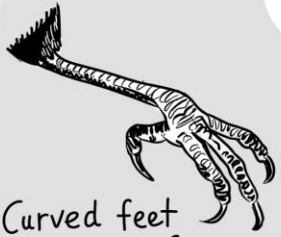


Feet and Function!

The feet of our native birds have all evolved differently to help them function in their preferred niches. Have a look at the fantastic feet of these Orokonui species. Can you figure out where each bird might use their feet in the environment below?



Tūī



Curved feet and claws for perching on branches to access nectar.

Kākāpō



Strong flexible toes for climbing tall trees and finding fruits.

Kiwi



Strong feet and sharp claws for digging burrows and defense.

Takahē



Strong grasping feet for holding grasses.



Moa



Heavy, wide feet for moving large body through dense forest.

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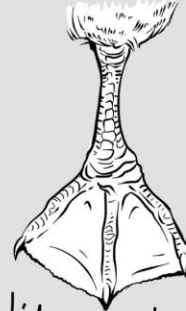
Lightweight feet with long curved claws for gripping onto the sides of trees and crevices.

Karearea



Sharp gripping talons for catching prey.

Paradise Duck



Wide, webbed feet for swimming.

Kākā



Versatile feet for climbing and manipulating food.