



Education for Sustainability

The calendar is designed to highlight the many wonderful environmental events and annual celebrations that take place over a year both in Aotearoa and around the world. These dates are opportunities for tamariki, ākonga and whānau to connect and engage with the local taiao/environment, and the community. Ākonga can build an understanding of inter-relatedness/whanaungatanga between humans and the natural world and the consequences and effects of these interactions, so that they can make informed decisions about contributing to the regeneration and hauora/health of social, cultural, and ecological systems. Education for Sustainability covers all learning areas and kaiako/teachers are encouraged to use a cross-curricular approach when using this calendar. By taking time to explore and weave these opportunities into classroom life, your students will enjoy these connections with the natural world over the full year!

Event/Week/Month	DATES	WEBSITES/VIDEOS/LESSON IDEAS/TEACHING MATERIALS
World Wetlands Day	2 February	www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/resources/useful-links www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/wetlands
BikeReady Month	All February	www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/3001-repo-wetlands-a-context-4-learning https://matukulink.org.nz/education https://www.bikeready.govt.nz https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf_6mKo8Hy4 www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlugLE4TaLA
Whio Awareness Month	All February	www.doc.govt.nz/whioforever www.youtube.com/watch?v=019ryD9cGDQ www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2416-whio-threats-and-conservation
World Wildlife Day	3 March	www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/world-wildlife-day www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2KykATa_QU www.teachstarter.com/gb/teaching-resource-collection/world-wildlife-day www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-wildlife-day-2025 (Teaching Resources)
SeaweeK	1-9 March	www.seaweeK.org.nz www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2162-seaweeK-resources https://mm2.net.nz/resources www.twinkl.co.nz/event/seaweeK-2025
International Forestry Day	21 March	www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/community/education/files/forestdiscovery.pdf https://treeday.planetark.org/get-involved/schools https://projectcrimson.org.nz/schools/teachers-resources www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space
World Water Week	22 March	www.smartwater.org.nz/water-education/new-story-of-water www.teacherplanet.com/content/water-day starters.co.nz/download/detail/water-precious-taonga/62.html www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-water-day-2025
Takahe Awareness Month	April	www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/takahe-awareness-month
Earth Day	22- April	www.twinkl.co.nz/event/earth-day-2025 www.earthday.org/education-resource-library www.simplykinder.com/earth-day-videos https://untamedscience.com/blog/earth-day-videos www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsAJ2FMiapE
Save the Frogs Day	28 April	www.nzfrogs.org https://teara.govt.nz/en/frogs
Compost Awareness Week	5-11 May	https://compostfoundation.org/Education/Compost-Resources https://compostcollective.org.nz/composting-in-schools https://compost.css.cornell.edu/schools.html www.twinkl.co.nz/search?q=composting
World Migratory Bird Day	11 May	www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/mirandas-migratory-birds https://teara.govt.nz/en/bird-migration www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CqBfJN4qts
International Biodiversity Day	22 May	www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/1153-introducing-biodiversity www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversity www.doc.govt.nz/nature/biodiversity/biodiversity-new-zealand-resources www.facebook.com/FarmNatCons/videos/911543265968277?extid=SEO www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDG8xxR83w0 www.learnz.org.nz/backyardbiodiversity213
World Environment Day	5 June	https://www.twinkl.co.nz/event/world-environment-day-2024 www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/425595/world-environment-day https://www.teachingpacks.co.uk/event/world-environment-day/2024-06-05




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
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Environmental Calendar 2025

Event/Day/Week/Month	DATES	WEBSITES/VIDEOS/LESSON IDEAS/TEACHING MATERIALS
Arbor Day	5 June	www.arborday.org/celebrate/educational-resources.cfm www.treesthatcount.co.nz/resources www.arborday.org.pdf www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/activities-nature-connection/plant-like-a-ninja
World Oceans Day	8 June	https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/nature/article/world-oceans-day www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/protecting-our-marine-world https://worldoceanday.org
Global Wind Day	15 June	www.windenergy.org.nz/teachers-and-schools/ https://education.nationalgeographic.org/search/resources/?q=wind
NZ Garden Bird Survey	29 June - 7 July	https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/have-you-got-what-it-takes/ (Video Series)
Biosecurity Week/Month	22 - 28 July	www.biosecurity.org.nz/about-us/what-is-biosecurity/ www.mpi.govt.nz/resources-and-forms/teacher-resources/te-ao-turoa/he-tangata-he-tangata
Plastic Free July	All July	www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-school/#categories www.sciencelearn.org.nz/events/1019-plastic-free-july www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/7-quick-tips-for-a-plastic-free-july-au/
Sunsmart Months (8 months)	September to April	https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools https://www.twinkl.co.nz/blog/sunsmart https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools/sunsmart-schools-resources (includes videos)
Conservation Week	5-11 September	www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/conservation-week nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/National-events-and-the-NZC/Conservation-Week-Te-Wiki-Tiaki-Ao-Turoa
Clean Up Week	17-23 September	www.knzb.org.nz/programmes/clean-new-zealand-beautiful/clean-up-week www.knzb.org.nz/resources/education-resources nationaltoday.com/national-clean-up-week-new-zealand
Ozone Preservation Day	16 September	www.teacherplanet.com/content/ozone-layer https://www.nasa.gov/?search=ozone www.teachengineering.org/lessons/view/cub_air_lesson08
World Car Free Day	22 September	https://genless.govt.nz/world-carfree-day
World Rivers Day	24 September	www.twinkl.com.nz/event/world-rivers-day-2025 www.twinkl.co.au/event/world-rivers-day-2025 www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/freshwater/freshwater-habitat-restoration
Save the Kiwi Month	All October	https://savethekiwi.nz/about-kiwi https://savethekiwi.nz/how-to-help/protecting-kiwi
Zero Waste Month	All October	https://zerowasteeducation.co.nz https://wellington.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/reducing-your-waste
World Animal Day/Week	4 October	www.worldanimalprotection.org.nz/education www.worldanimalday.org.uk/resources
World Climate Action Day	23 October	https://climateactionday.org/en www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2639-climate-change-resources-planning-pathways
World Soils Day	5 December	https://teara.govt.nz/en/soils www.sciencelearn.org.nz/search?term=soil www.fao.org/soils-2015/resources/audio-video/en
International Mountain Day	11 December	www.teachingideas.co.uk/search-site?s=mountains www.teacherplanet.com/content/mountains www.tes.com/teaching-resource/world-mountains-lesson-plans-and-activity-2-lessons-11243148

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS, RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

- Home Energy Conservation Topics for Kids at: www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-energy-conservation-for-kids
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at: www.bottlestore.com/ways-to-reduce-reuse-recycle-plastic-containers
- Education Outdoors New Zealand at: www.eonz.org.nz/resourcespublications Enviroschools at: <https://enviroschools.org.nz>

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