



MAKE A WĒTĀ MOTEL

Wētā are unique native bugs. They have been in New Zealand for millions of years and are commonly called the dinosaur of New Zealand bugs. You can be a citizen scientist by creating a safe place for wētā to live in your own backyard away from predators, like mice and rats.

You will need:

- A bamboo stick
- A saw
- Strong string or rope
- An adult to help you

How to make your wētā motel:

- Buy or find a piece of bamboo that is between 1.2cm and 2cm wide.
- Saw it into short pieces (approximately 12cm long). Each piece will make a wētā motel.
- Tie each piece of wood to a post or tree trunk.

Keep an eye on your wētā motel. Wētā will eventually move in and you might see them emerge from their new homes at night!