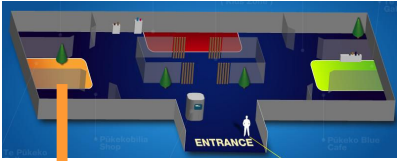


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## Te Pūkeko Gallery – Natural History



### Rail Rap Sheet

You can ID a pūkeko by its loud 'sqwareech' or spot it using these vital statistics... [\[more\]](#)



### Daily Diet

Largely vegetarian, pooks will scoff down seeds, shoots, and the roots of aquatic plants... [\[more\]](#)



### Kiwi Cuzzies

The pūkeko is often confused with its close rellie - the rarer, larger and heavier takahē... [\[more\]](#)



### Overseas Rellies

You'll find a cousin of the pūkeko in most countries around the world... [\[more\]](#)



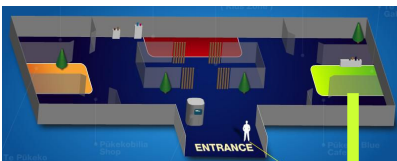
### Feathered Beauty

Striking, blue, body feathers mean that pooks are often woven into traditional Māori cloaks... [\[more\]](#)



### Pūkeko Air

Pūkeko swim, run and fly (they're a multisport bird!)... [\[more\]](#)



## Te Swamp Gallery – Habitat & Behaviour



### Terra Infirma

Pūkeko have adapted well to changes wrought by humans, highways and hunters... [\[more\]](#)



### Kamikaze Road Hen?

Roads are dangerous places for birds... [\[more\]](#)



### Pūkeko Whānau

Life in the swamp involves extended family and a bit of frolicking... [\[more\]](#)



### Swamp Nursery

Pūkeko breed from August through to February... [\[more\]](#)



### Savvy Species

Super-nanny pooks have successfully looked after takahē chicks and eggs... [\[more\]](#)



### Tangata Whenua

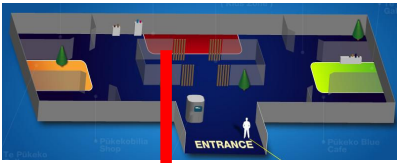
It seems the Māori had a bit of love hate relationship with the cheeky pūkeko... [\[more\]](#)

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## Te Tales Gallery – Art & Culture



### Pūkeko whakataukī

Māori whakataukī (sayings) often compare people's behaviour with that of birds... [\[more\]](#)



### Stewed pūkeko

Old timers called them swamp hens for good reason as pooks often ended up in the stew pot... [\[more\]](#)



### A pūkeko in a ponga tree...

For Kiwi songsters, the pook's cheeky nature lends itself to rhyme and rhythm... [\[more\]](#)



### Pūkeko prose

The pens of Kiwi poets have tried to capture the cheeky pook's nature... [\[more\]](#)



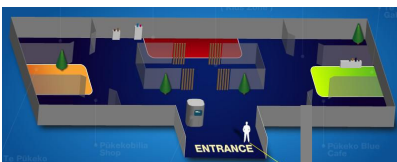
### Power to the Pooksta!

Animal star Pooksta and her chicks have become the poster-pooks for Genesis Energy... [\[more\]](#)



### Urban Pooks

Many towns are proud of their swampy heritage and Palmy North is one of them... [\[more\]](#)



## Pūkekoblue Café – Virtual Kai Time



### Blue-bird Biccies

They've not hit the supermarket shelves yet, but you can make your own bird biccies with a pūkeko theme... [\[more\]](#)



### Adult Recipes

Indulge in a bit of Kiwiana-inspired cocktail frippery with a Pukeko Spice or a shot of Swamp Water ... [\[more\]](#)



### Kid's Recipes

Try out a Pukeko Powerade or a Pook Popsicle... [\[more\]](#)



### Kai Time

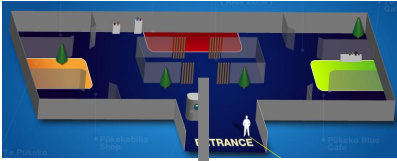
For all the flavours of the wild, here's a selection of old-time and kai-time pook recipes for you to try... [\[more\]](#)

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## Te Nest - Kids Zone and Fun Downloads



### SUPERPOOK Game

He's black, he's blue ...he's Superpook! Give your mouse a workout with our groovy online game...[\[play\]](#)



### Kid's Printable Activities

Click, print and play. It's so easy with our 'take-home' printables...[\[download\]](#)



### Crafty Little Pooks

With a bit of food colouring and some cotton balls, make your own cheeky blue fluffy bum... [\[more\]](#)



### Got Any Crafty Ideas?

Send us your instructions (and a photo) and we'll upload them here for all to enjoy!



### Simple Knitted Pookie

Wool, knitting needles and a bit of clickety-clack - its a nifty knitted baby toy... [\[download instructions\]](#)



### Origami Hat Anyone?

A pūkeko hat shaped by the clever hands of Origami Master Jonathon Baxter... [\[more\]](#)

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