

Help protect Auckland's

kauri forests

A disease has been identified in the Waitakere Ranges which is threatening the health of kauri trees in the area.

This disease, known as *Phytophthora* taxon Agathis (PTA), is killing kauri of all sizes, and symptoms include yellowing leaves, canopy thinning, dead branches and eventually the death of the tree. Affected trees can also develop large lesions that bleed resin.

The disease is spread by soil movement and infected soil on running shoes or tramping boots.

What you can do to help



Park users must **keep to the defined tracks** to avoid disturbance of soil around tree roots.

Footwear must be clean before arriving at the park. This can be easily done at home by thoroughly scrubbing the footwear and making sure it's free of soil.

To minimise the risk of spreading PTA, **ensure you clean your shoes again** at home.

Keep your **dog on a leash** at all times to avoid spreading the disease.

Report any **suspected sightings** of diseased kauri (except at Huia, Cascades and Maungaroa Ridge at Piha) to the ARC Biosecurity Team on (09) 366 2000, or biosecurity@arc.govt.nz

