

# Every year in New Zealand, around 25 million native birds are killed by introduced predators.



It's a tragic and alarming statistic. Many of our native birds are threatened, and if we don't act some may be lost forever, along with their beautiful bird songs. And that's why predator control is so important. Fortunately, it's something that we can all do something about. And this pack is the perfect place to start.



Here's what you'll find in your **Kiwicare Predator Free NZ Pack**. It features everything you'll need to keep your backyard predator free, including:

- *Rat and Mice Stations*
- *NO Rat and Mice Bait Blocks*
- *A Rodent Detector Card*
- *Manuka Tree Seeds*
- *Rat Trap*

You'll notice we've included Manuka Tree Seeds. That's because planting trees can help deliver huge benefits to our environment. They enhance our beautiful landscapes and provide habitats for our native species to thrive. We encourage the planting of native species to improve biodiversity, landscape restoration and provide wildlife habitats.

These particular seeds, known by the Māori name 'Kahikatoa', are also commonly called "Tea Tree". It's a small tree that's not too overwhelming in a garden, and a group of them can quickly form the backbone of a small woodland - the perfect environment to help native birds to thrive, which is what we're all about. Remember, making New Zealand predator free starts one backyard at a time. And we're grateful you've chosen to use this pack in yours.



Thanks for playing your part in making New Zealand predator free.

The songs of native birds are one of the most iconic aspects of New Zealand nature, and our country wouldn't be the same without them.

With the Predator Free Pack, you're making your backyard safe for wildlife. And that helps protect our wider backyard too.

We hope this information will help you get the most out of your Predator Free Pack. For more details on the pack, and Kiwicare's Predator Free mission, go to [kiwicare.co.nz/predatorfree2050](http://kiwicare.co.nz/predatorfree2050) or scan the QR code.



All the best,

*The Kiwicare team.*



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Hi there, congratulations!

You're helping to keep NZ's bird song going strong.

Thanks for picking up this pack and playing your part in something that's very special to us - making New Zealand predator free by 2050.

At Kiwicare, we're animal and plant pest experts. So you can be sure this pack has been carefully designed to give you everything you need to keep your backyard predator free. That in turn also protects our wider backyard - New Zealand - for the generations to come, ensuring that our gardens and forests will be filled with the sound of bird song, something that will be music to every Kiwi's ears.

So once again, thank you for choosing a Predator Free NZ Pack. Reducing the number of introduced predators is a cause we're incredibly passionate about, and it's great to have you to help make this vision a reality.

All the best,

*The Kiwicare team.*



## The Kiwicare story

At Kiwicare, we're passionate about protecting our native species.

So, we're on a mission to make New Zealand predator free by 2050. To ensure our collective backyard is filled with birdsong. And to make New Zealand a better place to live.

Why? Because as animal and plant pest experts we see ourselves as offering guardianship to our collective backyards, and continuously striving to respect and conserve it.

By putting knowledge, insight and technical know-how at the heart of what we do, we've created safe, sustainable, effective solutions for removing the plant, insect and animal pests that invade our habitats and threaten our biodiversity, all while keeping our native species healthy and letting nature thrive.

Ultimately, it means we can all enjoy our beautiful backyard for generations to come.

## How to use the Kiwicare Predator Free NZ Pack

Did you know that rodents are nocturnal? Generally, rats and mice aren't seen because they are active at night, so most of us don't think we have a rat or mice problem until the evidence becomes overwhelming. And by that stage the situation becomes much more difficult to manage.

Fortunately, you can be proactive and protect your backyard before this happens. Buying a Predator Free NZ Pack is the perfect start. The products in this kit are most effective when used together. Here's a step-by-step guide.

### Step One: Rodent detection

**Warning! Contains peanuts**

Place a rodent detector card in your backyard, where you think rodents might be active. These can be folded in half and nailed to a tree, fence, or secured anywhere the card will stay in place. The cards contain a peanut based, non-toxic lure to attract rodents. If rodents are present, they'll chew on the cards, leaving bite marks. The bite marks will help you identify what type of rodent it is. Make sure you monitor the card every few days to see if there has been any activity. Once you have confirmation of rat or mice activity you can set up your bait station and/or traps in the right area.

Use these pictures of bite marks to find out who's living in your backyard.

### Step Two: Placing bait in a bait station

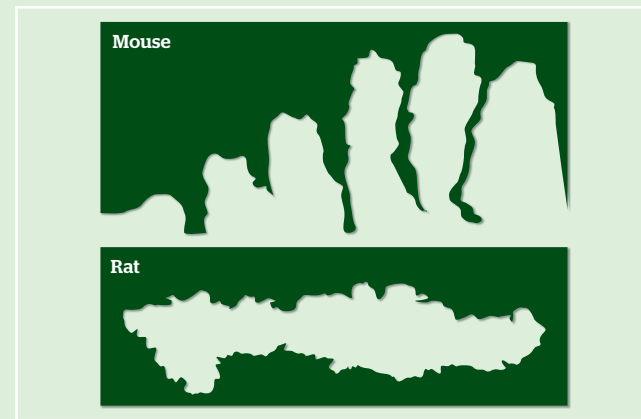
Bait must always be used with a Mouse or Rat Bait Station. The station keeps the bait safe from pets and children and prevents weather damaging your bait. Rats and mice like to crawl into dark, enclosed spaces which makes bait stations, like the ones included in this kit, attractive as they are the perfect place to hide.

There are separate bait stations for rats and mice. The reason for this is that mice are much smaller and prefer smaller, enclosed spaces, meaning a rat station is not suitable for the control of mice. Likewise, rats are much larger in size and need a larger station.

Follow these simple steps to bait your station:

#### Rat Bait Station:

- Remove key from slot on side of station
- Place key in keyhole and turn 45 degrees - note that there is an arrow on the key that will line up with the arrow on the box when the box is unlocked



Bite marks on Rodent Detector Card



Mice Bait Station



Rat Bait Station

- Place 2 bait blocks in a plastic bag and fix on the rod inside the stations (this is important so rats and mice don't carry the bait away). You can use the plastic bag the NO Rats & Mice Bait Blocks come in. Blocks are best located in the wells on either side of the station. Alternatively you can place blocks in the corners of the station.
- Close the station, ensuring the lid is locked in place
- Inspect bait at least every 7 days
- Replace bait as necessary - it may take up to 2 weeks to control a significant rat problem

#### Mice Bait Station:

- Using the key, place the two points in holes in the front of the station and push to unlock the lid
- Place bait block flat in one or both corner bait holder sections of the station
- Close the lid and press down, ensuring the lid locks down
- Inspect bait at least every 7 days
- Replace baits as necessary - it may take up to 2 weeks to control a significant mice problem

#### IMPORTANT!

Ensure children, pets and other non-target animals are not harmed by access to toxic baits or traps. For safety, traps and toxic baits must only be placed where children, pets and non-target animals cannot access them, both in storage and in use. Read the instructions fully for safe use.

### Step Three: Your trap and where to place it

The Victor Modified Rat and Stoat Trap is an effective light weight trap. It has a bait shroud that ensures rats and stoats interact with the trap and lure from the most effective direction and are despatched humanely. This trap meets the NZ Animal Humane standards (NAWAC). This means the trap has been tested for its humaneness to the animal, ensuring a quick, humane kill.

When it comes to where to place your trap, remember that rodents like to run along fences, walls and skirtings. So setting a trap up against a wall in particular increases the chance of catching the rodent (ensure you position the open mouth of the trap along the wall as that's the direction they'll come from). Note that traps can be used both indoors and outdoors.

They can be set with a lure of with peanut butter or chocolate.

#### IMPORTANT!

Ensure the trap is placed where children, pets and other non-target animals cannot access it. In exterior locations use the Kill Trap tunnel or a tunnel of your own making\* to house the trap and keep it safe.



Register here to get your free Trap Tunnel delivered to you!



\*Or make your own here

#### Here's instructions on how to set the trap:

- 1 Wearing gloves, lift the white bait shroud, which is hinged at the front, to reveal the trigger spike. Add a slice of lure to the trigger spike so that it is firmly in position.
- 2 Replace the bait shroud
- 3 If present, remove the small staple that holds the setting pin in place before use (not the u staple at the rear of the trap).
- 4 Move the setting pin back so it lies off the rear of the trap. With the trap on a firm surface, pull the kill bar back against the spring until it is flat along the rear of the trap. Keep fingers away from the front of the trap.
- 5 While holding the kill bar down, carefully move the setting pin back over the kill bar and insert it in the notch in the rear of the lure trigger so that when the kill bar is released the setting pin holds the kill bar in place and the trigger is set.
- 6 Keeping fingers out of the front kill zone of the trap gently place the trap in position. The traps should be set in the rear of trap tunnel to exclude non-target animals such as Weka.



Scan this QR code to see an instructional video on how to set the trap.

