



On the 16th of July 2010 the mother of bird rescue, Pam Howlett passed away. Pam dedicated her life to caring for birds and has been a strong advocate for avian rights. Pam was one of the founding members of Bird Rescue 30 years ago and it was the shags and their plight in the Panmure Basin that developed her interest in birds. Pam specialised in seabirds, but dedicated her life to the care and welfare of all birds. Her expertise, knowledge and friendship will be greatly missed by all of us at Bird Rescue. Pictured above Pam can be seen with one on her favourite birds - the shag, she also had a great love for pigeons and magpies.

For donations to Bird Rescue
Westpac **03 0206 0303939 001**
Our website – www.birdrescue.org.nz

Kereru

The kereru is a magnificent bird and a beauty to look at. We get lots of kereru dropped to our bird rescue centres, but the majority come in for the same reason....they have flown into a window or occasionally a tree!!! Generally the cause of this is that they fill their crops so full that if they get a fright they forget to allow for the extra weight. We feed them on broad, beans, peas, strawberries, bananas, fruit salad etc and keep them until they have recuperated and are ready for release.



We are extremely grateful to New Zealand King Salmon for supplying fish to feed blue penguins and other seabirds in our care – thank you very much!

Our Centres



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Interesting facts on the Kereru

- The Kereru is a native of New Zealand and our only endemic pigeon.
- It also goes by the names of Native Woodpigeon, Kukupa, or Kuku and the scientific name is *Hemiphaga novaeseelandia*.
- With the extinction of the Moa and the Huia the Kereru are now the only bird capable of ingesting the large fruit and berries of New Zealand's native trees and dispersing their seeds.
- The young stay with their parents for up to two years, this is so the parents can teach them skills to cope in the wild, including which trees in the area to go to when food is scarce.
- Kereru are frequently found in the Kowhai trees, as this is one of their favourite foods.



Sunita is moving on to greener pastures - we wish her every success in Australia. She plans to specialise in avian behaviour and will be sadly missed, especially by the caged birds!! She has done an awesome job.

Crazy Baby Season

Things have gone crazy at Green Bay Bird Rescue with chicks arriving daily. Depending on the age and species, these require feeding between every 10 minutes and every half an hour from dawn to dusk. Between this, feeding other birds, regular cleaning of cages and treating of sick and injured birds in our care...it is a totally CRAZY time!!! We are looking for people to help with raising ducklings, for more information on this please visit our website.



This plover chick is feed on mealworms generously donated by Biosuppliers. When able to cope on his own he will be released to the wild.



This gorgeous orphaned pukeko chick will receive food, warmth and shelter until it is old enough to be released.

Check out Bird Rescue on Facebook - www.facebook.com



Renee and Alex release the Skua October 2010



Greeting Cards

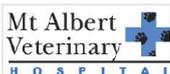
Featuring our rehabilitated birds

All proceeds assist the rescue, rehabilitation and release of the thousands of orphaned, sick and injured birds we help every year. Cards are blank for your personalised message and come with an envelope. \$4 each or \$20 for all 6.

Visit www.birdrescue.org.nz for more information. A special thank you to Geoff Arden, Greencane, Sharon Richards and Denise Batchelor for making this possible.

Our Wish List

- Black rubbish sacks
- Sprats – fresh or frozen (in bags of 20 or less would be good if possible)
- Food, eg: tinned kitten food (preferably not fish), baby Farex
- Paper towels, tissues etc
- Tins of baby food (both fruit & veggie), Harrison's food, pellets, wheat, maize & any freshly caught fish (can be frozen - sprats preferred)



Your support enables us to help sick and injured birds. A big thanks to our sponsors for their generosity.