

# Education for Sustainability

The calendar is designed to highlight the many wonderful environmental events and annual celebrations that take place over a year both 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 integrates all learning areas and kaiako/teachers are encouraged to use a cross-curricular approach when using this calendar, as, well as taking time to explore and weave these opportunities into classroom life. Enjoy your connections over this year!

Event/Week/Month	DATES	WEBSITES/VIDEOS/LESSON IDEAS/TEACHING MATERIALS
World Wetlands Day	2 February	<a href="http://www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/resources/useful-links">www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/resources/useful-links</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/wetlands">www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/wetlands</a>
BikeReady Month	All February	<a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/3001-repo-wetlands-a-context-4-learning">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/3001-repo-wetlands-a-context-4-learning</a> <a href="https://www.bikeready.govt.nz">https://www.bikeready.govt.nz</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TWm37YavZE">www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TWm37YavZE</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlugLE4TaLA">www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlugLE4TaLA</a>
Whio Awareness Month	All February	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/whioforever">www.doc.govt.nz/whioforever</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0I9ryD9cGDQ">www.youtube.com/watch?v=0I9ryD9cGDQ</a> <a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2416-whio-threats-and-conservation">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2416-whio-threats-and-conservation</a>
World Wildlife Day	3 March	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/world-wildlife-day">www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/world-wildlife-day</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2KykATa_QU">www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2KykATa_QU</a> <a href="http://www.teachstarter.com/gb/teaching-resource-collection/world-wildlife-day">www.teachstarter.com/gb/teaching-resource-collection/world-wildlife-day</a> <a href="http://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-wildlife-day-2024">www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-wildlife-day-2024</a>
Seaweeek	2-10 March	<a href="http://www.seaweeek.org.nz">www.seaweeek.org.nz</a> <a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/2569-seaweeek-kaupapa-moana-2024">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/2569-seaweeek-kaupapa-moana-2024</a> <a href="http://www.mm2.net.nz/resources">www.mm2.net.nz/resources</a> <a href="http://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/seaweeek-2024">www.twinkl.co.nz/event/seaweeek-2024</a>
International Forestry Day	21 March	<a href="http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/community/education/files/forestdiscovery.pdf">www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/community/education/files/forestdiscovery.pdf</a> <a href="https://treeday.planetark.org/get-involved/schools">https://treeday.planetark.org/get-involved/schools</a> <a href="https://projectcrimson.org.nz/schools/teachers-resources">https://projectcrimson.org.nz/schools/teachers-resources</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space">www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space</a>
World Water Week	22 March	<a href="http://www.smartwater.org.nz/water-education/new-story-of-water">www.smartwater.org.nz/water-education/new-story-of-water</a> <a href="http://www.teacherplanet.com/content/water-day-starters.co.nz/download/detail/water-precious-taonga/62.html">www.teacherplanet.com/content/water-day-starters.co.nz/download/detail/water-precious-taonga/62.html</a> <a href="http://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-water-day-2024">www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-water-day-2024</a>
Takahe Awareness Month	April	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/takahe-awareness-month">www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/takahe-awareness-month</a>
Earth Day	22- April	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/earth-day-2024">https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/earth-day-2024</a> <a href="http://www.earthday.org/education-resource-library">www.earthday.org/education-resource-library</a> <a href="http://www.simplykinder.com/earth-day-videos">www.simplykinder.com/earth-day-videos</a> <a href="https://untamedscience.com/blog/earth-day-videos">https://untamedscience.com/blog/earth-day-videos</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsAJ2FMiapE">www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsAJ2FMiapE</a>
Save the Frogs Day	28 April	<a href="http://www.nzfrogs.org">http://www.nzfrogs.org</a> <a href="https://teara.govt.nz/en/frogs">https://teara.govt.nz/en/frogs</a>
Compost Awareness Week	5-11 May	<a href="https://compostfoundation.org/Education/Compost-Resources">https://compostfoundation.org/Education/Compost-Resources</a> <a href="https://compost.css.cornell.edu/schools.html">https://compost.css.cornell.edu/schools.html</a> <a href="http://www.twinkl.co.nz/search?q=composting">www.twinkl.co.nz/search?q=composting</a> <a href="https://compostcollective.org.nz/composting-in-schools">https://compostcollective.org.nz/composting-in-schools</a>
World Migratory Bird Day	11 May	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/mirandas-migratory-birds">www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/mirandas-migratory-birds</a> <a href="https://teara.govt.nz/en/bird-migration">https://teara.govt.nz/en/bird-migration</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CqBfJN4qts">www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CqBfJN4qts</a>
International Biodiversity Day	22 May	<a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1153-introducing-biodiversity">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1153-introducing-biodiversity</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversity">www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversity</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/biodiversity/biodiversity-new-zealand-resources">www.doc.govt.nz/nature/biodiversity/biodiversity-new-zealand-resources</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FarmNatCons/videos/911543265968277/?extid=SEO">www.facebook.com/FarmNatCons/videos/911543265968277/?extid=SEO</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDG8xxR83w0">www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDG8xxR83w0</a> <a href="http://www.learnz.org.nz/backyardbiodiversity213">www.learnz.org.nz/backyardbiodiversity213</a>
World Environment Day	5 June	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-environment-day-2024">https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-environment-day-2024</a> <a href="http://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/425595/world-environment-day">www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/425595/world-environment-day</a> <a href="https://www.teachingpacks.co.uk/event/world-environment-day/2024-06-05/">https://www.teachingpacks.co.uk/event/world-environment-day/2024-06-05/</a>

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Arbor Day	5 June	<a href="http://www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm">www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.treesthatcount.co.nz/resources">www.treesthatcount.co.nz/resources</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/getting-involved/students-and-teachers/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space.pdf">www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/getting-involved/students-and-teachers/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/activities-nature-connection/plant-like-a-ninja">www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/activities-nature-connection/plant-like-a-ninja</a>
World Oceans Day	8 June	<a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/resource-library/?q=oceans&amp;page=1&amp;per_page=25">www.nationalgeographic.org/education/resource-library/?q=oceans&amp;page=1&amp;per_page=25</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/protecting-our-marine-world">www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/protecting-our-marine-world</a> <a href="https://worldoceanday.org">https://worldoceanday.org</a>
Global Wind Day	15 June	<a href="http://www.windenergy.org.nz/resources/for-teachers">www.windenergy.org.nz/resources/for-teachers</a> <a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.org/video/edu-wind-turbines">www.nationalgeographic.org/video/edu-wind-turbines</a>
NZ Garden Bird Survey	29 June - 7 July	<a href="https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz">https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz</a> (Select Children and Teachers) <a href="https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz/have-you-got-what-it-takes">https://gardenbirdssurvey.nz/have-you-got-what-it-takes</a> (Video Series)
Biosecurity Week/Month	22 - 28 July	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biosecurity/">www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biosecurity/</a> <a href="http://www.biosecurity.org.nz/resources/biosecurity-week">www.biosecurity.org.nz/resources/biosecurity-week</a> <a href="http://www.mpi.govt.nz/resources-and-forms/teacher-resources/te-ao-turoa/he-tangata-he-tangata">www.mpi.govt.nz/resources-and-forms/teacher-resources/te-ao-turoa/he-tangata-he-tangata</a>
Plastic Free July	All July	<a href="http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-school/#categories">http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-school/#categories</a> <a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/1019-plastic-free-july">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/1019-plastic-free-july</a> <a href="http://www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/7-quick-tips-for-a-plastic-free-july-au">www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/7-quick-tips-for-a-plastic-free-july-au</a> <a href="http://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2021/07/09/plastic-free-july">www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2021/07/09/plastic-free-july</a>
Sunsmart Months (8 months)	September to April	<a href="https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools">https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools</a> <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.nz/blog/sunsmart">https://www.twinkl.co.nz/blog/sunsmart</a> <a href="https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools/sunsmart-schools-resources/">https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools/sunsmart-schools-resources/</a>
Conservation Week	5-11 September	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/conservation-week">www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/conservation-week</a> <a href="http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/National-events-and-the-NZC/Conservation-Week-Te-Wiki-Tiaki-Ao-Turoa">nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/National-events-and-the-NZC/Conservation-Week-Te-Wiki-Tiaki-Ao-Turoa</a>
Clean Up Week	17-23 September	<a href="http://www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week">www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week</a> <a href="http://www.knzb.org.nz/resources/education-resources">www.knzb.org.nz/resources/education-resources</a> <a href="http://nationaltoday.com/national-clean-up-week-new-zealand">nationaltoday.com/national-clean-up-week-new-zealand</a>
Ozone Preservation Day	16 September	<a href="http://www.teacherplanet.com/content/ozone-layer">www.teacherplanet.com/content/ozone-layer</a> <a href="https://www.nasa.gov/?search=ozone">https://www.nasa.gov/?search=ozone</a> <a href="http://www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub_air_lesson08">www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub_air_lesson08</a>
World Car Free Day	22 September	<a href="https://genless.govt.nz/world-carfree-day">https://genless.govt.nz/world-carfree-day</a> <a href="http://www.iway.org.nz/news-and-events/article/18/h2world-car-free-day-september-22-2023h2">www.iway.org.nz/news-and-events/article/18/h2world-car-free-day-september-22-2023h2</a>
World Rivers Day	24 September	<a href="https://worldriversday.com/resources/">https://worldriversday.com/resources/</a> <a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/freshwater/freshwater-habitat-restoration">www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/freshwater/freshwater-habitat-restoration</a>
Save the Kiwi Month	All October	<a href="https://savethekiwi.nz/about-kiwi">https://savethekiwi.nz/about-kiwi</a> <a href="https://savethekiwi.nz/how-to-help/protecting-kiwi">https://savethekiwi.nz/how-to-help/protecting-kiwi</a>
Zero Waste Month	All October	<a href="https://zerowasteeducation.co.nz">https://zerowasteeducation.co.nz</a> <a href="https://wellington.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/reducing-your-waste">https://wellington.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/reducing-your-waste</a>
World Animal Day/Week	4 October	<a href="http://www.worldanimalprotection.org.nz/education">www.worldanimalprotection.org.nz/education</a> <a href="http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/resources">www.worldanimalday.org.uk/resources</a>
World Climate Action Day	23 October	<a href="https://climateactionday.org/en">https://climateactionday.org/en</a> <a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2639-climate-change-resources-planning-pathways">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2639-climate-change-resources-planning-pathways</a>
World Soils Day	5 December	<a href="https://teara.govt.nz/en/soils">https://teara.govt.nz/en/soils</a> <a href="http://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/search?term=soil">www.sciencelearn.org.nz/search?term=soil</a> <a href="http://www.fao.org/soils-2015/resources/audio-video/en">www.fao.org/soils-2015/resources/audio-video/en</a>

## ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS, RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

- Home Energy Conservation Topics for Kids at: [www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-energy-conservation-for-kids](http://www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-energy-conservation-for-kids)
- Reduce, Reuse Recycle at: [www.bottlestore.com/ways-to-reduce-reuse-recycle-plastic-containers](http://www.bottlestore.com/ways-to-reduce-reuse-recycle-plastic-containers)
- Education Outdoors New Zealand at: [www.eonz.org.nz/resourcespublications](http://www.eonz.org.nz/resourcespublications)      EnviroSchools at: <https://enviroschools.org.nz>



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