

Whakanui i a Matariki | Ways to celebrate Matariki

Ururangi

Make a manutukutuku or kite, gather dried leaves and harakeke flower stalks, toetoe, flax, raupō, add string to adorn and fly your masterpieces. A quick Matariki kite youtube search provides ideas!



Waiti

Take a visit to a local waterway. What is the name of this awa? Check in on its health. Pick up any rubbish. Explore the plants and wildlife there.



Tupuārangi

This is the perfect time to plant some native plants. Observe your local birdlife. Do a 'listen count' to see how many calls you can hear and see if you can identify the manu they belong to.

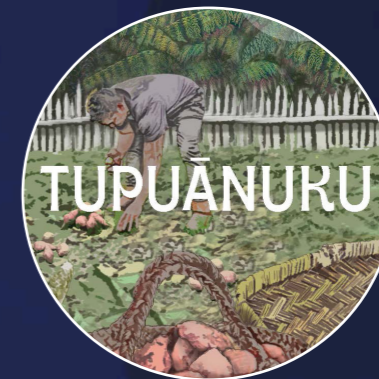
Waipunarangi

Collect and monitor rainfall over the Matariki period. Kōrero about fresh water and its importance.



Hiwaiterangi

While looking to the stars, look to the year ahead. Have a goal setting session to examine your aspirations.



Tupuānuku

Gather seeds from native plants like harakeke. Getting your hands in the whenua and make some muddy and magnificent seed bombs!



Waitā

Visit te moana or watch some inspirational video footage of ocean wildlife. Talk about ocean navigation and waka traditions. Play tākaro wheke (octopus tag) till you are puffed!



Pōhutukawa

Bring along photos of your loved and lost. Light a candle, say their names and share stories of aroha.

Matariki

The star cluster is best seen before sunrise. Look to the north-east horizon and find the constellation Tautoru, sometimes called 'The Pot' or 'Orion's Belt'.

Trace a line north from Tautoru. Look for a sparkle of tiny dots, about the same width as Tautoru is long. This is the Matariki star cluster.