

Wildlife & Nature

Plants:

- about 1,500 of more than 2,000 indigenous species, cannot be found anywhere else in the world
- largest native tree: the giant Kauri grows up to 60m and is about 2,000 years old

Kauri



Other interesting plants in New Zealand:

- **Manaku:**
a tree fern about 20m high
- **Pohutukawa:**
a tree with striking red flowers around Christmas, of this it is also called a "Christmas tree"



Pohutukawa

The Kiwi – a native animal:

- most famous flightless bird and national animal of New Zealand
- the kiwi is about 30cm tall, only lives in remote areas and is an endangered species



Kiwi

Other interesting animal in New Zealand:

- **Kea:**
a bird that only exists in New Zealand and is one of the most intelligent birds in the world



Kea

Reptiles and spiders:

Tuatara:

- rare animals, last survivors of reptiles that lived about 65 million years ago, only can be found in New Zealand
- like cool temperature, can be in average 60 years old



Tuatara



Kapito

Spiders:

- 2,500 kinds of spiders avoid the Kapito because it releases a poison when bitten, which could be fatal



Abel Tasman National Park

National Parks:

- there are 14 national parks
- smallest national park: Abel Tasman National Park with about 240 square kilometres

Climate regions / weather / seasons:

Spring: in September, October, and November,

average daytime temperature from 16°C up to 19°C

Summer: in December, January, and February,

average daytime temperature from 20°C up to 25°C

Autumn: in March, April, and May,

average daytime temperature from 17°C up to 21°C

Winter: in June, July, and August,

average daytime temperature from 12°C up to 16°C

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