

# AROUND THE LAKE & ACROSS THE LAWN

## BIRD WATCHING

There are usually plenty of birds in this area to spot from dabbling ducks to tuneful tūī.

Please only feed the ducks the grain that has been purchased from the Visitor Centre.

Bread can make the ducks ill and pollutes the water. Scatter grain on the grass rather than in the water.



## ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Visit the tent, boat and bird sculptures.
- Take a selfie with our Bird Lady.
- The lawn is a lovely spot to lie down and watch clouds. Which shapes can you see?
- Ask children to feel the texture of the leaves and bark of different trees.

## KEEPING YOUR TAMARIKI SAFE

- Please be extra vigilant with your children near the water, keep away from the edges.
- The wooden bridge and even the grassy slopes can be slippery when wet.
- Keep shoes on when walking over the grass as bees often forage on the clover flowers.



## A SONG TO SING



Five little ducks went swimming one day,  
over the lake and far away,  
Mother duck went  
'quack, quack, quack, quack'  
But only four little ducks came back.  
Four little ducks went swimming one day,  
over the lake and far away...etc...

*Please ask children not to walk on the garden beds  
– this will help to protect delicate plant  
root systems.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Most conifers stay green all year round because their needle-like leaves are well adapted for wintery conditions.
- Deciduous trees lose their leaves in autumn to prevent them getting damaged by the cold weather.
- As leaves get ready to drop, the green chlorophyll inside them breaks down, revealing other red/orange pigments in the leaves.



# LAKE & LAWN I-SPY



tractor seat plant



rākau koroi / conifer



bird sculpture



tēneti / tent



tī kōuka / cabbage tree



ponga / tree fern



kiwi lady

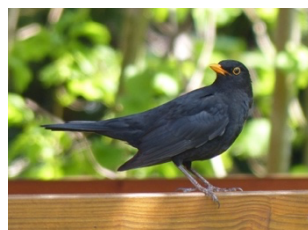


waka / boat

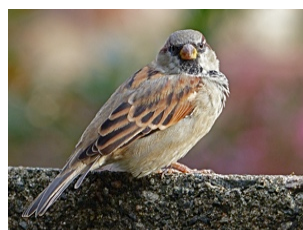
## MĀTAKITAKI MANU - HOW MANY DIFFERENT BIRDS HAVE YOU SPOTTED TODAY?



rakiraki / duck



manu pango / blackbird



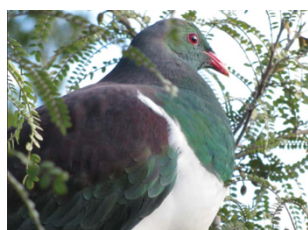
tiu / sparrow



warou / welcome swallow



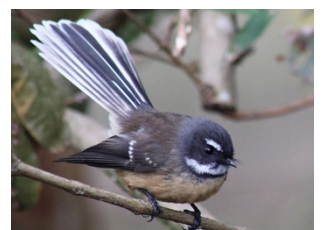
tūi



kererū



tauhou / silvereye



pīwakawaka / fantail