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Pīwakawaka (Fantail)

Rhipidura fuliginosa



Sparklers

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Characteristics

Pīwakawaka can be very fidgety, curious, and energetic.

They are very agile in the air and are able to catch the food while flying.

You could easily start a kōrero with pīwakawaka as they love hanging out with people.

They've been known to help foragers find food under rocks. It's a win-win for pīwakawaka as there's always good grub they get with human help.



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Are you full of energy?

Are you always curious?

Do you love to chat chat chat?

Are you always on the move
looking for the next person to
talk with?



You might be like a pīwakawaka!

Fun fact!



Pīwakawaka help DOC to track the health of the forest.

DOC workers find them easily because of their distinct call and curiosity for humans. They will follow pīwakawaka to their nests and observe them to see if predator traps are working.

They are known by lots of other names too, such as tīrairaka and pīwaiwaka.

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**What can we learn
from pīwakawaka?**

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

