

# CONSERVATION HEROES

**Olly** (age 10) from KCC Waikato is growing our knowledge and passion for the insect world.

Hi, my name is Olly and I'm 10 years old. I really like cicadas, so much so that I wrote a whole book about them! My book is called *Cicadas of New Zealand*, and it describes New Zealand's 42 cicadas, with lots of colour photographs and location maps to help people identify cicadas that they find. I wrote this book as I wanted to learn more about cicadas, and there weren't any books on cicadas for me to read. There are some really cool cicadas out there, and hopefully this book will help people to find them and to realise how great they are.

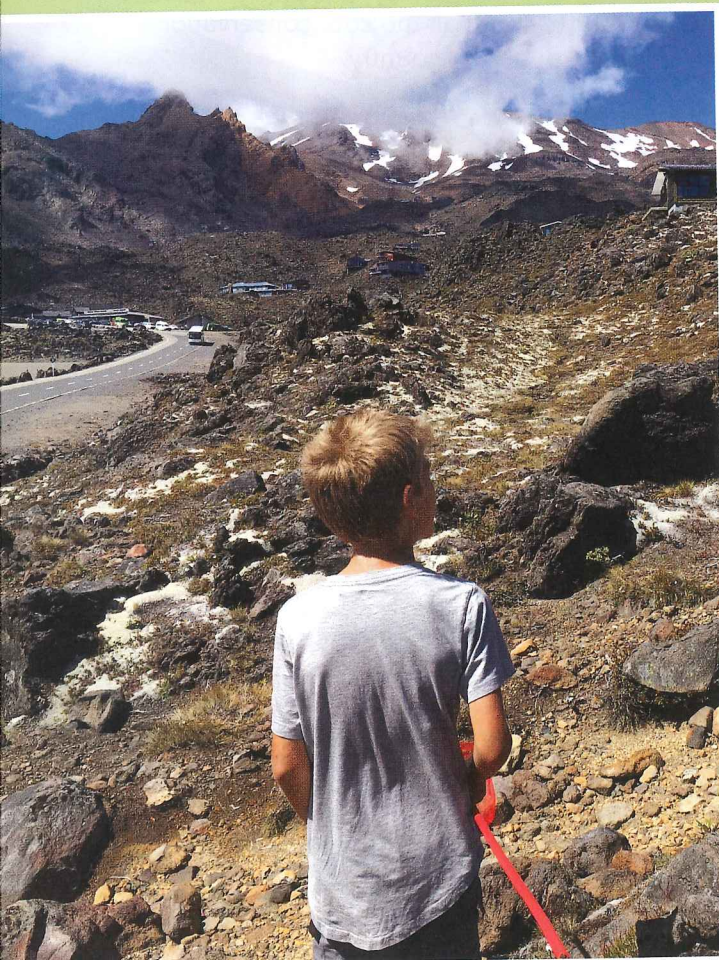


Olly observing some specimens. Photo by Tara Hills

The coolest cicada I've found is the blue chorus cicada you can see in the photograph. I really like the fact that only children can hear the high-pitched cicadas – I think this makes people who can find these cicadas special.



The blue chorus cicada (*Amphipsalta zelandica*) is also one of the largest NZ cicadas. Photo by Tara Hills



Out hunting for cicadas at Iwikau Village, Mount Ruapehu. Photo by Tara Hills

**CONGRATS, KYRA!**  
YOU'RE OUR KASEY  
THE KEA COMP WINNER



Protect the kea so they don't go extinct.  
Happy kea year! I love nature.  
KYRA (AGE 7)



**IT'S OUR  
30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**  
HELP US CELEBRATE FOR YOUR  
CHANCE TO WIN A KEA 3 & MORE



Kiwi Camping and KCC are both 30 years old! Decorate a cake, make us a card, banner, or birthday hat, or throw us a party! Submit a photo of you celebrating and a few words about what you did to [kcc.org.nz/outdoor-adventure](http://kcc.org.nz/outdoor-adventure). Be in to win a Kea 3 tent, Koru sleeping bag, thermal foam mat & gel torch. Submissions close 9th March 2018. The winner will be featured in the next *Wild Things* mag.



I'm interested in all insects, as well as birds, frogs, and lizards, and like to help out with local conservation projects. I love to read, especially books on insects and birds, but also fantasy fiction books like Harry Potter. My ideal day would be spent finding an iolanthe cicada, as we've been chasing them all around the country, and haven't even heard one yet.



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You can buy my book from either [fishpond.co.nz](http://fishpond.co.nz) or my website [nzcicada.co.nz](http://nzcicada.co.nz). I also have a facebook page. You can contact me through it too if you have any cicada questions, or any photographs you would like to post – [facebook.com/NZCicadas](https://facebook.com/NZCicadas).

Happy cicada hunting!

## GIVEAWAY

**Cicadas  
of New  
Zealand**

Olly Hills

We have five  
copies of Olly's  
awesome book to  
give away.

To go in the draw to win a copy, email [kcc@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:kcc@forestandbird.org.nz) by 9 March 2018 with the answer to this question:  
What do cicadas feed on?