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## **The New Zealand Wildlife Activity Book by Dave Gunson**

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Young people will learn about New Zealand's wildlife in a fun and active way with this top-notch activity book. There's a host of creative, original activities suitable for ages from six-year-olds through to intermediate students.

Some of the activities are ideal for rainy, indoor days, such as the classy nameplates and bookmarks to decorate and complete. The morepork, bug, and weta masks attached to the front cover are brightly coloured and sturdy. While the sea life mobile attached to the back cover will be an attractive addition to any bedroom or study. Word finds, fill in the gaps sentences, unscramble names, identical pairs, quizzes, and weird and wacky wildlife facts, all focus on nature in an interesting way.

Outdoor challenges encourage the kids to go fossicking about outside. For instance, the spider hunt will appeal to those who love creepy crawlies. The Species Spotters are an inventive idea showing colourful illustrations of common plants, animals and insects to be identified in the local environment. Spot the birds, grow your own butterflies, looking for lizards, find a frog, and invite an insect will have youngsters exploring their backyards and neighbourhoods.

The A4 size allows for plenty of illustrations, some in colour and some black-and-white. As the author and illustrator, Dave Gunson has achieved a good synergy between text and images. Information is in manageable bites and easy to read. Thick, quality paper ensures this excellent book will handle the frequent use it will receive.

**Reviewed by children's author Jean Bennett**

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