

Ngā manu Māori Native Birds

These native birds are on display in the Museum. Can you match their picture to their name?



pihoihoi
pipit



tui



kōtātā
fernbird



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kingfisher



moho pererū
banded rail



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wood pigeon

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Stuffed bird display by George Brown Simpson

This display was created by George Simpson to share the beauty of the birds he would have seen in Wāipa in the early 1900s.

He did not have a camera. Few did in those days. Real life had to be captured in different ways.

George was a local farmer and talented taxidermist. He collected, prepared, stuffed, and mounted the skins of these birds with lifelike effect. It was a popular hobby in the early 20th century.