EMBRACE THE DAWN CHORUS

May-June 2021 UrbanArt Foundation collaboration with Predator Free Wellington and Zealandia

Catalogue of artworks for Judi Lapsley Miller

About the exhibition:

To celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day, on May 2nd, the Urban Art Foundation presented the Embrace the Dawn Chorus exhibition dedicated to New Zealand's bird life and created in collaboration with ZEALANDIA Ecosanctuary and Predator Free Wellington.

Featured artists in the show are: Judi Lapsley Miller, Chimp, Hannah Shand, Niels Meyer-Westfeld, Jeanette Blackburn, and Sofia Minson.

Artworks are displayed on digital screens throughout the Wellington CBD, Airport, and Railway Station, and on street screens in cities outside of Wellington, including Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton and New Plymouth.

About the artist:

Judi creates joyous artworks about birds with a wildlife advocacy theme. Her inspiration comes from volunteering at Zealandia EcoSanctuary, where she currently assists the kākā breeding program, photography, and the art gallery. She donates 10% of her proceeds to wildlife organizations.

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Artworks:

- Nightlife (tūī)
- An urban jungle (kākā)
- Abracadabra (kererū)
- Forever calling me (kākā)
- Visions of Zealandia (kākā)
- A little ray of sunshine (hihi)
- Emerging (kākā kura)
- From whence cometh evil (tūi)
- It's about time (kākā)
- Imagine (kākā)
- The secret (pīwakawaka)
- On the edge of time (kāruhiruhi)
- At what cost forever (tūī)
- I shall ride every storm (tūī)
- Halcyon Day (kōtare)
- The Collector (tūī)
- A real kiwi joker (kiwi pukupuku)
- The sign of the Southern Cross (tūī)
- Incoming (kererū)
- Sweet Dreams (ruru)
- The web of life (toutouwai)
- Popping Up (takahē)
- Bursting Out (kākāriki)





Featuring: tūī, kiwi pukupuku, kākā, and ruru

This artwork imagines Wellington's "nightlife" once Predator Free NZ is successful.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to Capital Kiwi Trust.

Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-10



An urban jungle

Featuring: kākā

Telling the story of the struggles facing the kākā as they adapt to living in an urban environment.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to Zealandia.

Created 2017

Catalogue CA2017-04



Amacadabna

Featuring: kererū

This artwork celebrates the restoration of the Miramar Peninsula and the growth of the kererū population in Wellington.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to Zealandia.

Created 2017

Catalogue CA2017-12



Forever calling me

Featuring: tūī

An apprehensive tūī is called to an uncertain future.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to Forest & Bird.

Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-19



Visions of Zeafandia

Featuring: kākā, kāruhiruhi, and pūtangitangi

This artwork tells the story of Zealandia EcoSanctuary's 500-year vision to restore the valley to a prehuman ecosystem.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to Zealandia.

Created 2017

Catalogue CA2017-03



A little ray of sunshine

Featuring: hihi

This artwork celebrates the return of hihi to Wellington.

Sales of fine-art prints include a 10% donation to the Hihi Recovery Trust.

Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-20



Exwenging

Featuring: kākā kura

The kākā kura is a rare red colour morph – probably one of a kind – who I knew as an egg and held as a chick. As she matured, her feathering turned salmon-red. Such kākā were hunted and shot by Victorian birders for their skins, making them incredibly rare in the wild.

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Created 2017

Catalogue CA2017-01



From whence comett evil

Featuring: tūī

This image explores the impact of colonization and colonialism on NZ wildlife, a cataclysmic storm that is still raging.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-05



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Featuring: kākā

A post-apocalyptic vision where the birds are leading the recovery.

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Created 2017

Catalogue CA2017-13





Featuring: kākā, hihi, ruru, wētāpunga

Commissioned by Zealandia founder Jim Lynch, and used for the cover art for his book about Zealandia's early history.

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Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-07





The secret

Featuring: pīwakawaka

A baby pīwakawaka tells her mum a secret. A joyous view of one of New Zealand's favourite birds.

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Created 2020

Catalogue CA2020-02



On the edge of time

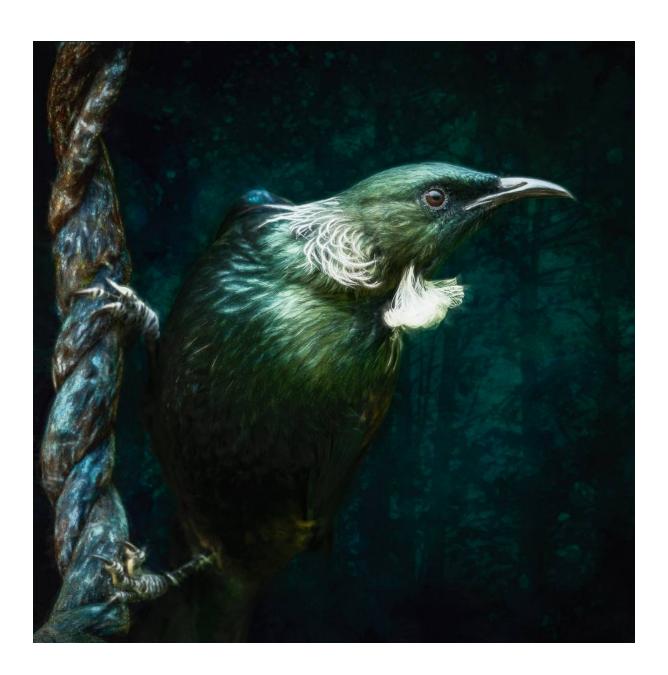
Featuring: kāruhiruhi (pied shag)

Dawn breaks, the mist rises, and the kāruhiruhi start the day.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-27



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Featuring: tūī

Briefly alighting on a rātā vine, this tūī pays a fleeting visit.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-06



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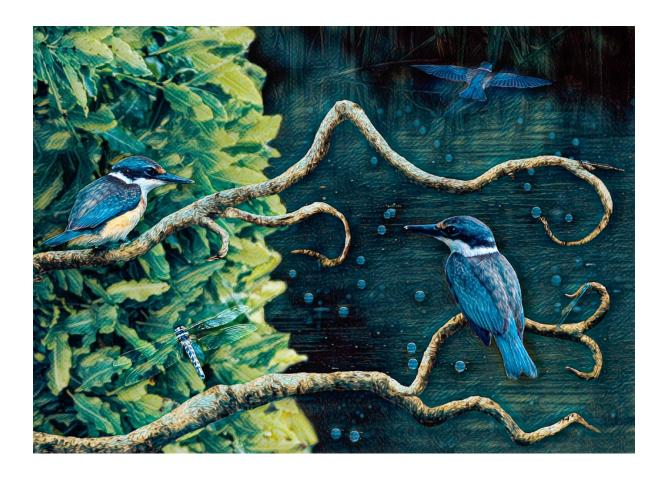
Featuring: tūī

Defiant in the face of adversity, this tūī challenges you to stand tall and face your foes head on.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-08



Featuring: kōtare

A languid summer's day and a sun-shower passes through; fat raindrops plopping on the lake. The kōtare keep a close eye from their vantage points watching for tasty morsels. A giant kapokapowia, our largest dragonfly, buzzes by, while the more diminutive kekewai, the brilliant blue damselflies, take a rest.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-20





The Collecton

Featuring: tūī

In a reversal of fortune, this collector of long-lost species has added a new specimen to his collection.

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Created 2018

Catalogue CA2018-31



real kiwi joken Featuring: kiwi pukupuku

Out for an early evening stroll under a rising moon, our kiwi friend is chuckling to himself - I wonder what the joke is?

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Created 2020

Catalogue CA2020-09



The sign of the Southern Cross

Featuring: tūī

What are they plotting? An ecstasy of tūī gather under the Southern Cross constellation amidst native bush to plot and plan. Each has their own agenda. Are you worried?

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Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-09



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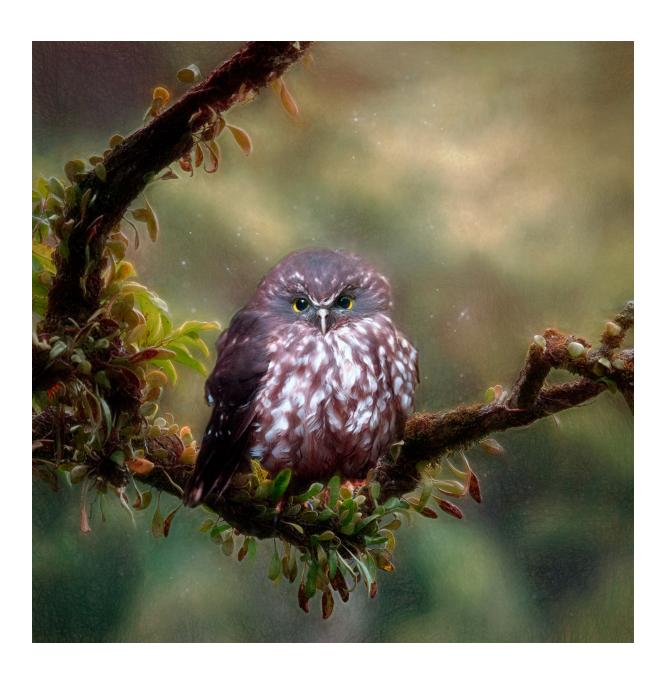
Featuring: kererū

A majestic kererū comes in to land.

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Created 2019

Catalogue CA2019-16





Featuring: ruru

As golden hour ends and dusk settles, a wee ruru wakes up and prepares for the night. Filling the air with sweet calls to her lover, and sending sweet dreams to you.

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Created 2021

Catalogue CA2021-06



The web of life

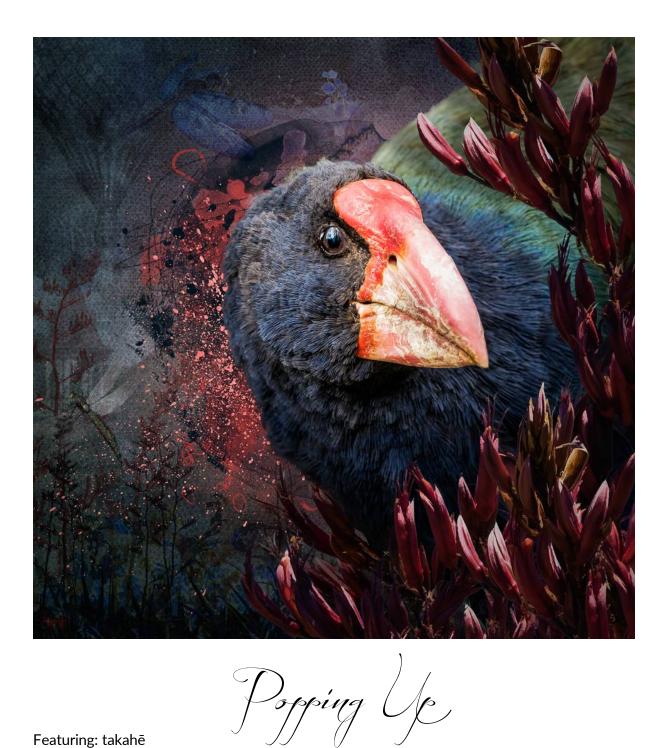
Featuring: toutouwai

The cutest wee toutouwai basks in the late afternoon sun in the deepest forest.

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Catalogue CA2021-05



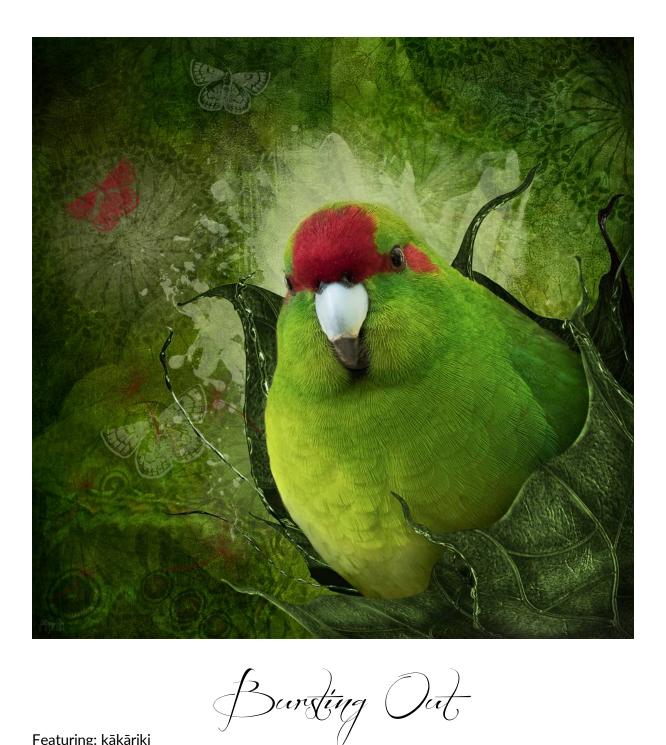
Featuring: takahē

A takahē pops up from behind harakeke (flax) flowers to shyly show off his iridescent plumage. Takahē are one of the most endangered birds in the world and were once thought extinct, until a small remnant population was found in the wilds of the Murchison mountains in 1948.

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Created 2016

Catalogue CA2016-03



Featuring: kākāriki

A kākāriki bursts into view. These engaging parakeets fill the skies with flashes of green and chattering laughter. They once were common on the mainland, but their numbers plummeted with predation by introduced rats, stoats, and cats. In 2010, they were reintroduced to the Wellington region, into a sanctuary surrounded by a predator-proof fence to breed safely and fly freely. We are now blessed to have them fly through our garden.

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Created 2016

Catalogue CA2016-01