



Title: Flying Home

Description: A tauhou or silvereye flying to a winter feeder

Photographer: Rod Hay

Where, when: Christchurch, 11 May 2020

Sustainability? The tauhou is a relatively recent arrival in Aotearoa, arriving by air at about the same time as Europeans were colonising in ships, hence its Maori name “new arrival”. They are now one of our commonest birds, being found right across the country in forests, woodlands, shrublands and gardens.

Like the specialist honeyeaters, korimako and tui, tauhou are very partial to nectar and will soon flock to a feeder stocked with reliable supply of sugar water in winter. Don't feed them honey water though. They might like it, but so do bees and you may spread bee disease. Forest and Bird have great advice on how to feed birds in your garden. <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/resources/feeding-native-birds-garden>

Photo notes: 1/200s, 210mm, f13, ISO 200, Olympus OM-D E-M5 m4/3

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