

# Estuary I-SPY

These 9 species live in our estuaries - can you find them?



**TUAKI / TUANGI**  
Cockle / little-neck Clam  
*Austrovenus stutchburyi*



**KARORO**  
Black backed gull  
*Larus dominicanus*



**KARAHUE**  
Mud Snail  
*Amphibola crenata*



**TOPSHELL**  
*Cantharidus huttonii*



**RIMURIMU KURA**  
Filamentous Red  
*Polysiphonia* spp.



**PĀPAKA**  
Tunnelling Mud Crab  
*Austrohelice crassa*



**UREURE**  
Glasswort  
*Sarcocornia quinqueflora*



**KAWAU**  
Black Shag  
*Phalacrocorax carbo novaehollandiae*



**MATUKA - MOANA**  
White-faced Heron  
*Egretta novaehollandiae*

Use our **HANDY RULER** to check the critter sizes.  
**REMEMBER TO BE GENTLE!**



## BONUS ROUND!

Can you find the elusive sand flounder?

**PAATIKI**  
Sand flounder  
*Rhombosolea plebeian*

# Get out into nature this summer and discover New Zealand's hidden taonga with our estuary exploration guide.

## SHOW RESPECT FOR WILDLIFE

- Be careful where you step, keep to the footpaths
  - Leave wildlife where you find it
  - Keep dogs on leads at all times and avoid dog free zones with your dog
  - Leave attached seaweed and other plants in place – it might be someone's home
  - Do not collect too many shells because they make excellent homes for wildlife
  - Leave wildlife behind and take only photos with you.
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## KEEP SAFE AND BE CAREFUL

- Check the tides before you head out and explore during low tide: [www.linz.govt.nz/sea/tides/tide-predictions](http://www.linz.govt.nz/sea/tides/tide-predictions)
  - Keep an eye on the incoming high tide
  - Check the weather before you leave and keep an eye out for changes in the weather
  - Do not explore the estuary alone take a friend or family member
  - Make sure you are sun smart – sunblock, a hat and covered shoulders
  - Wear appropriate footwear and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty
  - If you see any rubbish, take it with you and dispose of it correctly - nature thanks you for it!
  - Keep your distance from seabirds, penguins and most importantly seals and sea lions
  - Check your local council / DOC office for further site specific info about your local estuary.
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