About our work

The Trust's successes are a result of thousands of voluntary hours put in by its members since its inception in 2005. It relies on donations and grants to cover on-going costs of predator traps, bait, remote monitoring equipment, and payment to contractors performing specialist work for the Trust.

The volunteers and contractors work to eradicate introduced predators—particularly stoats, weasels, rats, and feral cats - that have decimated native wildlife. This work includes managing an extensive network of 1250 stoat traps and 40 cat/possum traps along 55 traplines (106 km) throughout the park.

From spring to autumn, numerous volunteers, and the Trust's qualified GrowSafe specialists, alongside many other agencies tackle the extensive invasive weed problem in the upper Waimaklariri basin. This work is imperative to protect our braided river birds from predators, and provide suitable nesting habitat.

During winter hardy Trust volunteers can be found braving the freezing nights to survey our thriving Great Spotted Kiwi (roroa) population in the Bealey Valley.

We actively promote the park's special wildlife and the crucial role we all have in their protection and recovery.



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Do you want to help save our native species?

The Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust is a community-driven registered charitable trust (CC46685), promoting and enhancing conservation and the recovery of endangered wildlife in the Arthur's Pass area. It relies on donations and volunteers to help it carry out its essential conservation and species recovery work.

Donations are greatly appreciated.
They are tax deductible and can be direct credited to:
Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust

BNZ Account: 02-0800-0842003-00

or forwarded to: Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust PO Box 51023 Arthur's Pass 7654

Please advise your payment particulars to secretary@awpt.org.nz or the above address for a receipt.

We also welcome enquires from those interested in becoming a member of the Trust. Contact the secretary, or visit our website **www.apwt.org.nz** to find out more about supporting the Trust and membership options and to learn more about our work.

Our partners:



Te Rünanga o NGÃI TAHU



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The Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust promotes and undertakes conservation and recovery of endangered native wildlife in the Arthur's Pass area, through extensive predator/weed control, research, monitoring and education.

It is because of their hard work that native bird species are thriving here.



Rifleman/titipounamu

Photo: M F Soper

If you're lucky, you might even see the chatty fantail/ pīwakawaka flitting around the undergrowth, or the tiny rifleman/tītitipounamu spiraling up tree trunks, both in search of their next meal.

South Island robin/ kakaruai

Photo: G Bruce-Smith

Along the forest tracks you'll be serenaded by bellbirds/korimako, and checked out by inquisitive robins/kakaruai and the more reserved tomtits/miromiro.



Blue duck/whio Photo: G Bruce-Smith

In the high alpine catchments, the feisty whistling blue duck/whio adeptly rafts the cascading rivers.

These ducks are one of only a few species of waterfowl in the world that live on swift-flowing water.



Kea

Photo: G Bruce-Smith

Everywhere you'll find the lovable kea-known as the clowns of the mountains due to their ability to create mayhem whilst portraying pure innocence!



Rock wren/pīwauwau Photo: S Barnett

Above the treeline, tiny rock wrens/pīwauwau hop and buzz around the rock screes and boulders on short, rounded wings.



Great spotted kiwi/roroa

Photo: G Bruce-Smith

You'll probably never see them, but at night you'll certainly hear the shrill cry of greatspotted kiwi/roroa calling to each other across the valleys.



The Trust is quietly determined to improve that magic, for you and future visitors. We can only do so much ourselves, but with your help we can really conjure up some tricks to realise that goal.

