

HELP OUR KĀKĀ BE WILD

South Island kākā are noisy native forest parrots and a threatened species.

They used to be seen in large numbers in the Abel Tasman but predators like stoats and possums have devastated the park's wild kākā population. Project Janszoon, DOC and the Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust are reducing predator numbers to low levels so native species can thrive once again.

Project Janszoon and DOC are releasing young kākā at Bark Bay/Wairima to re-establish a wild kākā population. Visitors to the park are likely to see kākā as they spread through the park.



HELP US GET THE WORD OUT

Kākā need to eat a natural diet to be healthy. They are good at finding their own food like berries, seeds, honeydew and nectar.

These young kākā have been raised in captivity. We will provide supplementary feed for them near the release site while they adjust to life in the wild.

They need to be left to find their own food.

If you give them nuts or bread it's like feeding them potato chips and cake – they might love it but it's not good for them. Feeding can also increase aggressiveness and stress in native birds.

A FED KĀKĀ CAN RESULT IN A DEAD KĀKĀ

Feeding birds the wrong food can cause a lot of serious problems like metabolic bone disease. Adults pass on the unhealthy food to their chicks and it can result in serious deformities or death.

BE OUR EYES AND EARS

Please ask visitors to report kākā sightings through the Abel Tasman App. It has lots of great info about the park and you can download it for free near Bark Bay Hut, search for Abel Tasman in Google Play or App store



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