

RE-ESTABLISHING KĀKĀ IN THE WILD



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The kākā held in this aviary are contributing to the captive management programme run by the Department of Conservation (DOC).

In the wild, these parrots nest in holes in trees and are very vulnerable to predation by stoats and possums. This programme is aimed specifically at providing founders for new populations that can be established where predators are well controlled.

Recently a kākā population has been established at the Orokonui Ecosanctuary north of Dunedin.

Young raised over the next few years will be used by Project Janszoon and DOC to re-establish kākā in Abel Tasman National Park where historically huge flocks of kākā were recorded feeding on nectar from summer flowering rātā. A large area in this national park is now subject to predator control giving the kākā a good chance to survive and breed successfully in the wild.

About Project Janszoon

Project Janszoon is a privately funded trust named after Abel “Janszoon” Tasman. It works with DOC, the Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust, the community and local iwi to reduce predator numbers and weeds, restore ecosystems and re-introduce native birds, animals and plants.

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