

KUAKA CAFE (sorry we're closed), 2019 by Ursula Christel & Sue Hill

Installation:

Mitre 10 plastic box, beach sand, tree branch, plywood sign, 3 x bamboo stakes, twine, litter, A4 laminated menu card

“Changing our consumerist habits and actively preserving the stop-over habitats for migratory birds, is the least we can do for them!”

The grave reality facing the Kuaka/bar-tailed godwits is that they might fly for 9 days non-stop from Alaska, finally arriving on our NZ shores - only to discover that their essential food supply has been irrevocably depleted due to pollution, development and sediment run-off.

If KUAKA CAFÉ ‘runs out of stock’, the birds won’t be able to refuel their bodies for the return flight.

We need a global commitment as well as local awareness to safeguard these vital habitats - to ensure the perpetual provision of a rich and replenishing supply of food and clean water, for all our migratory shorebirds.