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# Kāhu

(Harrier hawk)

*Circus approximans*



Sparklers

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## Characteristics

Kāhu love to keep the place clean and tidy. They help to protect native species by snapping up invasive ones like rabbits and possums.

They hunt for food in open country like plains, roads and farms.

This manu is found across Australia, New Guinea and many islands of the Southern Pacific. Sometimes even as far as the chilly Subantarctic Islands!

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Having kāhu in your environment can be a sign that the whenua is doing well.

**"Te whenua i hāroa e te kāhu"** means "Land soared over by the kāhu". This can refer to a healthy, thriving environment.

**Do you take good care of your environment like a kāhu?**



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**What can we learn from  
kāhu?**

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

