



Maramataka / Calendar of Events

Pipiri a Tahī (Gather and plan)

This is the thirteenth month which ensures the seasons remain in their proper months, good for celebrating a new year with renewed aspirations and plans. Symbolic planting for the New Year. Rāhui.

Possum browse : pine, tōtara, macrocarpa, kānuka, grass, insects.

Whiro	Sun 21	June
Tamatea Io	Sun 28	June
Ohua	Sun 05	June
Tangaroa a Mua	Mon 16	July

Hōngongoi (Winters huddle)

This month is good for preparing ground plans, tools, and equipment for the busy springtime ahead. Restoration planting projects.

Possum browse: pine, tōtara, kānuka, pūriri, taraire, insects, birds eggs (e.g. kiwi)

Whiro	Tue 21	July
Tamatea Io	Tue 28	July
Hotu Seed & Seedling MARKET DAY	Sat 01	August
Ohua	Tue 04	August
Tangaroa a Mua	Wed 12	August

Aponga (Swelling seeds and signs of spring)

This month is good for a concerted pest control effort to protect fresh growth and hatching chicks. Lift rāhui, cultivate and prepare ground for spring planting, propagate seeds and tubers. Restoration planting. Monitor waterways.

Possum browse : pine, macrocarpa, tōtara, pūriri, grass, taraire, insects, kiwi eggs.

Whiro	Wed 19 August
Oue-Okoro Regenerative Mara WĀNANGA	Sat 22 - Sun 23 August
Tamatea Io	Wed 26 August
Ohua	Wed 02 September
Tangaroa a Mua	Thu 10 September

Uruao (The shoots of spring)

This month is good for nurturing new growth, continuing pest knockdown, weed control, monitoring bird and bush life, spring planting, and propagating nursery seeds. Coordinate and synthesise plans to achieve efficient outcomes during this busy time for all protection, restoration, and enhancement projects.

Possum browse : fresh bud growth, pūriri, taraire, oak, willow, birds eggs and young chicks, citrus.

Whiro	Thu 17 September
Oue Bird and Bush Watch WĀNANGA	Sun 20 September
Spring Equinox	Tue 22 September
Tamatea Io	Thu 24 September
Ohua	Fri 02 October
Tangaroa a Mua	Sat 10 October

Tumatareia (The warming earth)

This month is good for planting food crops like kūmara and rīwai. Protect new growth of plants and bird life from pests and weeds. Nurture and nourish the young.

Possum browse: fresh growth, pūriri, taraire, willow, birds eggs and chicks, citrus, karamu, kanono kohekohe.

Whiro	Sat 17 October
Tamatea Io	Sat 24 October
Hotu TE WHAKAPUTANGA / Independence Day	Wed 28 October
Ohua	Sun 01 November
Tangaroa o Mua	Mon 09 November

Rongo Tapu (Warm growth abounds)

This month is good for protecting the restoration and garden plantings that have been established – releasing plants and establishing mulch and ground covers. Time to conserve and store water for the coming summer, and

Whiro	Sun 15 November
Tamatea Kaitiaki Ranger TRAINING – Venue tbc	Sat 21 November

<p>monitor waterways after spring flooding and before summer dry. Good month for targeting mustelids, i.e. stoats, weasels, ferrets</p> <p>Possum browse: tōtara, native and fruiting buds, pohutukawa, clover and grasses, roses and garden plants.</p>	Tamatea Io	Sun 22	November
	Ohua	Mon 30	November
	Tangaroa a Mua	Tue 08	December

Akawhenua (Vines entangle circling upward towards a golden Sun)

<p>This month is good for protecting, restoring and enhancing the gains made from Spring, especially sources of water and ground retention. Good time to access winter rāhui areas to do restoration work while the ground is dry and not too hard. Monitor and overview the outcomes of your ngahere and taiao restoration activities. Target mustelids.</p> <p>Possum browse: tōtara, taraire, pūriri, pohutukawa, tī kouka, karamu, kanono, kohekohe, fruit trees.</p>	Whiro	Tu 15	December
	Tamatea a ngana	Sun 20	December
	Kaitiaki Whangaroa Association Inc GENERAL MEETING – Venue tbc		
	Longest day	Mon 21	December
	Tamatea Io	Tue 22	December
	Ohua	Wen 30	December
	Tangaroa a Mua	Wen 06	January

Rehua (The heat rises through Rehua – the red star)

<p>This month is good for protecting the ngahere and taiao from human impacts during this hot month of long days, e.g. waterways, beaches, coast, marine, off track freedom tourists. Ensure adequate watering of vulnerable species, and stay cool. Good time for fishing and water based activities.</p> <p>Possum browse: all fruits – taraire, tōtara, kahikatea, pūriri, orchard fruits.</p>	Whiro	Wen 13	January
	Tamatea Io	Thu 21	January
	Ohua	Fri 29	January
	Tangaroa a Mua	Fri 05	February

Hauaparua (Winds of change)

<p>This month is good for monitoring to protect, restore and enhance the life of your waterways at this dry and sluggish time. Ensure adequate watering, maintain pest and weed control. Prepare storage etc for coming autumn resource gathering and harvests.</p> <p>Possum browse: all fruits – kanono, karamu, miro, mahoe, hinau.</p>	Whiro	Fri 12	February
	Tamatea Io	Sat 20	February
	Ohua	Sat 27	February
	Tangaroa a Mua	Sat 06	March

Ngahuru (Harvest of bounty)

This month is good for a concerted pest knockdown to protect the harvest of bounty that will ensure a prosperous winter for all of Tāne's creatures – humans included. Time to source seed, and control insect, fungi, and pathogenic pests from the rising damp and humidity.

Possum browse: fruits, kohekohe, mahoe, hinau, coprosma, grasses, insects, fungi.

Whiro Sat 13 March

Autumn equinox Sat 20 March

Tamatea a ngana Sat 20 March
Autumn Bush and Bird Monitoring WĀNANGA – Venue tbc

Tamatea Io Mon 22 March

Ohua Mon 29 March

Tangaroa a Mua Sun 04 April

Tuma (Challenges approach)

This month is good for pest, weed and fungus/mould control to protect the integrity of the harvest of crops and seed stocks. Prepare ground and plant for a winter garden.

Whiro Mon 12 April

Tamatea Io Tue 20 April

Ohua Tue 27 April

Tangaroa a Mua Tur 04 May

Wehewehe (Warmth and light leave Papatuanuku – make good your house)

This month is good for securing stores and housing to prepare and transition into winter. Attention to rodent control as everything seeks a nice place for winter. Collate and analyse the years monitored information and determine traplines and plans for a spring knockdown, and rāhui areas to be fallowed and restored over the winter months, Monitor and attend to waterways before the winter rains.

Possum browse: pine, macrocarpa, tōtara, clover and grasses, insects, fungi.

Whiro Wen 12 May

Tamatea Io Thu 20 May

Ohua Wen 26 May

Tangaroa a Mua Wen 02 June

Pipiri (Snug, cling together)

This month is good for tucking everything into a cosy bed for the

Whiro Thu 10 June

cold, wet, damp time of the year, and to place and enforce rāhui. Seed protection and food storage. Kiwi listening and monitoring. Time to reflect on the outcomes of the past years activities and form aspirations and plans for the New Year.

Possum browse: pine, tōtara, mahoe, kānuka, grass, insects.

Tamatea Io	Fri 18 June
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Longest night PUANGA STAR VIGIL, New Year Begins	Sun 20 June
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Ohua	Fri 25 June
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Tangaroa a Mua	Fri 02 July
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This environmental restoration plan is based on the Ngati Miro Whangaroa Maramataka