

Matariki Stars



Matariki

The star that signifies reflection of time past. It represents the connection to the environment and signals the time for people to get together. It symbolises hope and encourages you to connect to the environment.

Pōhutukawa

The star that wraps around our memories of those we have lost, it symbolises the connection to our past and to the ancestors who have gone before us. This star helps us acknowledge those who have brought us to where we are now.

Waiti

The star that shines for all sources of fresh water and the life within. When this star is shining bright, the land and humans will be sustained by the water.

Waitā

The star that symbolises all sources of salt water as well as the life that lives in it. Respect, preserve and protect our coasts and oceans and the ocean dwellers for they are a great taonga (treasure).

Waipuna-ā-rangi

The star associated with rain in all forms. The rains are life-giving and the earth is reliant on the arrival of the rains to maintain a healthy life cycle.



Tupuānuku

The star associated with all that grows in the ground. Well nourished and sustaining soil is essential to all that grows. Plant only those which you need and tend them well.

Tupuarangi

The star that is linked with the trees, forests, fruits, berries and birds. Our native forest dwellers need our protection. Your role in their preservation is to act as kaitiaki (guardian).

Ururangi

This star is closely tied with the moods of the winds and Tāwhirimatea (god of the weather). The winds can cool you on a day when there is intense heat and they can bring destruction and challenge when Tāwhirimatea commands a storm.

Hiwaiterangi/Hiwa

This is the star to be wished upon. It is the youngest star of the nine and represents the hopes and aspirations to be carried forth in the next year. Hold fast to your dreams and aspirations and focus on those pathways that will lead you in those directions.

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