about your visit to the kiwi crèche at Lake Opouah.



FURTHER INFORMATION



Go to the National Aquarium of New Zealand and check out the amazing Kiwi, Little Penguin and Tuatara. The Aquarium is home to two Tuatara. This is Alfie (above).

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Dr Charles Daugherty, Chair of Biodiversity Hawke's Bay is a world renown Tuatara expert, his fun facts are... *Tuatara eggs often incubate in the soil on their island refuges for as long as a year or more.*

Tuatara eggs that incubate in relatively warm nests usually become males, and those in cooler nests become females.

Biodiversity Hawke's Bay:
<https://biodiversityhb.org>



This is a picture of Draco who is now well into her teens and was suspected to have been knocked by a car and suffered a head injury. She's named after Draco Malfoy from Harry Potter. Come and meet the other Little Penguins – there's Dora, Elmo, Captain, Flip and Lulu and all have their own stories.

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Native species are also found in other countries, as well as NZ such as the Little Penguin which is known as the Fairy Penguin in Australia.

If you have any questions please email the contest convenor:

Anna Coleman at confidencecompanynz@gmail.com

She will come out and work with your school. The student who has the best speech will go through to the Hillmac School Speech Contests at the National Aquarium of New Zealand.

