



Education for Sustainability

The calendar is designed to highlight the many wonderful environmental events and annual celebrations that take place over a year in Aotearoa and around the world. These dates are opportunities for tamariki, ākonga and whānau to connect and engage with the local taiao/environment, and the community. Ākonga can build an understanding of inter-relatedness/whanaungatanga between humans and the natural world and the consequences and effects of these interactions, so that they can make informed decisions about contributing to the regeneration and hauora/ health of social, cultural, and ecological systems. Education for Sustainability covers all learning areas and kaiako/teachers are encouraged to use a cross-curricular approach when using this calendar.

Event/Week/Month	DATES	WEBSITES/VIDEOS/LESSON IDEAS/TEACHING MATERIALS
World Wetlands Day	2 February All February	www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/resources www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/wetlands www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/3001-repo-wetlands-a-context-4-learning https://matukulink.org.nz/education
BikeReady Month	All February	https://www.bikeready.govt.nz/schools www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlUgLE4TaLA www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlUgLE4TaLA
Whio Awareness Month	All February	https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/whio-forever/ www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2416-whio-threats-and-conservation
World Wildlife Day	3 March	www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-wildlife-day-2026 www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2KykATa_QU www.teachstarter.com/gb/teaching-resource-collection/world-wildlife-day
SeaweeK	1-9 March	www.twinkl.co.nz/event/seaweeK-2026 www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/seaweeK-resources
International Forestry Day	21 March	www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/33391-ExploringNZForestry www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space
World Water Week	22 March	www.smartwater.org.nz/water-education/new-story-of-water www.teacherplanet.com/content/water-day www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-water-day-2026
Earth Day	22- April	www.twinkl.co.nz/event/earth-day-2026 www.earthday.org/education-resource-library www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsAJ2FMIapE
Conservation Week		Now 20-26 April. Visit www.doc.govt.nz & search for Conservation Week
Save the Frogs Day	28- April	www.nzfrogs.org https://teara.govt.nz/en/frogs
World Migratory Bird Day		www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/mirandas-migratory-birds https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-migratory-bird-day-nz-2026
	28 April	https://teara.govt.nz/en/bird-migration www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CqBfJN4qts
International Biodiversity Day	11 May	www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1153-introducing-biodiversity www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversity www.doc.govt.nz/nature/biodiversity/biodiversity-new-zealand-resources www.facebook.com/FarmNatCons/videos/911543265968277/?extid=SEO
	22 May	www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDG8xxR83w0 www.learnz.org.nz/backyardbiodiversity213
World Environment Day		www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-environment-day-2026 www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/425595/world-environment-day




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Arbor Day	5 June	www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm www.treesthatcount.co.nz/resources
World Oceans Day	8 June	www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/activities-nature-connection/plant-like-a-ninja https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/nature/article/world-oceans-day www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/protecting-our-marine-world https://worldoceanday.org
Global Wind Day	15 June	www.windenergy.org.nz/teachers-and-schools/ https://education.nationalgeographic.org/search/resources/?q=wind
NZ Garden Bird Survey	29 June - 7 July	https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz/have-you-got-what-it-takes/ (Video Series)
Biosecurity Week/Month	22 - 28 July	www.biosecurity.org.nz/about-us/what-is-biosecurity www.mpi.govt.nz/resources-and-forms/teacher-resources/te-ao-turoa/he-tangata-he-tangata
Plastic Free July	All July	www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-school/#categories www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/1019-plastic-free-july
Matariki	10 July	https://matariki.twoa.ac.nz
Sunsmart Months	Sept to April	www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools www.twinkl.co.nz/blog/sunsmart www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools/sunsmart-schools-resources (includes videos)
Conservation Week	Now in April	Visit: www.doc.govt.nz/ and search for Conservation Week (See April on previous page)
Clean Up Week	19-25 Sept.	www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week https://www.knzb.org.nz/resources/education-resources
Ozone Preservation Day	16 September	www.teacherplanet.com/content/ozone-layer www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub_air_lesson08
World Rivers Day	24 September	www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/freshwater/freshwater-habitat-restoration
Save the Kiwi Month	All October	https://savethekiwi.nz/about-kiwi https://savethekiwi.nz/how-to-help/protecting-kiwi
Zero Waste Month	All October	https://zerowasteeducation.co.nz https://wellington.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/reducing-your-waste
World Animal Day/Week	4 October	www.worldanimalprotection.org.nz/education www.worldanimalday.org.uk/resources
World Climate Action Day	23 October	https://climateactionday.org/en www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2639-climate-change-resources-planning-pathways
World Soils Day	5 December	https://teara.govt.nz/en/soils www.sciencelearn.org.nz/search?term=soil www.fao.org/soils-2015/resources/audio-video/en
International Mountain Day	11 December	www.teacherplanet.com/content/mountains www.tes.com/teaching-resource/world-mountains-lesson-plans-and-activity-2-lessons-11243148

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS, RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

- **Home Energy Conservation Topics for Kids at:** www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-energy-conservation-for-kids
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at:** <https://eonz.org.nz/Support/Teaching-Learning-Support>
- **Enviroschools at:** <https://enviroschools.org.nz> • **NZAAE at:** www.nzaee.org.nz/information
- **Te Wiki o te Reo Maori 14-21st September:** <https://nationaltoday.com/maori-language-week/#how-to>

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