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Pūkeko

(Purple Swampphen)

Porphyrio porphyrio



Sparklers

Characteristics

Pūkeko are birds of the 'swampy ground' and thrive in wetlands and marshes. They love being around swamps, lagoons, reeds, and rushes.

They've adapted incredibly well to their changing environments, ensuring their survival. That's why it's common to see them.

They may not be the best flyers but are awesome swimmers, waders, and runners.

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Pūkeko are a resilient bunch of birds, always bouncing back when environments change. They are loyal friends who protect their whānau with all their might too!

Can you think of a time you've been like a pūkeko?

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Fun fact!

Pūkeko pairs share the responsibility to care for eggs and chicks. They are very loyal and protective.



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**What can we learn
from pūkeke?**

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

