

Update at Orokonui EcoSanctuary

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Nesting is underway for the Orokonui Kaka, with 7 individual nests currently under observation. As you can see from the photos they definitely vary in age! One nest is still at egg stage (freshly laid) another nest has only just hatched whereas the older nests have birds finally getting their adult-colored plumage.

Adult Kakas are definitely easy to spot at the feeding stations right now, much to the public's delight and there are still many of last year's juveniles about too.

We keep an eye on known nest sites (often a mix of natural cavities and artificially constructed boxes) to band the offspring. This helps with keeping track of the population. This year we banded our 100th Kaka chick!

Population estimates for the Sanctuary sit at about 50 birds - the birds regularly seen time and again (probably carrying capacity) but with increasing numbers seen and recorded in the surrounding districts.



Orokonui EcoSanctuary has been receiving Harrison's Bird Foods products for about 3 years and have seen encouraging population growth and nesting success.

