

2020 Environmental Awareness Dates

Month	Date	New Zealand	International
February	Month	Bike Ready Month (previously Bikewise)	
February	Month	Aotearoa Bike Challenge	
February	2		World Wetlands Day
February	11		International Day of Women and Girls in Science
February	22	Estuary Festival (Christchurch)	
Feb - Mar	29th Feb-8th Mar	Seaweeek	
March	Month	Whio Awareness Month	
March	Month	Sustainable Backyards (Bay of Plenty)	
March	3		World Wildlife Day (UNGA)
March	8		International Women's Day (UN)
March	14		International Day of Action for Rivers
March	21		International Day of Forests (UNGA)
March	22		World Water Day (UN)
March	28		Earth Hour (WWF)
March	Mar 21 - Apr 19	Ecofest North (Kaipatiki Project)	
April	Month	Takahē Awareness Month	
April	Not announced	Tearfund Ethical Fashion Guide	
April	7		World Health Day
April	13		International Plant Appreciation Day
April	18-24	BLAKE Inspire (formerly Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum)	
April	20-26		Fashion Revolution
April	22		Earth Day
April	25		Save the Frogs Day
May	2		World Naked Gardening Day
May	3-9		International Compost Awareness Week
May	5		International Permaculture Day
May	9		World Fairtrade Day
May	9-17	Organic Week	
May	11		World Migratory Bird Day
May	16		World Fish Migration Day
May	18-24	Tech Week	
May	20		World Bee Day (UN)
May	22		International Day for Biological Diversity
May	23		World Turtle Day
June	Month (start and end date goes with moon)	Pipiri ki a Papatūānuku	
June-July	27 Jun - 5 Jul	NZ Garden Bird Survey (Landcare Research)	
June	3		World Bicycle Day
June	5		World Environment Day (UN)
June	5		Arbor Day

June	5		International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
June	8		World Oceans Day
June	15		Global Wind Day
June	16-22		Global Sharing Week
June	17		World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
June	18		Sustainable Gastronomy Day
June	21		International Climate Change Day
June	21-27	National Volunteering Week	
June	29		International Day of the Tropics
July	Month		Plastic Free July
July	Not announced		Earth Overshoot Day
July	Not announced	Biosecurity Week	
July	11		World Population Day (UN)
July	13-16	Matariki – Māori New Year	
August	Not announced	Youth Peace Week	
August	22		World Plant Milk Day
September	Month	Straw Free September (Our Seas Our Future)	
September	Month		Second Hand September (Oxfam)
September	Month	Bee Awareness Month	
September	Not announced	Te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori language week)	
September	5 - 13	Conservation Week (DoC)	
September	7-13	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Cleanup week	
September	7		International Day of Clean Air for blue skies
September	16		International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
September	18		International Equal Pay Day
September	18-27	The Great kererū Count	
September	19		World Cleanup Day
September	21		International Day of Peace
September	22		World Car Free Day
September	27		World Rivers Day
September	29		International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
October	Month	Biktober (Christchurch)	
October	Month	Save Kiwi Month	
October	Not announced	Zero Waste Network Hui-ā-Tau (annual hui)	
October	Not announced	Bird of the Year (Forest and Bird)	
October	Not announced	Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards	
October	5		World Habitat Day
October	12		World Migratory Bird Day
October	5		World Teachers' Day
October	13		International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

October	16		World Food Day
October	19-22	WasteMINZ Annual Conference	
October	19-20	Recycling Week	
October	31		World Cities Day
Bi-annual (varies)		Para Kore Hui-ā-Tau	
November	Month	Nothing New November (Launched in 2019 by New Brighton Stitch-O-Mat)	
November	Not announced	Gender equal pay day	There are international versions
November	Not announced	Sustainable Business Network Awards	
November	5		World Tsunami Awareness Day
November	6		International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
November	10		World Science Day for Peace and Development
November	20		World Children's Day
November	23		White Monday
November	28		Buy Nothing Day
December	5		International Volunteer Day
December	5		World Soil Day
December	11		International Mountain Day
December	11	Use Your Own Cup Day (UYO)	

Decade	2011-2020		Decade on Biodiversity (UN)
Decade	2014-2024		Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (UN)
Decade	2021-2030		Decade of Ocean Science (UN)
Ongoing	Ongoing		Fridays for Future
Ongoing	Ongoing		UN Regional Climate Weeks

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