



Dear Landowner,

Birds New Zealand is carrying out a nationwide survey of the distribution of New Zealand's birds. This project is called the *New Zealand Bird Atlas* and the aim of the project is to map the presence of bird species across New Zealand over a five year period from 2019-2024. The information collected will be used to create an atlas of bird distribution in New Zealand, which in turn will be used to guide future bird conservation efforts towards those bird species that need it the most.

To carry out this survey, Birds New Zealand volunteers need to visit 3232 10 x 10 km grid squares across New Zealand and its outlying islands. Within each grid square, volunteers will be attempting to visit all of the major habitat types present, recording lists of all of the birds encountered within each habitat.

I am a volunteer for the *New Zealand Bird Atlas* and am writing to you to seek your permission to access your property to survey the birds that are present.

If you are willing to provide permission for me to access your property, I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare, and will be careful to avoid disturbing you or your property. Birds New Zealand holds a public liability insurance policy, providing cover against any accidental damage caused by its members or activities. In addition to this, if you have any further requirements regarding Health & Safety, I would be happy to discuss these with you. If you are interested in the results of my survey, I am also happy to provide you with a list of the bird species that I observe while visiting your property.

If you are interested in allowing me access to your property for this project, then please feel free to contact me via phone or email. Additionally, you are welcome to contact the New Zealand Bird Atlas National Coordination Team at nzbirdatlas@wmiil.co.nz with any questions or queries about the project, or you can visit <https://birdatlas.co.nz/> for more information.

Thank you for considering my request.

Yours Sincerely,

Name of Atlas volunteer

Phone Number

Email