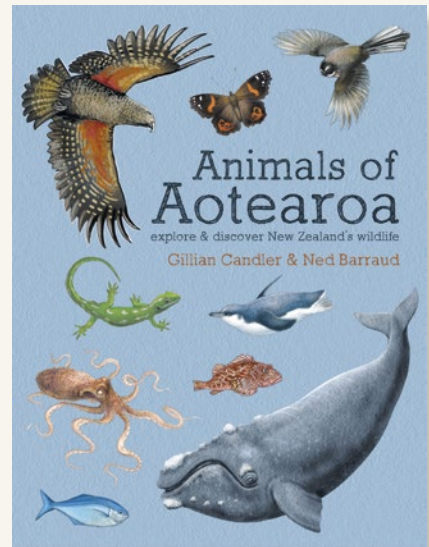


A VISUALLY BEAUTIFUL AND INFORMATIVE GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND'S WILDLIFE



“We have many amazing and unique animals in Aotearoa New Zealand. Some aren’t found anywhere else in the world, like the tuatara, which is the last surviving animal of its type, or the kākāpō, a nocturnal flightless parrot. One thing that might surprise you is that we have more than 10,000 kinds of native animals – though most of these are insects . . .

Animals of Aotearoa is full of the many extraordinary wild animals we have in New Zealand. We hope it helps you identify animals that you have seen or have heard about, and maybe it will introduce you to others for the first time. But mostly we hope it encourages you to do your part to protect and preserve the animals that live in this beautiful land of Aotearoa.”

– **Gillian Candler and Ned Barraud, *Animals of Aotearoa***

Animals of Aotearoa is a must-have compendium for children between the ages of four to eight, who are curious about New Zealand’s wild animals. It also encourages children to play their part in saving our native animals in the following ways:

- making sure their pets aren’t endangering wildlife
- keeping plastic and rubbish out of waterways and oceans
- making their gardens a haven for birds and lizards.

Based on the award-winning and best-selling ‘Explore and Discover’ children’s series about New Zealand’s natural history, *Animals of Aotearoa* is crammed with illustrations, information and fun facts about our native animals (both common and rare), as well as many well-known introduced animals. It includes land and sea birds, frogs and lizards, many kinds of fish and other marine creatures, insects and invertebrates, and includes introduced animals that people have brought to New Zealand, such as blackbirds and deer.

Animals of Aotearoa is an essential and beautiful reference book for all Kiwi kids. Children can pore over the pages independently or read it with an adult, but with such engaging images and fun facts, this is a reference book we will all wish we’d had as a child.

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