Te Māra Huaota o Waipapa

CHRISTCHURCH BOTANIC GARDENS

Matariki discovery trail

Follow the stars of Matariki and Puanga around Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Each star plays a role in the new year, and you’ll find related activities at each stop.

**TE IWA O MATARIKI**
The nine stars of Matariki

- Ururangi
- Waipuna-ā-rangi
- Hiwa-i-te-rangi
- Waiti
- Waita
- Pohutukawa
- Matariki
- Tupu-ā-rangi
- Tupu-ā-nuku

To find your way use the map and follow these stars.

Our Matariki discovery trail is at the following venues: Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Halswell Quarry, Ferrymead park and 303 Radcliffe Road. The trail is the same at each venue.
Follow the trail in either direction.
Matariki
The mother of all Matariki stars

Hiwa-i-te-rangi
Star of dreams and wishes

Write your wishes for the new year in this star

We’ve recreated Matariki and Puanga so you can see them in the day time.

Can you find each star in the image on the front of this sheet?

Puanga
Puanga (Puaka) also heralds the new year

Tupu-ā-nuku
Star of food from the earth

Tupu-ā-rangi
Star of food from the sky

Circle the parts of the tī kōuka tree that can be eaten.

Can you make a traditional tī kōuka leaf snare to catch kererū?
**Waitī**
Star of fresh water and its kai

*What kai can you find in the water?*

- Kōura
- Tuna
- Inanga

**Waitā**
Star of the ocean and its kai

*Try making a boat out of sticks and leaves you find.*

**Pohūtukawa**
Star for those who have passed away

*Take a minute to sit, close your eyes and breathe. What can you hear? What can you feel?*

Try and imagine all the people who have passed through this place over the last 800 years.

**Ururangi**
Star of the wind

*Can you find something that floats or flies in the wind?*

**Waipuna-ā-rangi**
Star of the rain

*Try making a rain gauge at home out of an old milk bottle.*

Full instructions can be found on our KidsFest page.