



International Volunteer Information

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand has a limited number of volunteer opportunities for international applicants. To date, most of our international volunteers have come through a funded project, an opportunity through their work, or as a component of their studies. However, we welcome anyone with the skills and desire to contribute to our work. Below are some guidelines and information for those seeking to volunteer with us.

AGE:

The minimum age for overseas applicants is 20.

VISA:

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand do not have the resources to help with visa applications so you will need to be able to obtain the necessary visa without assistance. New Zealand immigration policy allows overseas visitors to NZ on a **visitor visa** to do volunteer work while in New Zealand, provided the person receives no gain or reward. Therefore, our volunteering opportunities require that volunteers are **self-supporting** (that is, with funding to provide for their own accommodation and personal costs). They also need to have skills that can be useful in our projects.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer opportunities are available at the [Karioi Project](#), a community conservation project based in Whāingaroa / Raglan. Since 2009 the community has been actively working together towards an integrated pest control program to re-establish Karioi Maunga as a seabird mountain. Currently we are implementing predator control to protect the remnant population of Oi that still burrow around the shorelines of Karioi, while a wider programme of predator control to restore forest birds is being scaled up on the mountain each year. Unless active pest management is in place to protect Oi nests from predators, existing populations are unlikely to survive. Oi are a "taonga species", meaning they have special cultural significance to tangata whenua.

The Karioi Project also provides an educational program based around a range of habitats from the mountain to the sea including; coastal forest, freshwater streams, marine rocky shore and inter-tidal marine ecosystems. We actively encourage the involvement of children and youth – through programmes with our local schools – and we also like to include entire families in our activities. Working days, trap checking, monitoring, workshops, community events and camps are often inclusive of all ages.

Depending on the time of year and length of stay, the Karioi Project may have accommodation available on-site and food-catering options.

COST:

An estimated cost to support yourself while volunteering: \$150–200 accommodation per week; \$50–100 food per week; \$50–100 transport and other costs. Approximate budget: NZD\$250–400 per week.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

We love to have people with skills in conservation, environmental education, communication, gardening, DIY/maintenance, administration, house-keeping. As part of your application, please send us your CV/resume/portfolio outlining your skills which could be useful in our projects and hubs.

CHARACTER REQUIRED:

The Karioi Project is composed of a small team of staff and contractors plus many volunteers doing multiple jobs, so we're looking for enthusiastic and flexible people who are teachable, keen to participate in a range of tasks and who are capable of both working individually and with others in a team environment. We value diversity but prospective volunteers must be sympathetic to the [core commitments](#) that shape A Rocha's life and work.

LENGTH OF TIME:

A minimum of 2 weeks and up to 6 months.

INSURANCE:

Volunteers are encouraged to have their own personal travel insurance as A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand does not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to personal items of volunteers.

In summary, are you able to:

- Apply for your own visa to visit New Zealand?
- Self-fund yourself to cover accommodation and food for your entire stay in New Zealand?
- Have skills that will assist the work of A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand?
- Are you enthusiastic, flexible, hard-working, motivated, teachable, and a team-player?
- Sympathetic to A Rocha's core commitments?

We look forward to hearing from you if you think you meet all the above criteria.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at: new.zealand@arocha.org