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Kōkako

(North Island Wattlebird)

Callaeas wilsoni



Sparklers

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Characteristics

They have a bright blue wattle — that's the dangly thing under their beak!

They are closely related to **tīeke** and another famous Aotearoa bird, now extinct, called **huia**.

Kōkako have long legs to help them bound through the ngahere with ease!



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Their close relative, the South Island kōkako is now thought to be extinct, although some have hope that it's still out there!

They have a unique call, almost like a squeaky door. Kōkako have the longest known duetting of any songbird in the world.

Their singing is a way to defend their space. They do need large unbroken and diverse areas of native forests.

**Do you like to
have your own
space, like
kōkako?**



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**What can we learn
from kōkako?**

**How might we
apply this in our
classroom?**

