

# Tipi Nuku Ep3 New Zealand's *giant wētā*



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**Reminder:** turn on captions | **Time:** 8.40 minutes

1. How many legs do wētāpunga have?
2. What do wētāpunga eat?
3. How long have wētāpunga been around?
4. Which countries can you find wētāpunga in?
5. How are wētāpunga different from other species of cricket?
6. Who are the two zoo educators that Ngarangi meets at the zoo?
7. How many species of wētāpunga are there?
8. How do wētāpunga breathe?
9. What do they fill the netted tower with before putting it into the wētāpunga habitat?
10. How many wētāpunga have Auckland Zoo bred and released back into the wild so far?

**Interesting vocabulary to learn more about:**

Indigenous, unfurl, appetite, descendent, ecosystem, vital, disperse, exterior, habitat, frond, release, peke, rere, te wao, motu.

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*Ka pai! (Well done!)*

Now it's time to check your answers.

1. Wētāpunga have ono (six) legs.
2. Wētāpunga eat native plants.
3. For 190 million years.
4. Wētāpunga are only found in Aotearoa!
5. Wētāpunga cannot peke (jump) or rere (fly) like other cricket species because they are too heavy.
6. Ngarangi meets Stirling and Hōhepa at the zoo.
7. There are tekau mā tahi (eleven) species of wētāpunga.
8. Wētāpunga breathe through holes in their exterior shell.
9. They fill the tower with fern fronds.
10. So far, 5700 wētāpunga have been released onto rima (five) motu (islands) around Aotearoa.



**Challenge:**

Draw a wētāpunga in its habitat.  
Here is a video to follow along with if you like!