

Nature in the City

Take a walk in Donny Park/ Kukutaaruhe Gully

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE TREASURES?

Walking time: 20 minutes
+15 minute side walk

- 1 Fresh planting! When Nature in the City kicked off in May 2022, about 100 volunteers planted 1000 pioneer plants here.
- 2 Can you hear the tuuui in the trees here? The white feather tuft on their throats are called a poi.
- 3 Can you see any fish? This stream is home to the endangered native giant kookopu - only found in New Zealand. They are nocturnal and can live up to 15+ years.
- 4 Notice the tradescantia ground cover along the stream side. You may see some of the leaves have been chewed - this is likely by the tradescantia leaf beetle, one of 4 bio-controls introduced to help control this weed. It's a very small beetle with a shiny bronze back - see if you can spot one.
- 5 These fallen logs are eco-piled, rather than removed. They provide habitat for many small species - important for a healthy forest!
- 6 Most ferns you see in the park are self-seeded - they haven't been planted and they grow without any help from humans.
- 7 This area is a wetland and has been planted with species that grow well in wetland conditions, like the mighty kahikatea.

