



Monthly Report for Predator Free Tamahere Conservation Trust

Reporting Period: August 2026

Gully-Focused Predator Control

- 14,630 pests removed since the project began, with 593 traps registered in Trap.nz.
- Winter trapping remains busy; almost 1,000 pests recorded since 1 July, mostly rats.
- Poplar Lane / Mangaonua Stream – Working with local landowners to establish a trapline along this priority gully, complementing predator control on the Hamilton side.

Measurable Outcomes

- Trap.nz data continues to guide our coverage, with priority on gaps along gullies and connected habitat.
- Ongoing reports of native birdlife, including kākā being heard around Tamahere.

Community Engagement & Collaboration

- PFT-hosted event - Protecting Special Places – 17 August – Prof Bruce Clarkson - about 45 attendees for an evening on restorative planting alongside predator control, with good discussion and networking afterwards.
- PFT website refresh continues, adding practical information for locals wanting to get started with pest control, share what they're already doing, or ask for help.
- Continued supply of \$25 rat trap tunnel kits through the Tamahere WDC office, with a simpler stock/re-order system being trialled.
- Ongoing collaboration with WRC, WDC, HCC, QEII and neighbouring community projects.

Looking Ahead

- Poplar Lane autotrap installation and local training.
- WDC-supported practical resources and engagement materials to connect with more local trappers and priority landowners.