

Pukenui Ranger Report 12/05/2021

Trapping

Our trap catch rate remains low with rats being the most common species, a further two stoats and another weasel have been caught.

MONTH	WEASEL	STOAT	RAT	CAT	HEDGEHOG	POSSUM	FERRET	OTHER	SET OFF
JANUARY	0	3	34	4	7	5	0	1	0
FEBRUARY	0	1	20	0	3	1	0	0	0
MARCH	1	3	29	1	0	0	0	0	2
APRIL	1	2	28	0	1	0	0	0	0

Buffer trap expansion

The buffer trap expansion of a further 45 double set doc 200s is almost complete with just a handful of trap boxes to go out, the last remaining boxes to go out in the Whau valley area will be accessed through private property. We will need to have permission to access the property before these can be put in place, as no one is home during the day we will approach the landowners after hours to hopefully get their permissions.

Kiwi

The Health checks are progressing well with one kiwi left to hunt down. Both Shazza and 44 are in medium good condition and Sandy who was AWOL for a spell was found 50m off the walking track to the Mangere being in good to excellent condition. After being missing for awhile Niwis signal was found last week and unfortunately has kicked his transmitter which was found down by the logging track. We Have kiwi 69 left to find with a bit of luck we shall have it in the coming week or so.