



BANKS PENINSULA CONSERVATION TRUST

Tūi Donation Form

The Banks Peninsula Tūi Restoration Group have planned a second transfer of tūi to the peninsula in March 2010. We are fund-raising to meet the amount required to complete the transfer, and to continue carrying out pest control in the release site. Your donation is needed to cover the following costs:

- Health checks of tūi on Maud Island (the source population, Marlborough Sounds)
- Tūi capture on Maud Island (food, transport, equipment for volunteers on the island)
- Transport of tūi (by helicopter or float-plane)
- Ongoing pest control at the release site, Hinewai Reserve (e.g rats, possums, stoats and feral cats)

Your contribution is much appreciated. If you can help, please **tick** from the list below:

Donations to name a Tūi” (over \$ 500)

Donate \$ 250

Donate \$ 100

Donate \$ 50

Donate (other)

Be put on the “Tūi Group” email list

Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Company/
other _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make your cheque out to Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust and send to:

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (Tui Restoration)
PO Box 172
Akaroa 7542

Note that all donations/ gifts that are \$5 and over, are tax deductible. Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust qualifies for Charitable Status, GST No. 81693242. Thank you!

About the Banks Peninsula Tūi Restoration project

Tūi disappeared from Banks Peninsula about 20 years ago, apart from occasional sightings of individual birds. In 2007 a group of people started planning to bring back tūi to Banks Peninsula, to see this iconic bird returned, with the hope of developing a successfully breeding population of tūi.

Translocation of tūi to a new habitat on mainland New Zealand had never been attempted before. A Tūi Restoration Group was formed and started fund-raising, predator-trapping, and preparing a release site for the transfer of tūi. A translocation proposal was approved, and a team of volunteers spent 10 days on Maud Island in Marlborough Sound, capturing 30 tūi.

Hinewai Reserve was chosen as the release site on Banks Peninsula, as it had important features required for the translocation. A 100 hectare area of bush was selected, and a system of traplines was established. Tracking tunnels were placed on site to establish what predators were present such as stoats, possums, and rats. A second release of tūi is scheduled for March 2010, and planning is well underway for this next translocation.

Predator control and tūi capture in 2009

- Bait stations were placed in Hinewai Reserve 50 metres apart over 100 hectares, and pindone placed inside.
- Rats were a target species, along with possums.
- Tūi capture occurred over 10 days on Maud Island in 2009.
- Sugar water was used to attract tūi, and mist nets placed to capture them at sites with water.
- The captured tūi travelled well by helicopter- even singing and eating berries on the flight to their new home!
- Stoats are causing a problem during the tui breeding season, so the new “Henry” stoat trap will be trialled soon.

Facts about Tūi

- Tūi feed mainly on nectar, but also take insects or fruit.
- Tūi are key pollinators for many native plants and important seed dispersers.
- They occupy 60% of New Zealand and are found in native bush and throughout several cities.
- Although they are found in cities (e.g. Wellington, Hamilton and Dunedin) they do not frequent Christchurch, the Canterbury Plains nor Banks Peninsula.
- Currently there is no sustainable, breeding population of tūi on Banks Peninsula.

The Banks Peninsula Tūi Restoration project could not have occurred without the tremendous support of the local peninsula and Christchurch community. Instead of naming all the many people and organisations involved we would like to say:

Many thanks -to all individuals, businesses, organisations and schools that have contributed to this highly successful project.

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