

A FABULOUS NEW TITLE FROM THE AWARD WINNING 'EXPLORE & DISCOVER' SERIES WITH A SUBJECT THAT'S ON EVERYONE'S MIND AT THE MOMENT

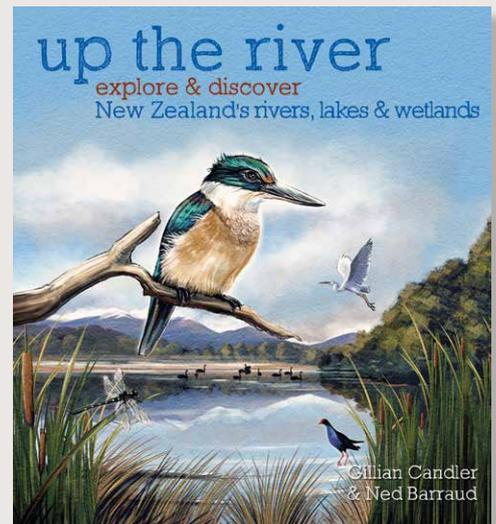
The sixth title in the award-winning 'explore & discover' series, *Up the River: Explore & discover New Zealand's rivers, lakes and wetlands* gives children an opportunity to look under the surface and see what special creatures live, around New Zealand's freshwater habitats – our creeks, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

Included in this title are animals ranging from the familiar pūkeko to the rarely seen bittern, from the iconic eel to tiny whitebait, and some of the many barely known aquatic insects.

Swimmable and drinkable fresh water are hot topics, and *Up the River* shows that many native animals depend on healthy waterways for a habitat, and their presence is often used as a sign of the water's health.

Beautifully illustrated and impeccably researched, this is a wonderful and intriguing way for children to learn about New Zealand's freshwater environments.

Previous 'explore & discover' titles have: won the Elsie Locke Medal for non-fiction (2013), received Storylines awards (2014, 2015) and been finalists in the NZ Children's Book Awards (2013, 2015).



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