


Compare Your Wetland.

Do some research on a wetland near you and compare it with Ō Tū Wharekai. Try and fill out as many categories as you can.

Category	Ō Tū Wharekai	Name of wetland:
location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Island • 43° 33' S / 171° 11' E • over 600m above sea level 	
type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intermontane (between mountain ranges)/high country wetland system 	
formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formed by ancient glaciers 	
weather and climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subalpine climate • average monthly rainfall 71mm • winds are mainly from the northwest • the high country has a dry climate - it is often hot and windswept • much of the land lies above 700 metres so it is also often cold • from daylight to nightfall the temperature can drop from baking hot to freezing • in winter, snow covers the mountains and many lakes freeze 	

rare animal species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longfin eel/tuna • upland longjaw galaxias • Australasian bittern/mātuku • black-fronted tern/tarāpirohe, • black-billed gull/tarāpuka • wrybill/ngutu pare • banded dotterel/turiwhatu • Australasian crested grebe/kāmana • Caspian tern/tārā nui • scree skink/mokomoko 	
rare plant species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. pygmy forget-me-not (ephemeral turf vegetation), marsh arrowrush, native lily 	
recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. trout/salmon fishing, hunting, sailing, wind surfing 	
current nearby land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • camping and holiday baches • mainly sheep farming 	
Māori occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Māori used the wetlands for food and resources on their journeys from one coast to another 	