



Thinning kauri canopy at Piha, Auckland

KAURI KILLER

HELP PROTECT OUR KINGS OF THE FOREST

Kauri trees are dying from kauri collar rot disease. Once the trees are infected, they will die because there is no known treatment. The only way we can help is by stopping the spread of the disease from infected trees to healthy trees. The disease can be carried in soil on your footwear, when walking near kauri trees and on the feet and the guts of animals.



LOOK OUT FOR KAURI TREES WITH

- × Yellow leaves
- × Dead branches
- × Thinning canopy
- × Bleeding gum (pictured) at the base of the tree, which spreads around the trunk to form a collar



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Don't walk on kauri tree roots
- ✓ Stay on defined tracks
- ✓ Scrub any soil and mud off your footwear before and after you visit any kauri forest.
- ✓ Keep your dog on a leash so it doesn't walk on kauri roots
- ✓ Fence livestock out of kauri forests and eradicate wild pigs
- ✓ Report suspected infected trees to the Kauri Dieback Response Team: 0800 695 2874

WHAT IS KAURI COLLAR ROT?

- A microscopic fungus-like disease called *Phytophthora taxon Agathis* (PTA)
- It was formally identified in April 2008 but it may have been in New Zealand for several years.
- It only attacks kauri and can infect kauri of all ages, from seedlings to mature trees
- It is spread through soil from the roots to the rest of the tree
- Pigs, rats and dogs may spread the disease
- It has been found in Auckland, Northland and Great Barrier Island forests



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