

Puapuatai
Flower fungus



Kōpurawhetū
Basket fungus



Pūtawa, puku tawai
Beech beard

He kakara, he haunga rānei tōna?

Does it smell?



Pekepekekiore
Icicle fungus

Pukurau
Puffballs



Hakeke
Wood ear

What is this fungus?

He aha tēnei hekaheka?

He aha tōna āhua?

What shape is it?

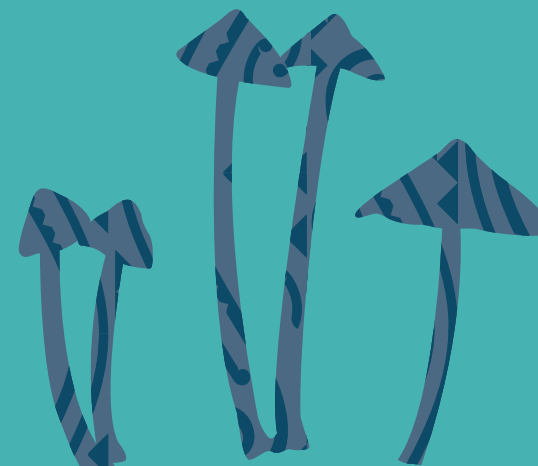


Harore
Honey mushroom

Kei runga ia i te oneone,
te tītītai, te rākau rānei?

Is it on soil, wood, or a tree?

Tawaka
Poplar mushroom



Werewerekōkako
Sky blue mushroom

Harori-kai-pakeha
Field mushroom



Ngā Hekaheka o Aotearoa

Our great forests of Tāne-mahuta hold a treasure trove of fungi (hekaheka), many only found in Aotearoa. Certain kinds of fungi were traditionally valued by Māori, like āwheto (vegetable caterpillar) which was burned and used to make ink for tā moko / tattooing.

Fungi, plants, and animals live together and all have important roles to play in our ecosystem. Fungi like hakeke feed on dead wood causing it to rot and returning its nutrients to the soil.

Sadly, some fungi have lost their place to live or have been affected by other changes and are now rare. Protection of Tāne-mahuta is important for all his descendants - the fungi, animals, and plants.

To download a copy of our bilingual teacher guide or a student booklet in te reo and learn more about ngā hekaheka, see: <https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/news/ancestral-knowledge-in-the-classroom/>



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