

Food Explorium

Iwi Tawhito – whenua hou / Ancient Peoples – in new lands

When early East Polynesians arrived in New Zealand they found the moa and it became one of the main protein sources; they ate both the bird and its eggs.

Did you know . . . that ‘moa’ means ‘chicken’ in the East Polynesian islands?

How many moa skeletons can you find in the entranceway? _____

Did you know . . . that moa generally only laid one egg a year?

Find three moa eggs, including the broken moa egg, and list where you found these:

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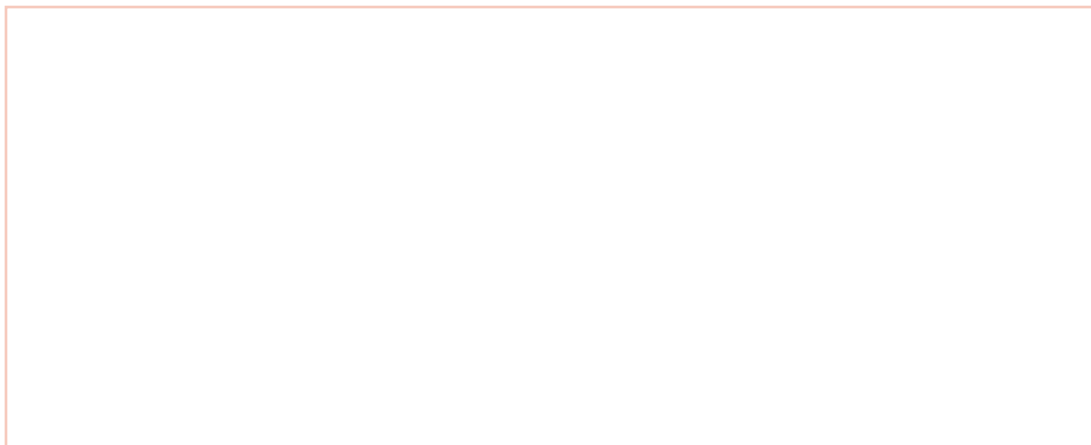
Find the *harakeke* (flax) plant. Harakeke can be seen being used for _____,
_____, and _____

What are the Te Reo Māori words for . . .

- Polynesian dog _____
- Polynesian rat _____

Ngā Taonga tuku iho o nga tupuna / Treasures left to us by the ancestors

Find the collection of fish hooks carved from bone. Draw one in the box:



Food from the forest and sea

Check out this display and translate the following Te Reo Māori words

aho _____

tara _____

hīnaki _____

waka kererū _____

māhē _____

kupenga _____

Look around the gallery, can you spot the **kererū** (New Zealand pigeon)?
Write down where you found it: _____

Preserving

What is **pōhā** made of?

Cooking the kererū – how were they cooked?

Find the Panau diorama to see how the kererū were cooked:

Storing the food

What is similar to your fridge/pantry at home?

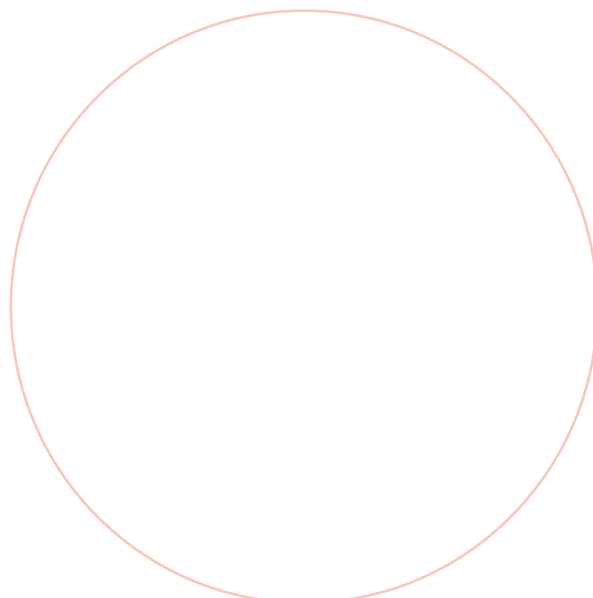
European Gallery

The V-hut was a distinctive temporary dwelling in Canterbury. It was made up of a gabled (upside-down V) structure with a door and windows at one end. Find the V-hut.

How many teacups can you find inside?

What were early wild pigs known as? C_ _ _ _ _ C_ _ _ _ _

Stop in the passageway to the **Mountfort Gallery**. Draw your favourite plate pattern:



Christchurch Street

Living in early Christchurch was very different from life today. There was no electricity and the kitchen appliances and utensils were very different. Go to the [ironmonger](#) and find:

- Lemon squeezer
- Jelly mould
- Butter churn
- Mincer
- Butter pat
- Spice box

How many [nutcrackers](#) can you spot in the glass cabinet?

Early WWI

Food was scarce during WWI and rationing was in place at home and on the battle fields.

The New Zealand branch of the British Red Cross was formed in 1915 with the first Red Cross shop being set up in Christchurch in June 1915. Read the description to complete this sentence:

“Selling second-hand goods as well as baking and even live c_____!”

Find ‘[Black Swans for Belgium](#)’ and discover what Cantabrians did for Belgian citizens.

Antarctica

Early Antarctica survival was very different from what it is today. Find:

- the Nansen Cooker
- Pea soup rations
- Emergency Food - Bovril.

List the sledging rations: p_____, b_____, b_____, c_____, s_____and t_____. Do you think these rations would give you enough energy to drive a sledge in Antarctica!?

Find [Shackleton’s Nimrod Expedition](#). List some of the rations you can see in the tins:

Living Canterbury

Find the compost bin. Who was the ‘[Worm Code of Practice](#)’ written by? _____

Complete the 5 ‘R’ words in ‘[Rubbish Time](#)’

- R_____
- R_____
- R_____
- R_____
- R_____



Use your searching eyes and look through the wall of rubbish to find the KFC lid. What is it made from?

Asian Arts

Super hunter's eyes are required in this gallery full of Asian artefacts. Can you find the ivory fruit and nuts? Draw them below.



Bird Hall

Kererū were an important food source for pre European Māori. Can you locate the kererū in the bird hall?

Back of Discovery

Near the 'Knee High to a Grasshopper' and the 'Ants in your Pants' . . . What can you see there that would you eat for dinner? _____

Geology

Look for some of the fossils in the room. What edible creature is found in a fossil?
