

**A Wetland Centre for
NEW ZEALAND**

WHY WETLANDS



Photo: K. Denyer

Wetlands are an often forgotten habitat and many underrate their importance.

- Wetlands have been the spiritual core of many cultures and have provided safe haven, food, medicines, and weaving materials.
- Our wetlands support a greater diversity of native birds, fish, invertebrates and plants than most other habitats.
- People have fun in wetlands - fishing, kayaking, bird watching, hunting...
- They improve water quality, reduce flood risks and have a significant role in managing climate change.
- Despite their high value over 90% have been drained.



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The national wetland centre (Waikato based) will increase awareness and appreciation of wetlands, provide a real wetland experience and be a source of quality information.



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