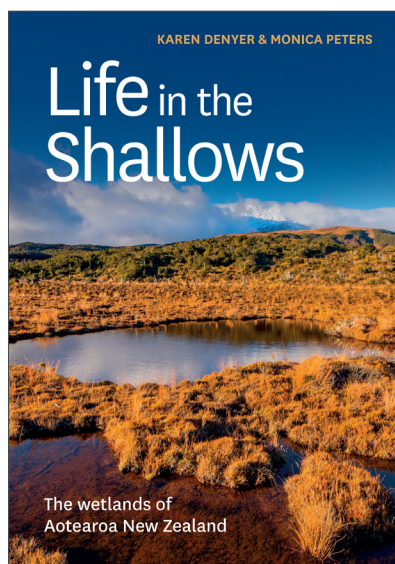


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HOW WETLANDS WORK, WHAT LIVES THERE AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO PROTECT THEM

Rich and diverse but often unloved, Aotearoa's wetlands are the most vulnerable of our ecosystems. Only a tiny fraction of their original extent remains, and we continue to lose this vital habitat. The race is on to discover more about them while we still can. This highly illustrated and absorbing book introduces and explores the wetlands of Aotearoa through the work and experiences of our leading researchers.

It also explores the deep cultural and spiritual significance they have for Māori, and the collaboration of mātauranga Māori and western science in continuing to improve our understanding of these special places.

Featuring wetlands to visit all around the country, descriptions of the rich bird, insect and plant life that can be found there, and some of the innovative ways we can protect and restore them, *Life in the Shallows* is a key resource for those who want to explore, understand and care for these precious places.

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SALES POINTS

- Interviews and contributions from over 20 of New Zealand's leading wetland scientists to inspire the next generation of researchers
- Fascinating discoveries about how wetlands habitats work and what lives in them
- Inspiration and information for those wanting to conserve and restore wetlands — community and iwi groups, councils, farmers and students
- Wide range of subjects: how wetlands form, how to build a new wetland, how new species are discovered and named, and how scientists carry out field research and find solutions to problems caused by climate change, pollution, pests and people
- All proceeds from book sales go to the National Wetland Trust to further its wetland advocacy work

