

A network of volunteers prepared to help maintain and enhance the historic and indigenous natural features of the reserve and adjoining slopes.

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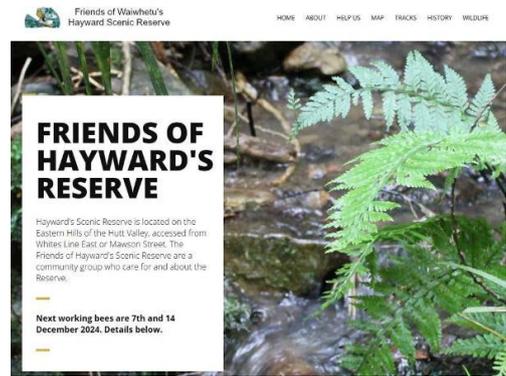
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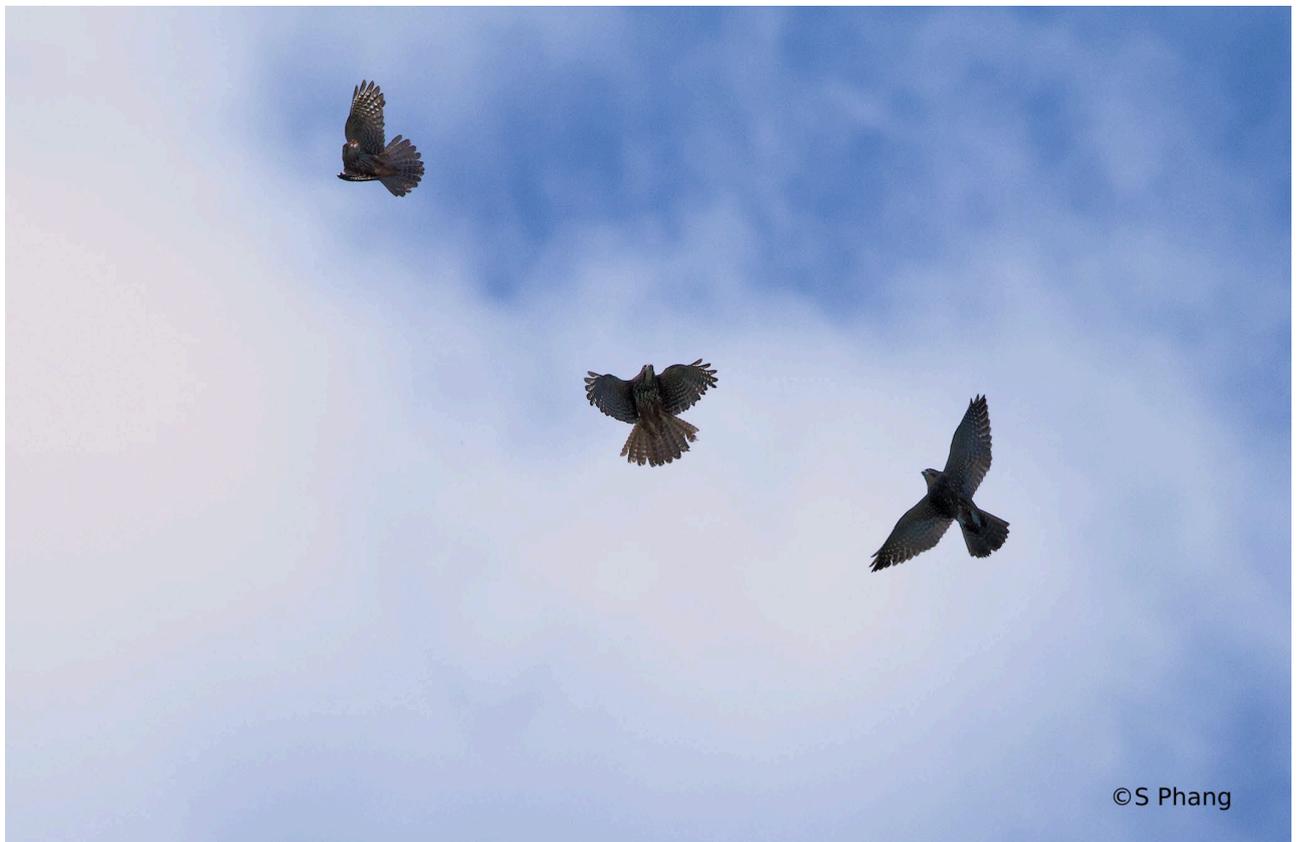
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1. *Welcome to new members.*
2. *Falcons/Karearea*
3. *Track maintenance – NEXT Working Bees Sat 31st Jan & Sat 7th Feb 10-noon*

1. Welcome to new members: Oli H, & Lucky H.

2. Falcons/Karearea [Photo credits: Sinhoi & Nic Phang].

- The baby falcons/kārearea have grown and left the nest. Sinhoi & Nic Phang have taken some amazing photos of them initially as fluffy chicks and after they have left the nest. Check out some of the photos below. It is now safe to walk the northern end of the Haywards Track.



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3. Next working bee(s) on the next two Saturdays

- Sat 31st Jan 10-noon– then attend the Te Rā o te Raukura 2026 fair at Te Whiti park afterwards
- Sat 7th Feb 10-noon – Waitangi weekend

Where to meet

Meet around 9:50am for a 10am departure. Finish around midday.
Meet at the turning circle of Whites Line East between 206 and 227.

What We'll Do

The steps and track bypass of recent working bees is now near complete.

The Tyndall ridge and Whites Gully tracks are in need of track maintenance over these two working bees. The two main tasks will re-benching tracks (removing slipped material or growth) and cutting back growth over the tracks. These are important tracks for the volunteers that maintain the GW trapping lines that has allow bird life to flourish and now support predator birds. Great work everyone.

What To Bring

If you don't have any tools, you're still very welcome, we'll bring some spares.

The most useful tools are gloves, a pick (aka mattock or grubber) and loppers. You might also like to bring along a spade, rake or hand saw. Also don't forget to bring some water and sun/rain protection. We will mostly be working in shade.



Regards Bill & Martin