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# Ruru

(Morepork)

*Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Sparklers



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# Characteristics

This large nocturnal manu is a watchful guardian of the night. The ruru is highly respected and considered by some to be a kaitiaki (guardian).

You may hear their call, which can sound like "ru-ru". Or do you hear them call: "more pork", "kou – kou", or "quork – quork" If you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of its big yellow eyes!

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Ruru are totally silent when they fly, thanks to their amazingly soft wing feathers. They are sharp listeners but sometimes get disturbed from their day roost by pīwakawaka.

Do you sometimes stay up at night and sleep through the day? Are you a keen observer?

**Have you ever been  
a bit like a ruru?**



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**What can we learn from  
ruru?**

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

