

Beautiful Beaks!

Aotearoa has an amazing amount of diversity in its native species, especially its manu/birds! The birds below have all evolved to fill different niches. Their beaks tell us a lot about how they find and eat their food.

Draw lines to match these beautiful beaks with their ideal kai!



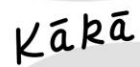
Slender, curved beak like tongue for nectar feeding.



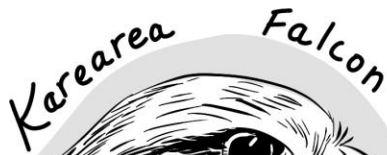
Beak opens to 90° for swallowing very large fruits.



Large wedge shaped beak for cutting up strong plant material.



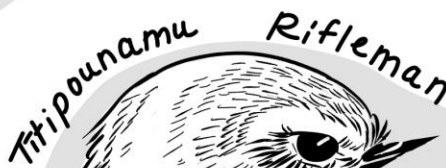
Strong, hooked beak for breaking apart wood. Soft tongue tip for nectar feeding.



Small, sharp, hooked beak for gripping and tearing.



Long, strong, and sensitive beak for probing into the earth and decaying wood.



Small precise beak for picking invertebrates out of crevices in trees.



Small, precise, sensitive beak for catching prey mid-air.