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Kārearea

(New Zealand falcon)

Falco novaeseelandiae



Sparklers

Characteristics

The kārearea are one of our fastest manu, and is only found in Aotearoa. They are capable of speeds up to 200 km/h — that's twice as fast as the cars on the motorway!

Kārearea are super strong. They hunt live prey and can catch prey even larger than themselves. It's rare for a falcon to hunt in forested AND open land but kārearea does. One day you may watch them do a spectacular stooping dive to catch their food.

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Kārearea aren't fussy — they don't build a nest. All they need is a scrape on the ground, a rocky outcrop, or a hollow of a tree.

Are you super speedy like the kārearea?



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**What can we learn
from kārearea?**

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

