

Hi there Kaka Watcher,

This year we are holding a **Kaka Survey Day next week on Sunday 25th July** to get a snap-shot of Kaka presence on the mainland. At the same time, Kaka watchers on Great Barrier Island will also be counting Kaka on the island, so we will get an idea of numbers in both a Kaka island stronghold and on the mainland in winter.

We need your help. It's hoped that as many Kaka watchers as possible will be able to count Kaka on the mainland - including the Auckland, Northland and north Waikato areas - for two hours morning and night. That is from just before dawn to just after dusk. (In your backyard, on your property, or at a reserve near you).

Last year we produced a form for respondents and many were posted back. This year I'd prefer if we could do it all by email. (See form below)

To reduce the possibility of counting the same Kaka twice, we all need to be counting at the same time. There is a full moon on July 25th which means the Kaka are likely to be more active that evening, so hopefully that will make them more detectable. Survey times are around dawn and dusk when Kaka are most likely to be seen leaving and returning to overnight roosts. If you see them at times outside these on the survey day, please also record these.

Survey times on Sunday 25th July are between 6.30am to 8am in the morning and between 5pm to 6.30pm in the evening.

I'll need number of Kaka seen, location, time you saw them, and behaviour ie flying, calling, roosting, foraging etc Tree species if roosting or foraging would be a bonus.

I'd also like you to report any Kaka presence you had in that location the week leading up to the survey - as above.

See form below - please return your form asap after the survey date, even if NO Kaka seen as a nil response is useful to know where they were not active on the date.

Look forward to your participation with this survey if possible. (This survey is being blind copied to 300+ people who have sent in Kaka observations over the past 3 years).

Many thanks,
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Kaka Survey 25th July 2010	Morning 6.30am to 8am	Evening 5pm to 6.30pm
Location Address		
Number of Kaka - seen or heard		
Time that Kaka observed and for how long		
Behaviour of Kaka eg flying, foraging, roosting, calling		
Tree species Kaka observed using, (if applicable)		

Other info - Kaka sightings at same location in past week