



An important request from The Pohutukawa Trust

2017 Upcoming Pohutukawa Trust Pest cull

The trust is undertaking a cull this winter using a team of professional hunters of identified pests such as Possums and Wallaby. The work is required urgently given the evidence that Wallabies especially are abundant this year. Encouraged no doubt by a spring which provided ample feed and good breeding conditions. The trust subsidises landowners who participate in the program and has successfully carried out a similar cull over the last two years with good success. However the work was hampered by a lack of access to as many properties as possible. We are therefore appealing to property owners to get behind this vital project, and allow the culling team access to your land. The work is mostly undertaken at night and all animals shot by the hunters will be removed. The result we expect will be a greatly enhanced environment with the removal of the destructive pest.

Property owners and ratepayers keen to assist the trust's work to save the islands Flora and Fauna should contact Carl Weaver through the Trust's email address at : admin@pohutukawatrust.kiwi

Invasive Plants

We are also seeking information in conjunction with Auckland Council and the Department of Conservation from land-owners on the prevalence of two pest weeds and would again ask that you contact the Trust and provide any information you can on these.

The two very invasive plants that we are requesting information on are:

Boneseed an aggressive invader which is a perennial shrub that grows up to 3 m high and reproduces by seed. Can grow to dominate young forests areas in particular. You may find it around the coastal fringe.



Woolly nightshade is an invasive lowland shrub that can grow to trees of between 8 – 10m high. It is an aggressive and fast growing plant; each plant can live for over 20 years



The Trust would like to communicate more regularly and easily with its supporters. Please drop us an email so we can update our records and ensure you are included in our future mail outs. **Thankyou Pohutukawa Trust**