

# KAHAROA CONSERVATION AREA



Kaharoa and the adjoining Onaia Ecological Area are renowned for kokako, once common in lowland forest but now endangered. Their numbers have fallen dramatically since European colonisation. Fewer than 1400 survive in the North Island. The kokako may be our most beautiful songbird, using a variety of sounds including clicks, buzzes and mews, especially around dawn. At other times you may see one high in the tree canopy. In recent years the Kaharoa Kokako Trust, DOC, Environment Bay of Plenty and volunteers have improved the forest health and the numbers of kokako in the area has increased. There are also good populations of tui, bellbirds, whiteheads, robins, morepork owls, native pigeons and even a few North Island brown kiwi. An impressive range of native trees include rimu, totara, kohekohe, tawa, puriri, rewarewa, mahoe, kamahi, nikau and mamaku. Deep gorges shelter the rare kingfern (para).

## How to Get There

Kaharoa Conservation Area is 36 km north of Rotorua. From Rotorua, access is via Tauranga Direct Road, Kaharoa Road, and finally Kapukapu Road. The Kokako Track, which is signposted, begins approximately half a kilometre before the end of Kapukapu Road.

## Attractions and Facilities

Kokako Track (or Hollows Track) (Easy-moderate walking track, 1.5 hrs return) The track meanders downhill through forest to a secluded spot at Onaia Stream, returning the same way.

## Please Remember

Dogs, horses, vehicles (including bikes and motorbikes), fires, removal of plants or animals, and hunting without permit are not permitted in the Kaharoa Conservation Area or the Onaia Ecological Area.

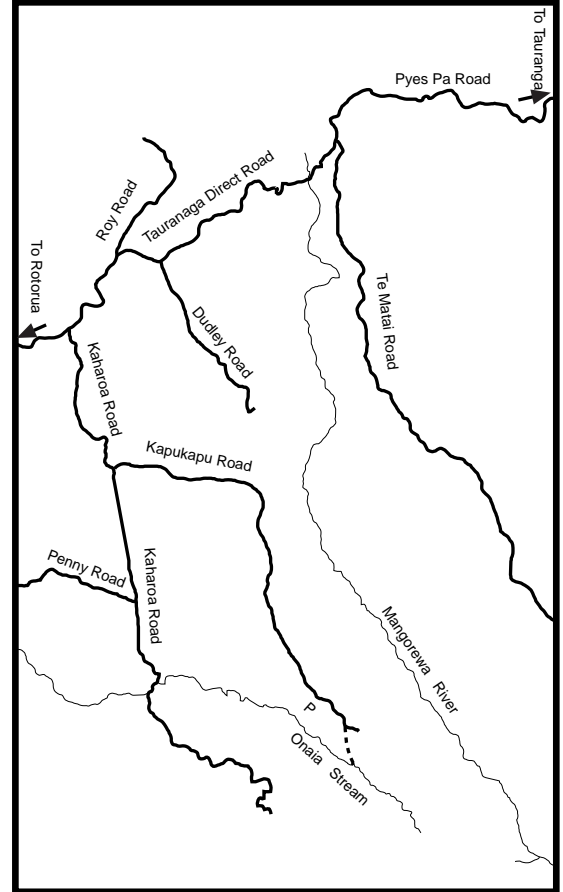
## More information

'Walks in the Rotorua Lakes Area' track brochure, available from Tourism Rotorua information centre on Fenton Street, Rotorua.

For information on kokako and the Kaharoa Kokako Trust visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

[www.destinationoutdoors.co.nz](http://www.destinationoutdoors.co.nz)  
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Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Bury toilet waste.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Take care with fires.

Camp carefully.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

Enjoy your visit.

*Toitu te Whenua (Leave the land undisturbed.)*