



Dear Explorer,

Did you know that hundreds of native species live within the Ngā Manu Nature Reserve? If they could talk they might say they live in a 'nature city'.

All of these creatures and plants have their own habitats, or homes, each one as unique as they are.

Think about your home and all the parts of it that keep you safe. Your home probably has a roof, access to food and water, somewhere to sleep and maybe a fire or heater to keep you warm.

What do you think our native plants, birds and fish have in their homes?

We asked eight different species living at Naā Manu that very question.

When we thought about what they told us we asked ourselves; if I was this fish (or bird or plant) and I could build a human home what would it look like?

Take this map, explore Ngā Manu's bush walk and discover the creations we came up with.

We bet you'll learn some very cool things about how these special creatures and plants live, and have lots of fun doing it!

Happy adventuring, Kemi + Niko

Retoreto Bivvy

Ancient fern cover, known as Azolla world over,

We float here in the warm and still wai, sinking carbon as we die

Pikiranai Hut

Hanging at the edge of the bush, with my (mistle) toes in the sky

My seeds are sticky, my flowers so pretty, attracting all tui nearby

Ruru Hide

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Nocturnal by reputation, night blind in reality,

Up here, we'll memorise our hunting route, hiding for security

Tētē Lodge

Always on the lookout for a new place to dwell,

This drowned tree trunk looks like a duck palace... for now

Pua o te Rēinga Kāinga

One of a kind, parasitic plant, Dactylanthus living down below

No roots or leaves, juicy flowers are all this pekapeka friend needs



Waikaka Bunker

Nestled in the mud, a fish who can survive out of water

We prefer to stay put, so we'll sleep here a while longer

Kahikatea Hearth

Towering over the bush, our canopy is plentiful

A cosy bunk for the night, for many a weary manu



Kahakaha **Catchment**

Find us hiding all around, on tree limbs big and small

Nest epiphytes; a home for many, collecting precious rainfall





the Dwellbeing within each zone

