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# Tūi

*Prothemadera novaeseelandiae*



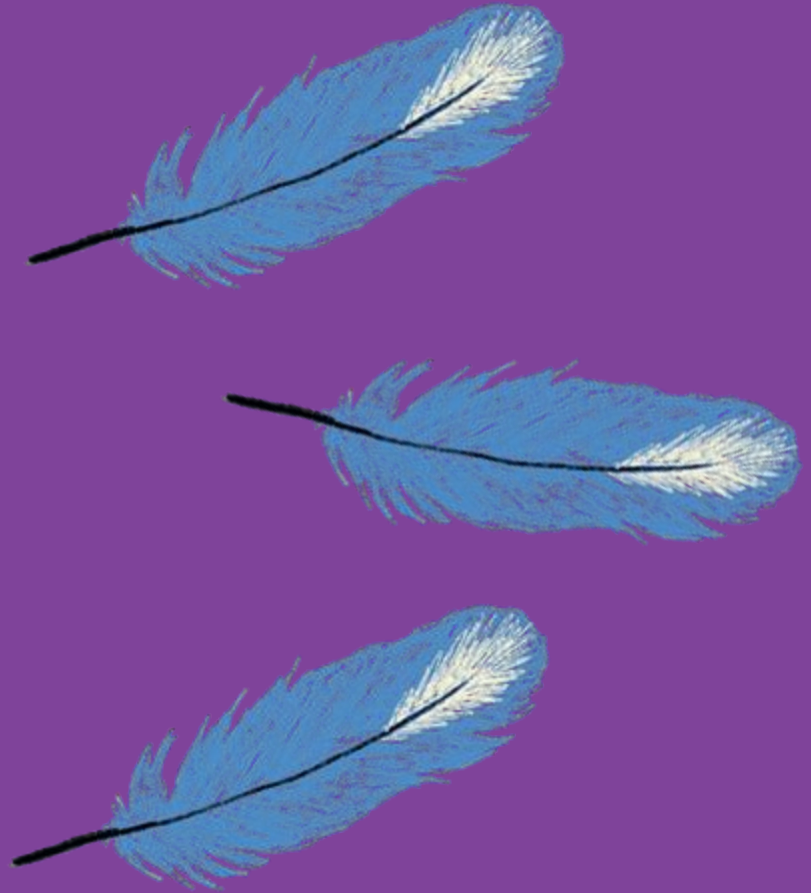
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## Characteristics

Tūī are songbirds with 2 voice boxes.

This means they can sing and mimic things like cellphones and car alarms.

They are notoriously territorial of their space.



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These beautiful manu use their amazing talents to express themselves. They are also quite photogenic.

**Are you a performer like Tūī?  
Karawhiua! (Give it a go!)**



## Fun fact!

Tūī are important for Aotearoa forests because they are the most common pollinators of flowering plants, and also disperse the seeds of trees with medium-sized fruits.



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**What can we learn  
from tūī?**

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

