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Atua: Māori Gods and Heroes	Gavin Bishop	Penguin RH	7+	Te Ao Māori	https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/teachernotes-atua.pdf
Whenua: Māori Pūrākau of Aotearoa	Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Hatchette	7+	Te Ao Māori	
The Astromancer: Rising of Matariki Te Kokorangi: Te aranga o Matariki	Witi Ihimaera and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Penguin RH	8-12	Te Ao Māori	https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/theastromancer-teachernotes.pdf
Ariā and the Kūmara God Ariā me te Atua o te Kūmara	Witi Ihimaera and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Penguin RH	8 - 12	Te Ao Māori, Māra	Sequel to The Astromancer. Illustrated fiction
Te Wehenga	Mat Tait	Allen & Unwin	8+	Te Ao Māori	Bilingual
Matariki Around the World	Rangi Matamua & Miriama Kamo, and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Scholastic	7 - 12	Te Ao Māori, Astronomy	Activity book to accompany, link here
Abigail and the Birth of the Sun	Matthew Cunningham and Sarah Wilkins	Penguin RH	6-10	Astronomy	https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/TeachernotesAbigailSun.pdf
Abigail and the Making of the Moon	Matthew Cunningham and Sarah Wilkins	Penguin RH	6-10	Astronomy, Nature Connection	https://www.penguin.co.nz/activities/3913-abigail-and-the-making-of-the-moon-activity-sheets
The New Zealand Night Sky	Alistair Hughes	White Cloud Books	7-10	Astronomy	Practical guide
I am the Universe	Vasanti Unka	Penguin RH	4 - 8	Astronomy, Nature Connection	Picture book
Whakarongo ki ō Tūpuna: Listen to your ancestors	Darryn Joseph & Munro Te Whata	Oratia	6 - 8	Te Ao Māori, Ngahere	Bilingual picture book
Nanny Mihi series	Melanie Drewery and Tracy Duncan / Suzanne Simpson	Oratia	5 - 8	Te Ao Māori, Gardens, Seasons	https://www.oratia.co.nz/teacher-resources/
To Catch a Cloud	Elena de Roo and Hannah Peck	Faber	4 - 7	Nature Connection	Picture book
Rush! Rush!	Elena de Roo and Jenny Cooper	OneTree House	4 - 7	Nature Connection	Picture book
Hare and Ruru: A Quiet Moment	Laura Shallcrass	Beatnik	5 - 8	Hauora, Nature Connection	Picture book, activities at end
Aroha's Way	Craig Phillips	Wildling Books	5 - 10	Hauora, Nature Connection	Activities within book

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Pipi and Pou series	Tim Tipene and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	OneTree House	6 - 10	Te Ao Māori, Animals	Fiction - Chapter books
Spark Hunter and The Secret Green	Sonya Wilson	Allen & Unwin	9 - 12	Te Ao Māori, Forest, Animals	Fiction - Chapter books (author website)
Play Wild	Rachel Clare	Bateman Books	6+	Nature Connection, Gardens	Activities within book including art/crafts
The Nature Activity Book	Rachel Haydon and Pippa Keel	Te Papa Press	7 - 12	All Topics, Te Ao Māori	Activities within book
Ultrawild: An Audacious Plan to Rewild Every City on Earth	Steve Mushin	Allen & Unwin	9+	STEM, Design, Nature Connection, Climate	https://www.allenandunwin.com/browse/book/Steve-Mushin-Ultrawild-9781760292812
New Zealand Nature Heroes	Gillian Candler	Potton & Burton	8+	All Topics	https://www.gilliacandler.co.nz/nature-heroes
Get Outdoors: Brilliant Boredom Busters for Kiwi Kids	Paul Adamson	Penguin RH	8+	Forest, Garden	Activities within book
Mia and Leo Go Wild	Gillian Candler and Gavin Mouldey	Potton & Burton	5 - 10	Forest, Nature Connection	Links to resources in the book
Wildlife of Aotearoa	Gavin Bishop	Penguin RH	7+	Animals, Te Ao Māori	https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/Wildlife_teachernotes_final.pdf
Welcome to NZ: A Nature Journal	Sandra Morris	Penguin RH	7+	Nature Connection, Plants, Animals	Activities within book
Family of Forest and Fungi	Valetta Sówka & Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Blue Hand Publications	7+	Nature Connection, Fungi, Ngahere	Activities within book. Te Reo Māori (bilingual).
Tree Beings	Raymond Huber and Sandra Severgnini	EK Books	9+	NZ + International stories	https://ekbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Teachers-Notes_Tree-Beings.pdf
The Living Tree: A NZ Habitat	Dave Gunson	Bateman Books		Trees, Animals, Fungi	Non-fiction, includes fold-out pages
Kōwhai and the Giants	Kate Parker	Mary Egan Publishing	7 - 12	Nature Connection, Conservation, History	Picture book with resources section at end
The Song of Kauri / Te Waiata o Kauri	Melinda Szymanik & Dominique Ford	Scholastic	7 - 10	Trees, Conservation, History	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/4626/the-song-of-kauri.pdf
Discovering NZ Trees	Sandra Morris	New Holland	7+	Trees	

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Rustle!	Donovan Bixley	Hachette	5 - 10	Plants	Illustrated non-fiction
Explore & Discover series	Gillian Candler and Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	5 - 10	Gardens, Beach, Freshwater, Forest	https://www.gilliancandler.co.nz/discovernature
Whose Home is This?	Gillian Candler and Fraser Williamson	Potton & Burton	4 - 7	Animals, Habitats	https://www.pottonandburton.co.nz/whose-home-is-this/
Te Taiao	Sharon Holt & Rachel Hale McKenna	Te Reo Singalong	3 - 5	Nature Play, Gardens, Forest	Singalong book (can order with CD)
Lifesize Guides	Andrew Crowe	Penguin Random House	4+	Trees, Insects, Beach	Illustrated nature / ID guides
Animals of Aotearoa	Gillian Candler and Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Animals	Non-fiction
North & South	Sandra Morris	Walker Books	7 - 10	Animals	https://www.walkerbooks.com.au/wp-content/uploads/resource/North-and-South-Teacher-Notes.pdf
Incredible Journeys	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Animals (migrations)	Non-fiction
Where is it? A Wildlife hunt for Kiwi kids	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	4 - 8	Animals, Nature Connection	Activities in the book
Where is it in Town?	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	4 - 8	Animals, Gardens	Activities in the book
Why is That Lake So Blue?	Simon Pollard	Te Papa Press	7+	All Topics	Poses questions alongside text/stories
Tiaki	Jean Donaldson	Potton & Burton	8+	Animals, Conservation	Non-fiction
Critters of Aotearoa	Nicola Toki and Lily Duval	Penguin RH	10+	Animals, Conservation	Non-fiction
The Observologist	Giselle Clarkson	Gecko Press	7+	Animals (Insects)	Activities within book
Secret World of Butterflies	Courtney Sina Meredith & Giselle Clarkson	Allen & Unwin	5 - 8	Insects	Includes international species, designed to support Auckland Museum exhibition
The Butterfly Fluttered by	Kate Preece and Pippa Ensor	Bateman Books	5 - 10	Insects	Picture book, includes facts
New Zealand's Backyard Beasts	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Insects	Illustrated nature guide

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Monarch Butterfly - New Migrant	Annemarie Florian & Alistair Hughes	White Cloud Books	6 - 10	Insects, Gardens	Picture book, includes facts
The Three Little Tardigrades	Sandra Fay	Macmillan	5 - 8	Tiny invertebrates	Storybook, includes facts at the end
Six-legged Ghosts	Lily Duval	Canterbury Uni Press	12+	Insects	Non-fiction
Buzzz!	Donovan Bixley	Hachette	5 - 10	Insects	Illustrated nature guide
Squawk!	Donovan Bixley	Hachette	5 - 10	Birds	Illustrated nature guide
New Zealand's Backyard Birds	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Birds	Illustrated nature guide
Omnibird	Giselle Clarkson	Gecko Press	8+	Birds	Includes activities
Words about Birds	Geoffrey Fuller	Scholastic	5 - 8	Birds	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5886/words-about-birds_teacher-notes_scholastic-new-zealand.pdf
Whose Beak is This?	Gillian Candler and Fraser Williamson	Potton & Burton	4 - 7	Birds	https://www.pottonandburton.co.nz/whose-beak-is-this/
Te Meke Tūi	Malcolm Clarke and Hayley King	Mary Egan	4 - 8	Birds	Picture book
We're off to find a Kiwi	Juliette MacIver & Kate Wilkinson	Scholastic	4 - 7	Birds	Picture book
Miro: The Little Brown Kiwi	Kelly Lynch	Bateman Books	5 - 8	Birds, Conservation	Picture book, includes facts
Anahera: The Mighty Kiwi Mama	Ruth Paul	Penguin	6 - 10	Birds, Conservation	Picture book based on a true story
Saving Wānanga: The true story of a kea rescue	Kris Herbert and Dine	Potton & Burton	6 - 12	Birds, Conservation	Picture book based on a true story
Ten Nosey Weka	Kate Preece and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Bateman Books	4 - 8	Birds, Maths (counting)	Numbers in ta rē Moriori, te reo Māori, and English
One Weka Went Walking	Kate Preece and Pippa Ensor	Bateman Books	6 - 10	Birds, Conservation	Picture book, includes facts
The Cuckoo and the Warbler	Heather Hunt and Kennedy Warne	Potton & Burton	6 - 10	Birds, Seasons	Picture book
Kererū	Glenda Kane and Lisa Allen	Bateman Books	7 - 10	Birds, Conservation (trapping)	Picture book

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Ruru: Night Hunter	Katie Furze and Ned Barraud	Scholastic	7 - 10	Birds	Picture book
After Dark: Nocturnal Forest Creatures of Aotearoa	Julia Crouth	Scholastic	7 - 10	Animals: Birds, Snail, Tuatara, Frog	Refreshed edition in July 2024
Te Ngahere i te Pō The Forest at Night	Kiri Lightfoot and Pippa Keel Situ	Allen & Unwin	4 - 8	Animals: Birds, Insects, Bats, Frogs, Freshwater	Picture book
Sylvia and the Birds	Johanna Emeney and Sarah Laing	Massey Uni Press	8+	Birds, Te Ao Māori, Conservation	Activities within book
Takahē Maths	Julie Ellis and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	OneTree House	7 - 9	Animals, Conservation, Maths	https://www.onetreehouse.co.nz/files/ugd/3a1bc4_60e5f8b06ce044878bf93f7e97ec6001.pdf
Kākāpo Keeper	Gay Buckingham	OneTree House	12+	Birds, Conservation (trapping)	Historical fiction - Chapter book
Five Wee Pūteketeke	Nicola Toki and Jo Pearson	Allen & Unwin	3 - 7	Birds, Freshwater	Picture book
The Proud Pūteketeke	Peter Millett and Fifi Colston	Penguin RH	3 - 7	Birds, Freshwater	Picture book
Whetū the Little Blue Duck	Jennifer Beck and Renee Haggio	Duck Creek Press	5 - 10	Birds, Freshwater	Picture book
A Change is Gonna Come - According to Bernard Raupō Bittern III	Angela Cushnie and Barbara Jaine	Self-published	5 - 10	Birds, Wetlands	Orders: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064027334707
The Song of the River	Joy Cowley & Kimberley Andrews	Gecko Press	4 - 10	Freshwater, Marine, Nature Connection	https://geckopress.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Song-of-the-River-UK-teacher-notes.pdf
Eel Song	Amber McEwan & Sonia Frimmel	Papawai Press	5 - 8	Freshwater, Fish	Picture book
The Whitebait Wriggle	Amber McEwan & Stephanie Bowman	Papawai Press	5 - 10	Freshwater, Fish	https://www.papawai.co.nz/collections/amber-mcewan-books
Nā wai ēnei? Who do these belong to?	Sharon Holt & Stephanie Thatcher	Self-published	3 - 6	Animals, Marine, Pollution (rubbish)	Includes Singalong and activities: https://tereosingalong.co.nz/product/na-wai-enei/
Things in the Sea are Touching Me! Ngā Mea Kei Rō Moana, E Whakapā Mai Ana!	Linda Jane Keegan and Minky Stapleton	Scholastic	5 - 8	Animals, Marine	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/4552/things_in_the_sea_are_touching_me_tn_fa.pdf

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Kororā and the Sushi Shop	Linda Jane Keegan and Jenny Cooper	Scholastic	5 - 8	Birds, Marine	Picture book
Kaewa the Kororā	Rachel Haydon and Pippa Keel	Massey University Press	5 - 8	Birds, Marine	Picture book
A Little Blue	Jeanette Goode	Self-published	7 - 10	Birds, Marine	https://jeanettegoode.co.nz/product/a-little-blue/
Out in the Moana I Waho, i te Moana	Yvonne Morrison and Jenny Cooper	Scholastic	5 - 10	Animals, Marine	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5723/out-in-the-moana_teacher-notes_final.pdf
I am Jellyfish	Ruth Paul	Penguin RH	4 - 8	Animals, Marine	Picture book
The Beach Activity Book	Rachel Haydon and Pippa Keel	Te Papa Press	7 - 14	Marine, Freshwater, Nature Connection	Activities in the book
Tohorā: The Southern Right Whale	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Animals, Marine	Illustrated non-fiction
Rockpools: A Guide for Kiwi Kids	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7+	Animals, Marine	Illustrated non-fiction / ID guide
Wild Coasts: Exploring Aotearoa's Marine Reserves	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	7 - 10	Animals, Marine, Conservation	Illustrated non-fiction
Whiti: Colossal Squid of the Deep	Victoria Cleal and Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Te Papa Press	7 - 11	Animals, Marine	Picture book
Mangō	Ned Barraud	Te Papa Press	7+	Animals, Marine	Illustrated non-fiction
Snapper: The Real Story	Annemarie Florian and Alistair Hughes	New Holland	6 - 10	Animals, Marine	https://nz.newhollandpublishers.com/snapper
Pelorus Jack the Dolphin Guide	Susan Brocker and Raymond McGrath	Scholastic	5 - 8	Animals, Marine	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/6439/pelorus-jack-the-dolphin-guide_teacher-notes_final.pdf
New Zealand's Endangered Dolphins	Maria Gill and Marco Ivancic	White Cloud Books	6+	Animals, Marine, Conservation	https://mariagill.co.nz/book/new-zealands-endangered-dolphins
Toroa's Journey	Maria Gill and Gavin Mouldey	Potton & Burton	7 - 10	Animals, Marine	Illustrated non-fiction
Stranded	Linda Jane Keegan & Isobel Joy Te Aho-White	Bateman Books	7 - 12	Animals, Marine, Conservation	Picture book, based on true stories

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Tuatara: A Living Treasure	Katie Furze and Ned Barraud	Scholastic	7 - 10	Animals, Conservation	https://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/6875/tuatara-a-living-treasure_teacher-notes_final.pdf
Lost Wonders: Vanished Creatures of Aotearoa	Sarah Ell	Allen & Unwin	8 - 12	Animals, History	Chapter Book
From Moa to Dinosaurs	Gillian Candler and Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	6 - 12	Animals, History	https://www.pottonandburton.co.nz/from-moa-to-dinosaurs/
What Happened to the Moa	Ned Barraud	Potton & Burton	6+	Animals, History	Illustrated non-fiction
Dinosaur Hunter	David Hill and Phoebe Morris	Penguin RH	5 - 8	Animals, History	https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/Teachers%20Notes-%20Dinosaur%20Hunter.pdf