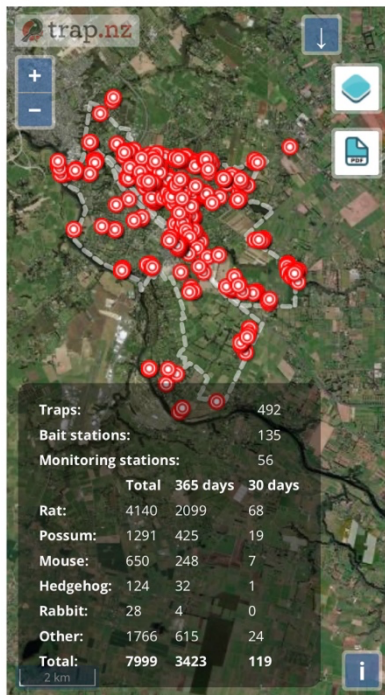




Monthly Project Report for Predator Free Tamahere

Reporting Period: Mar 2025

Activities:



Gully-Focused Predator Control

Closing in on 8,000! Our tally is now **7,999**, about to hit another milestone, thanks to everyone in the community who is trapping and logging their catches on *Trap.nz*—every effort counts!

Community Engagement & Collaboration

Bat Signage Project – We’re working with Tamahere School, Go Eco, Enviroschools, and WDC to raise awareness of our local long-tailed bats. The project is almost complete, with final design tweaks happening and fundraising underway for installation.

Trapping Workshop – One of our team attended an excellent HCC & Go Eco trapping workshop with *Sam the Trap Man*—a great chance to connect with other local groups and sharpen our trapping skills. These sessions are invaluable for boosting local trapping success.

Ferret Monitoring – More ferret sightings came in after last month’s *Tamahere Forum* update. In response, we’ve loaned out a ferret trap to help deal with the problem.

April = Pulsed Baiting Month April pulsed baiting social media reminder to go out shortly to ensure rodent bait is being used safely and effectively. Pulsing prevents rats from becoming bait-shy, improving control.

Our pulsed baiting plan aligns with school holidays, making it easy to remember and targeting pests at key times. We bait in Jan, Feb, April, Aug, and Nov, skipping the other months. January and February bait targets rats before summer food peaks and prior to autumn breeding. April addresses the expected seasonal rat and mouse spike. August targets rats emerging from winter when food is scarce, and November protects birds during peak nesting. This approach reduces bait use, saves money, avoids baiting during times of abundant natural food sources when rats are unlikely to take the bait, minimising mouldy bait issues which makes rats bait-shy, and decreases environmental impact from bait overuse.