

Forest Explorer

Look out for these Bushy Park plants and animals while you're exploring. Check them off. Then add up your score. Each sighting is worth 5 points. To assist your search, stop regularly, sit quietly and look carefully.

Total: _____



Toutouwai
North Island robin
Inquisitive bird attracted to disturbed leaf litter. Reintroduced 2005, now abundant here.



Tūi
Common. White tuft at throat. Makes tuneful calls with clicks and croaks.



Kawakawa
Aromatic heart-shaped leaves. A traditional medicinal plant for Māori.



Ngā harore
Fungi
There are many types of fungus at Bushy Park. This one is woody, long-lasting and found on dead tree trunks.



Tieke
North Island saddleback
Has a noisy staccato call. Often in small groups feeding on insects on trunks and forest floor. Reintroduced 2006, now abundant here.



Kōtare
Kingfisher
More likely to be seen at Wetlands. Deep shiny blue with white collar. Long straight bill.



Nīkau
NZ's only palm tree. Leaf scars show in stripes on mature trunks.



Mouku
Hen & chicken fern
Common ground fern. Develops tiny bulbils along the edges of the fronds.



Kererū
New Zealand pigeon
Large native pigeon. Sits quietly but takes off noisily. Especially abundant late winter/mid spring.



Northern rātā
Rātānui is one of NZ's largest examples. Starts life as an epiphyte, forms a trunk of fused roots, with head above the canopy.



Mamaku
Black tree fern
NZ's tallest tree fern growing up to 20m. Large black-stalked fronds leave hexagonal scars on trunk when they fall off.



Mokopirirākau
Forest gecko
Hard to spot, well camouflaged. Worth looking out for.



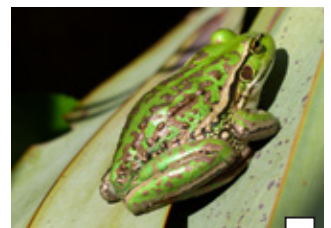
Hihi
Stitchbird
Male has black hood with yellow neck and white wing bar. Female is brown with white wing bar. Upright tail. Nationally endangered. Reintroduced 2013. Often seen at their sugar feeders.



Kareao
Supplejack
Forms dense tangles of woody vines. Clusters of bright red berries.



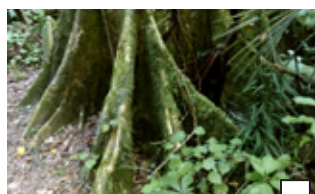
Ponga
Silver fern
NZ's national symbol. Silver underside sometimes used for marking a trail.



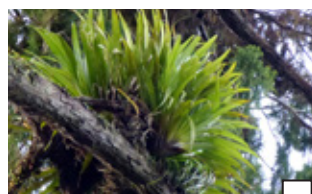
Southern bell frog
Green and warty, a common introduced frog. The largest frog in New Zealand.



Piwakawaka
Fantail
Long fan-shaped tail. Flits around visitors catching flying insects.



Pukatea
Large buttressed roots enable this tree to thrive in wet conditions. Seed is windblown, with many shiny-leaved seedlings on the forest floor.



Wharawhara
Astelia
Perching lily. Common in branches of mature trees, sometimes seen on forest floor where it has fallen.



Kihikihi-wawā
Chorus cicada
The loudest insect, makes clicks with its wings. In summer, look for their leftover nymph skins on tree trunks.