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# Ancient DNA Analysis of Māori Feather <br> Cloaks and Kete: <br> Implications for Conservation and Culture 

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#### Abstract

Feather cloaks (kakahu) and bags (kete), particularly those adorned with kiwi feathers, are treasured items or taonga to the Māori people of New Zealand. They are considered iconic expressions of Māori culture. Despite their status, much of our knowledge of the materials used to construct these artefacts, the provenance of these artefacts and the origins of these traditions, has been lost. We used ancient DNA methods to recover mitochondrial DNA sequences from 849 feather samples taken from 109 kiwi feathered cloaks (kahu kiwi) and 161 feather samples from 55 kiwi feathered kete (kete kiwi). We show that almost all (>99\%) of the cloaks and all (100\%) of the kete were constructed using feathers from North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). Just one cloak was found to have been constructed using feathers from little spotted kiwi (Apteryx owenii). The remaining three species of kiwi (Apteryx haasti, Apteryx rowi and Apteryx australis) were not found in any of the cloaks and kete sampled. Molecular sexing of nuclear DNA from 92 feather cloak samples also revealed that the sex-ratio of birds deviated from a ratio of 1:1 observed in reference populations, with a male skew observed. Additionally, a reference database of 185 North Island brown kiwi mitochondrial control region DNA sequences was constructed, comprising samples collected from 26 North Island locations together with data available from the literature. For contemporary populations, we saw a phylogeographic structuring of haplotypes using both SAMOVA and Nested Clade Analysis into Eastern, Northern and West and Central populations. Utilising this structuring, it was possible to infer the provenance of 847 kiwi feathers from 108 cloaks and 153 kiwi feathers from 52 kete. A surprising proportion of cloaks (15\%) and some kete (5.5\%) were found to contain feathers from different geographic locations providing evidence of either kiwi trading among Māori tribes (iwi), tribal displacement, or organised hunting trips into other tribal areas. The data also suggests that the east of the North Island was the most prolific of all kiwi cloak and kete making areas, accounting for over $50 \%$ of all cloaks analysed and over $58 \%$ of all kete. This could indicate that the East of the North Island was the epicentre for this cultural tradition. Also, the structuring


observed in the reference database will prove to be useful to conservationists, such as the New Zealand Department of Conservation, when deciding strategies to maintain populations of New Zealand's most iconic bird. The genetic analysis of these treasured items has been invaluable in enriching our knowledge and rebuilding their lost histories. Additionally, genetic data from historical items can aid our understanding or how populations change overtime, thus aiding conservation of valuable species.

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## Chapter 1

## General Introduction

Genetic analysis and molecular studies are no longer the reserve of any distinct discipline. DNA has become a multidisciplinary molecule. Analysis of the molecule itself has allowed for a greater understanding of its functions and mechanisms and, it is this understanding that has allowed the application of molecular analysis to a wide range of fields. Its nature as a variable, unique identifier has made it the 'go to' tool for ecologists and conservationists interested in pedigree reconstruction to explore heritable traits, population structure and diversity, migration, speciation and mating systems amongst others. The relatively predictable nature of DNA mutation provides a tangible companion to the fossil record for evolutionary biologists looking at divergence, convergence, rates of evolution, evolutionary trees and how particular genes evolve, e.g. genes for flight, vision, pigmentation. DNA is invaluable to anthropologists, especially given recent advances in ancient DNA (aDNA) techniques (Haak et al 2010, Destro-Bisol et al 2010). DNA allows anthropologists to reconstruct the history of human populations, characterisation of DNA in extinct humans and ancient populations and to explore the role of adaptive processes in shaping the diversity of our species (Destro-Bisol et al 2010). DNA is becoming of increasing importance to historians. Previously limited to written accounts and oral histories, DNA provides a measurable addition to complement or challenge these histories. Indeed, DNA has the ability to recreate histories lacking written or oral accounts.

This is not a typical biological thesis. It is multidisciplinary, with applications in both conservation and culture, backed by biological genetic theory and techniques. This project aims to aid reconstruction of the histories and whakapapa of culturally significant Māori feather cloaks (kakahu) and bags (kete) from the 19th century. Also given that the focus is on cloaks adorned with feathers from the endangered kiwi (Apteryx spp.), it allows a snapshot of how these species have changed genetically in response to their decline.

## Genetic Analysis of Historical Artefacts and Museum Specimens

Museum specimens of plants and animals have recently proven to be of great use to taxonomy, population ecology, conservation biology, and evolutionary genetics, since well-preserved specimens can provide a source of ancient DNA (Wanderler et al. 2007). Such genetic information has been used to estimate past population sizes (Brown et al. 2007), changes in genetic diversity over time (Ciborowski et al. 2007), rates of DNA sequence evolution (Lambert et al. 2002, 2010), and to correctly identify specimens. For example, the latter approach has been employed to identify species of moths and parasitic wasps (Hajibabaei et al. 2006), an Indian lion (Panthera leo persica) skeleton previously thought to have been a Cape Lion (Panthera leo melanchita) on display at the Zoological museum in Amsterdam (Barnett et al. 2007), and to identify species of kiwi skeletons (Apteryx spp.) with indistinguishable bone morphologies (Shepherd \& Lambert 2008). In addition, recent work has allowed species level identification of moa and other birds from eggshell surfaces alone (Chilton and Sorenson 2007; Huynen et al. 2010; Oskam et al. 2010).

The large number of artefacts of cultural and anthropological significance held in museums worldwide is staggering. For example, many of the 1.8 million objects comprising the British Museum collections alone are ethnographic artefacts. These artefacts are typically constructed from a combination of animal and / or plant materials such as skin, bone, feathers, and wood. Material comprising these artefacts derives from a wide variety of species used by many endemic cultures. Examples include $18^{\text {th }} / 19^{\text {th }}$ century buffalo hide containers from North America, Roman $3^{\text {rd }}$ Century crocodile skin suits of armour from Egypt, and $18^{\text {th }} / 1^{\text {th }}$ century feather cloaks from Hawaii and New Zealand (Figure 1.1). Each of these artefacts is typically unique to particular cultures or geographic regions and can provide insights into the cultural and social evolution of the people who constructed them. Molecular analyses and ancient DNA methods have the potential to contribute significantly to the study of such artefacts, since DNA recovered from their composite materials can identify the species of plants and animals used to make them, and even their provenance. Such information might never have been
recorded or, alternatively might have been lost. The aim of this thesis is to investigate the composition and the traditions used to construct the large number of culturally significant cloaks adorned with feathers made by the Māori of Aotearoa / New Zealand (Pendergrast 1987).

## The History of Māori Textiles

New Zealand Māori, by virtue of long residence in a temperate climate (since about AD1350, Howe 2003), diverged considerably from the other branches of the Polynesian race in their arts and crafts. This divergence is particularly marked in the manufacture of clothing (Te Rangi Hiroa, 1924). New Zealand was a different environment to the rest of Polynesia, with unfamiliar materials available. This environment stimulated entirely new inventions or led to the adaptation of a known technique to new materials and requirements.

Climate is the obvious stimulus to changes in both the style of clothing and the materials used to create them. However, the biological materials available in any one particular habitat also play a role (Te Rangi Hiroa, 1924). Polynesians historically used the finely interwoven inner bark of trees for clothing. Typically this inner bark was harvested from the paper mulberry ((Broussonetia papyrifera) Best 1952; Te Rangi Hiroa 1923), the bread-fruit ((Artocarpus incisa) Te Rangi Hiroa 1923), and the fig tree ((Ficus prolixa) Te Rangi Hiroa). Bark was stripped from young saplings, soaked in water, the outer bark was scraped off and the remainder was beaten in order to soften the fibres for clothing. It is thought that the great Hawaiiki migration of AD1350 of Polynesians to New Zealand occurred with the specific purpose of colonisation (Howe 2003; Te Rangi Hiroa 1924). With them they brought cultivated food such as kumara, taro and gourd, which still flourish in New Zealand to this day. Paper mulberry (aute) was amongst the plants and seeds Polynesians brought with them in their canoes.


Unfortunately New Zealand's temperate climate did not suit the growing requirements of the paper mulberry. Although it did survive until the period of European occupation, plants were rare and highly prized by Māori.
'After this they showed us a great rarity, six plants of what they called aouto (aute), from which they made cloth like that of Otaheiti. The plant proved to be exactly the same, as the name is the same. The same plant is used by the Chinese to make paper. Whether the climate does not well agree with it I do not know, but they seem to value it very much; that it is scarce among them I am inclined to believe, as we have not yet seen among them pieces large enough for any use, but only bits sticking into holes in their ears' - Sir Joseph Banks whilst accompanying Cook on his first voyage in 1769 (Banks Journal. Edited by Hooker, 1896, page 206. Sourced from Te Rangi Hiroa, 1924)

In the absence of paper mulberry, an alternative clothing material was needed. New Zealand flax provided a good substitute. Flax fibres run straight, parallel, are easily separated from each other and can be extracted to make a pliable thread. This thread could then be woven into a textile. There are two species of New Zealand flax, Phormium tenax and Phormium cookanium. P.tenax, is known as harakeke, swamp flax or common flax. It is deemed especially good for weaving due to its stiff, broad leaves that can grow up to three metres in height. Hence, longer fibres can be extracted for weaving than from its smaller relative, P.cookanium. When harakeke is harvested blades are taken from the outside of the plant, as harvesting the centre (rito) or the two surrounding blades (awhi rito) could cause the plant to die (Te Kanawa, 1992). Once harvested the blades were either cut into strips to be woven into baskets (kete) and skirts/kilts (piu piu). Alternatively, a fibre called muka can be extracted to construct finer garments. The muka is extracted from the inside of the flax blade by scraping it with a mussel shell (makoi). Once extracted this fibre is soaked and pounded until it has softened, after which it can be rolled into threads of the desired thickness on the knee. The collection of harakeke and the preparation process is a lengthy one, often taking three months to prepare enough material for one cloak (Te Kanawa, 1992). Cloak
construction uses a hand knotting process, using a wooden frame consisting of two wooden sticks in the ground (Best, 1952). The structure consists of thicker vertical strands of muka (the whenu) joined together by finer, single stranded horizontal strands of muka (the aho). Cloaks are constructed from the bottom up, with the top edge of the cloak being finished last.


Figure 1.2 A Māori dog or kuri (left) and examples of dyed, woven muka strands (right). Photographs from Best 1952.

Although harakeke provided a good alternative to the paper mulberry tree, flax was not the only biological material used in the construction of textiles. Māori discovered that the bark from other trees could be used to dye the prepared muka. For example, muka steeped in a liquid preparation of hinau bark (Elaeocarpus dentus) and rubbed with a steely grey mud called paru dyed the fibres black or mangu. Muka was also steeped in a tanekaha or celery pine (Phyllocladus trichomanoides) bark solution and rubbed into ashes whilst still wet, producing a tan coloured fibre. A yellow or kowhai dye was achieved by boiling muka with the bark from the kanono (Coprosma australis areolta) or raurekau (Grandifloia spp.) trees (Te Kanawa, 1992). Some of the most prestigious older cloaks comprised of a finely woven muka backing with strips of dog skin attached. This dog skin belonged to that of the kuri, brought to New Zealand by Polynesians in their canoes. Kuri were highly prized amongst Māori as they were used for hunting and as a food source (Best 1898). Figure 1.2 shows an example. Dog skin cloaks or kahu kuri were reserved for individuals of high status.

The arrival of Europeans in the late $18^{\text {th }}$ Century sparked a trade in dog-skinned cloaks, resulting in greatly reduced numbers of kuri (Best 1898). Cloaks completely covered in feathers became increasingly important and common. Feathers from a variety of bird species were used in cloak construction, both native and non-native.

Native species included the kaka (Nestor meridionalis), the crowned parakeet or kakariki (Cyanoramphus spp.), the tui (Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae), the New Zealand wood pigeon or kereru (Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae), the pukeko (Porphyrio porphyrio), the weka (Gallirallus australis), the ground dwelling parrot, the kakapo (Strigops habroptila) and the kiwi (Apteryx spp.). Non-native species included pheasant (Phasianus spp.), peacock (Pavo spp.) and chicken (Gallus spp.). However, it must be noted that identification of the species of birds used to adorn feathered cloaks has, up to this point, been determined by feather morphology alone.

The most prestigious of all feathered cloaks were those adorned completely in kiwi feathers (kahu kiwi). These cloaks were reserved for those of high status such as chiefs. Weaving was much more than a just means of adornment and carried significant cultural importance. Prestigious cloaks, such as kahu kiwi and kahu kuri were empowered by mana a Māori term signifying a combination of authority, integrity, power and prestige. Some cloaks were of particular significance, renowned throughout the land and even had personal names (Pendergrast 1997). They were, on occasions, gifted or traded. In 1836 one celebrated cloak named karamaene was exchanged for a waka (war canoe) called Te Toki a Tapiri. Cloaks also played a significant role in battle. There are records of cloaks being thrown over warriors to protect them on the battlefield. There are also records that before battle cloaks were soaked in water to cause the muka fibres to swell, thus eliminating gaps in the fabric and making them more impervious to spears (Best 1902). The weaving process itself was performed much like a ceremony. Māori ethnologist Elsdon Best spent time with the Tuhoe iwi in the Ureweras and was witness to such a ritual. Best was stationed with the Tuhoe in 1893 to act as a mediator after government survey teams met with hostile opposition from Tuhoe when attempting to survey a road through the Ureweras. Best was New Zealand's first professional ethnographer. Although it must be noted that Best's evolutionary and racial views at the time detracted from the value of much of his writing, he was known to write in great detail regarding many of the practises of the Tuhoe.


Figure 1.3 Examples of Māori Textiles a) kahu kuri or dog skin cloak, b) kahu huruhuru or feathered cloak, c) kahu kiwi or kiwi feathered cloak, d) kaitaka finely woven muka cloak, e) kete kiwi or kiwi feathered bag, f) kete, plaited basket. Artefacts a,b,d,e,f and photographs are sourced from Te Papa Tongawera museum, artefact $c$ is from Canterbury Museum and the photograph was taken by K. Hartnup.

The whare pora was a house specially set aside for teaching the art of weaving, and was also used to perform ceremonies related to the teaching and initiation (Best
1898). When a young woman enters the whare pora in order to be taught the art of weaving, she must first perform a ritual with the aid of a tohunga, who is a priest or wise man. The pupil, tauira, and the tohunga enter the whare pora together. The pupil sits before the turuturu, which are two sticks roughly 1 inch in diameter and 4 ft in length, stuck into the ground at a garments width apart from each other. Attached to these sticks is the tawhiu, the first of the horizontal threads. To this the vertical whenu are attached and hang down to the floor of the whare pora. The second horizontal thread (or aho) to be woven is known as the aho tapu or the sacred thread. It represents the sacredness of the whare, the weaver and the related ceremonies. The pupil takes some prepared fibre in her hand whilst the priest recites a passage. Once the priest has finished the pupil stoops and bites the upper part of the right weaving stick. She then takes the prepared fibre she has been holding and weaves the aho tapu (sacred thread) across the frame. This signifies that the pupil has come under the influence of the priest's incantations and has been accepted into the whare pora. After the pupil has woven the sacred thread, she weaves a band a few inches in depth, copying the work of a fine garment placed before her. Those who have passed through the whare pora will, if shown a new pattern of weaving, faithfully reproduce that pattern on the first attempt as the gods are behind them (Best, 1898).
These rituals illustrate the cultural importance of the weaver and pieces that they create. The pieces are more than clothing; they are treasured items or taonga. They represent a living culture, their histories and whakapapa being as important as the garments themselves. There are hundreds of these beautiful cloaks in museums worldwide that we know very little about. It is all too common to have no details regarding provenance, or the species of the feathers used to adorn these garments. With advances in molecular techniques and the ability to work successfully with biological materials containing very little, damaged DNA, it is possible to perform genetic analyses that allow us to delve into the histories of these culturally valuable items, with the aim of re-establishing their living culture. Given the sheer number of these cloaks in storage in museums, this work will focus on the prestigious kiwi feather cloaks or kahu kiwi, with one exception (see chapter 3.).

## The Kiwi - Apteryx spp.

Recent mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis of kiwi (Apteryx spp.) has prompted their reclassification into five distinct species (Baker et al 1995; Burbidge et al 2003). Kiwi were found to have extremely subdivided population structure due to their low dispersal power (Baker et al 1995). Long-term geographical isolation, lack of hybridisation in introduced populations and the accumulation of new biological characteristics within these lineages has resulted in distinct species (Burbidge et al 2003).

## Current classification and species distribution

There are two species of spotted kiwi; the great spotted kiwi (Apteryx australis haasti) and the little spotted kiwi (Apteryx australis owenii). Great spotted kiwi are currently distributed in the north west of the South Island of New Zealand. The current distribution of great spotted kiwi is thought to reflect past distributions (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). Little spotted kiwi were once widespread across both the North and South Island, but the population has declined to such a degree that they are restricted to conservation refuge islands in the Hauraki Gulf and the Cook Strait (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). The three species of brown kiwi are morphologically similar to the point that they were once deemed to be one species, divided into two subspecies Apteryx australis australis (South Island) and Apteryx australis mantelli (North Island). However, mitochondrial DNA analysis (Burbidge et al 2003) revealed that there are actually three distinct species, the North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx australis mantelli), the South Island and Stewart Island tokoeka (Apteryx autralis australis) and the Okarito rowi (Apteryx australis rowi). The North Island brown kiwi is currently distributed in the far north, the Coromandel, the east of the North Island and the west of the North Island and are currently extinct from the lower portion of the North Island, although they are being reintroduced to this region (Holzapfel et al 2008). Tokoeka are currently distributed in the south west of the South Island and Stewart Island. However, ancient DNA analysis has revealed that their distribution was once much more widespread with subfossil bones from that species being found in the east of the South Island (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). Rowi are currently restricted to one population in Okarito on the west coast of the South Island, although ancient DNA
analysis suggests they were once found on both the South Island and lower North Island of New Zealand.

All kiwi species are endangered. The rowi and the Haast Tokoeka are deemed nationally critical, North Island brown kiwi are seriously declining, great spotted kiwi and Southern tokoeka are gradually declining and little spotted kiwi are range restricted (Sales 2005). For example, between 1996 and 2005 there has been a decline in the North Island brown kiwi from 35,000 to 20,000 individuals (Sales 2005). This decline is largely attributed to predation from introduced mammals such as cats, dogs, ferrets, pigs, possums, stoats and weasels (McLennan et al 1996) and loss of habitat.

## Past distributions

Shepherd and Lambert (2008) used ancient mitochondrial DNA analysis to contrast past and present levels of genetic variation in kiwi. Looking to identify species boundaries and reveal former ranges among morphologically cryptic taxa. However, sample ages were either unknown or highly variable, dating back 4000 years in some cases. Also the sample sizes were limited to those available in museums ( $\mathrm{n}=47$ ). With Māori cloaks we have the advantage of kiwi feather samples all of a similar age ( $\sim 150$ years before present (BP)) for the majority of cloaks analysed and also at an age where arguably humans were contributing to the kiwis' largest period of decline either through direct action (food, clothing, habitat destruction) or through the action of mammalian predators brought to New Zealand by humans. Additionally, with over a hundred kiwi feather cloaks available and potentially 12 kiwi per cloak (Te Kanawa, 1992), this would result in a vastly increased sample size to look at changes in kiwi diversity in the recent past.

## Summary

Utilising ancient DNA methods (Chapter 2), this thesis will use mtDNA analysis to identify the species of birds used in the construction of feather cloaks and kete (Chapters 3, 5, 6). It will also look at current populations of North Island brown
kiwi (Apteryx mantelli), the phylogeographic structure of these populations and temporal changes from a conservation angle (Chapter 4). Finally chapters 5 and 6 focus on the how DNA can be used to enrich the cultural knowledge of cloaks and kete, the provenance, origins and methods of construction of these valuable taonga.


Figure 1.4. Current Distribution of Kiwi Species (Apteryx spp.) in New Zealand. Figure adapted from Holzapfel 2008.

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## Chapter Two

## Materials and Methods

## Sampling

## Reference database

Twenty-one North Island brown kiwi mitochondrial DNA control region Domain I sequences from modern kiwi populations were available on genbank (Burbidge et al 2003 (Accession numbers AY150609-AY150623) Shepherd 2006, Shepherd and Lambert 2008 (Accession numbers AY713315, AY713332, AY713335, AY713336, DQ295829, DQ2952830)). To further build upon the reference database, 174 North Island brown kiwi samples from known locations were kindly provided to us by the Department of Conservation and Rainbow Springs Kiwi Encounter, Rotorua, (see table 4.1, chapter 4). Samples consisted of either a blood sample stored in ethanol or plucked feathers stored in paper envelopes. Ten of the samples provided to us were either from reintroduced populations or from wildlife parks without robust population histories. As a result of this, these samples were omitted from the study leaving us with 164 samples, to give a total of 185 mtDNA CR sequences.

## Cloaks

## Museums Visited

Preliminary research on the numbers of cloaks held in museums in New Zealand and overseas revealed a wealth of kiwi feather cloaks. Hence, the sampling effort was redirected from feathered cloaks in general to concentrate on kiwi feather cloaks (Table 2.1) and kete (Table 2.2).

Table 2.1 Museums from which cloak samples were obtained

| Museum | Number of Cloaks Sampled | Number of Samples Taken (total) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust, Napier (HB) | 16 | 94 |
| British Museum, London (BM) | 9 | 90 |
| Te Papa Tongawera, Wellington (TP) | 27 | 383 |
| Canterbury Museum, Christchurch (C) | 17 | 170 |
| Waikato Museum, Hamilton (WK) | 4 | 37 |
| Hornimann Museum, London (HM) | 3 | 30 |
| Auckland Museum (AK) | 13 | 153 |
| Wanganui Museum (WG) | 24 | 253 |
| Totals | 113 | 1210 |

Sampling Technique


Figure 2.1. How feathers are woven into the flax fibres (muka) comprises the body of the cloak (A) and a photograph of a sample being taken from a kiwi feather cloak (B).

During cloak construction kiwi feathers are grouped into 3 or 4 feathers and woven into the cloak. Each group of feathers is woven into the cloak twice (see figure 2.1). This enabled us to remove approximately a 2 mm section of tissue from the shaft of the feather using sterilised forceps and surgical scissors. Importantly, this minimises any damage to the integrity and the appearance of cloaks. We
sampled feathers from 113 cloaks, taking typically 10-15 randomly (figure 2.2) selected samples per cloak with a total of 1210 samples. Samples were stored in paper envelopes in a dedicated ancient DNA facility prior to DNA extraction.


Figure 2.2 Samples were taken at random points across the surface of each cloak.

Given the precious nature of the cloaks and kete being sampled from, it was imperative that the number of samples taken from each item was minimal, whilst still allowing a significant amount of data to be recovered. A haplotype discovery graph was constructed in order to ascertain this number using sequence data from preliminary data produced for this thesis and from Shepherd 2006 (Figure 2.3). This graph showed that 12 sequences resulted in the greatest mean number of haplotypes. However, preliminary work (Shepherd 2006) coupled with a pilot study has shown that the sequence recovery rate from $\sim 150$-year-old cloak feather samples is below $70 \%$. Therefore the number of samples taken from each individual cloak would ideally be around 17 to account for this success rate. Given the delicate nature of the artefacts and advice from textile conservator Rangi Te Kanawa, coupled with time and cost constraints, it was not feasible to take 17 samples from each cloak. However, when as many as 23 sequences were obtained from a single cloak, this resulted in only three haplotypes to be present. Hence, the decision to take 10-15 samples per cloak where appropriate does not impact on the significance of this work.


Figure 2.3 Haplotype discovery graph plotting the number of haplotypes discovered against the number of sequences obtained for each cloak.

Kete

In addition to sampling kiwi feather shafts from cloaks, samples were obtained from kete (woven bags) the sampling technique was the same, although, as these artefacts are much smaller than cloaks, fewer samples were taken. Typically 2-6 samples were taken per kete, with the samples taken divided equally between the two sides of the artefacts.

Table 2.2 Museums from which kete were sampled

| Museum | Number of Kete Sampled | Number of Samples Taken (total) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| British Museum, London (BM) | 5 | 20 |
| Te Papa Tongawera, Wellington (TP) | 9 | 34 |
| Canterbury Museum, Christchurch (C) | 13 | 54 |
| Waikato Museum, Hamilton (WK) | 5 | 17 |
| Hornimann Museum, London (HM) | 1 | 4 |
| Auckland Museum (AK) | 18 | 62 |
| Wanganui Museum (WG) | 11 | 44 |
| Totals | 62 | 235 |

## DNA Extraction

Preparation and extraction of samples took place in a dedicated ancient DNA facility at Massey University's Albany campus. This facility is physically separated from modern laboratories that handle amplified PCR products and modern sources of DNA. It also undergoes regular decontamination with bleach and is subjected to UV radiation. As previously mentioned, kiwi feathers are woven into cloaks in groups of 3-4. However, there is no guarantee that all of the feathers came from the same bird. Prior to extraction feather shafts from one sample were separated into single shafts to avoid contamination and to ensure DNA from two or more individuals were not present in any one extract. Following isolation of single feather shafts, each shaft was put into a 1.7 ml micro centrifuge tube with $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of SET buffer ( 100 mM Tris-HCL pH 8.0, $100 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 1 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA), $20 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of Proteinase K ( $20 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{ml}$ ) , $10 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of 1 M Dithiothreitol (DTT) and $20 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $10 \%$ SDS. The micro centrifuge tubes were incubated at $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. A negative extraction was completed for every 20 samples to account for contamination during the extraction process.

Following incubation, $750 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of Phenol: Chloroform: Isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) was added to all samples, vortexed and centrifuged at $20,000 \mathrm{xg}$ for 1 minute. Following centrifugation, $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of the top layer of each sample was transferred to a fresh micro centrifuge tube and the remaining liquid was discarded. The remainder of the extraction process was conducted using a DNeasy Blood and Tissue Extraction kit (Qiagen). The only deviations from the protocol were that the elution buffer was heated to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ prior to addition to the columns in order to improve DNA yield, and DNA was eluted in $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of this buffer.

Modern samples for the reference database were extracted using the same method with the exception that the extraction process took place in a laboratory that handles modern sources of DNA and amplified PCR products.

For extraction of the emu feather in chapter 3 the extraction process deviated from above. DNA was extracted from each feather shaft by overnight incubation, with rotation, at $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $300 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of extraction buffer $(10 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8.0,50 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}$, and 1 mM EDTA) supplemented with $30 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $10 \%$ SDS, $5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of 1 M DTT, and $5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $20 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{ml}$ proteinase K. $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of each mix was then purified using a QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) as outlined by the manufacturer.

## Mitochondrial DNA Sequencing

## Kiwi feathers

A 200bp fragment of the mtDNA control region domain I was amplified using kiwi specific primers kcf (5'CAGTATGGTCACCGAACAC) and kcr (5'ACAGGGGTTGCTGATTTCA) in a $20 \mu \mathrm{l}$ PCR mixture containing $2 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of DNA, 1 xPCR buffer ( 50 mM Tris pH8.8, $200 \mathrm{mM}\left(\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right), 1.5 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl}{ }_{2}, 2 \mathrm{mg} / \mu \mathrm{l}$ BSA, 0.5 Units of Platinum Taq (Invitrogen), $0.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of each primer, $200 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of each DNTP and $\mathrm{ddH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The PCR Program consisted of 1 cycle of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 minutes, 10 cycles of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds, $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 minute, 32 cycles of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds, $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 minute with a final extension time of $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 5 minutes. All PCRs contained PCR and extraction negatives to account for potential contamination. PCRs for the cloak samples were prepared in a dedicated ancient DNA facility.


Figure 2.4 Amplification of ~240bp mtDNA HVRI fragment for cloak samples using primers Kcf and Kcr.

Samples were checked for amplification success by size fractionation of products on a $2 \%$ agarose gel with a $1 \mathrm{~KB}+$ ladder. Samples that produced a clean product ~240bp in size were selected for sequencing. Prior to sequencing samples were purified to remove excess salts and DNTP's using Agencourt AMPure magnetic bead-based PCR purification system (Agencourt Bioscience) according to the manufacturer's instructions with the following modifications. Only $10 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of the magnetic bead mixture was added to each sample with $50 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $70 \%$ ETOH to reduce the number of wash steps. The purified product was then re-suspended in $25 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $\mathrm{ddH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

Sequencing was then conducted in $15 \mu \mathrm{l}$ volumes using $1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of Big Dye V3.1, $3.5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of sequencing buffer, 3.2 picomoles ( $1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ) of primer (kcf or kcr), $5 \mathrm{ng} / \mu \mathrm{l}(1 \mu \mathrm{l})$ of DNA, and $8.5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of $\mathrm{ddH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. Each sample was sequenced in both directions from independent PCR amplifications to account for potential contamination and miscoding lesions (Willerslev \& Cooper 2005).

## Emu feathers

Chapter 3 of this thesis aims to identify ratite feathers on an unusual cloak. This method relates directly to that chapter.

| Ratite-specific | mitochondrial | 12 S | primers, | ratite12S1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (5'CCTCAGAAGGCGGATTTAGCAGTAA) | and | ratite12S4 | (5'- |  | ATCTTTCAGGTGTAAGCTGAATGCTT), were designed using sequences retrieved from GenBank: rhea (Rhea americana - AJ002923), ostrich (Struthio camelus AF069429), great spotted kiwi (Apteryx haasti - AF338708.2), cassowary (Casuarius casuarius - AF338713.2) and emu (Dromaius novaehollandiae AF338711.1). DNAs extracted from cloak feathers and moa bone (Emeus crassus, Canterbury Museum CM_Av9132) were then amplified using the primers ratite12S1 and ratite12S4 as described in Huynen et al. (2003). Successfully amplified fragments of $\sim 220$ bp were sequenced in both directions using Applied Biosystems BigDye Terminator v3.1 chemistry and aligned to homologous sequences from other ratites using the Sequencher program.

## Sexing

It is possible to recover the sex of individual birds from the feathers used to construct Māori cloaks. An observed skew in the sex ratio could give us insight into Māori hunting practices and selection of birds of different sexes. In addition, it could also have implications for the behavioural ecology of kiwi species. For example, it is known in the North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx australis mantelli) males, not the females that incubate the eggs (Colbourne 2002). This could make them more vulnerable to predation and therefore, more likely to be hunted by Māori.

The genetic basis of avian sex is now well established (Griffiths et al 1998, Huynen et al 2002). In kiwi (Apteryx spp.) it is difficult to distinguish between the sexes, as juveniles are morphologically and behaviourally similar. Older individuals (>1yr old) are distinguishable through differences in weight, calls and behaviour (Huynen et al 2003). In the case of feathers obtained from cloaks, distinguishing between the sexes is not possible without the aid of genetic diagnosis. Also, given that the feather samples obtained from cloaks are old ( $\sim 150$-yrs-old), DNA is fragmented and low in copy number, specifically the nuclear DNA required for sexing. To overcome this problem we used primers previously used to sex moa and that amplify very small fragment sizes. These were tested and proved effective (Huynen et al 2003). These comprised of female specific primers moa1 (5'CCATGTTCACTGTTTTCTTACTAAT) and moa2 (5'ATGTTAAGCAATGCTCTATGACAGA), which produced a 67bp product. The presence of nuclear DNA was determined by the amplification of 65 bp of the nuclear CHD gene using primers pM0 (5'GATAGTGACTCCATCTCAGAA) and pM1 (5'GGGAATAGTTCGTTGGTCTTCC).

Reactions for both primer pairs were carried out in $20 \mu \mathrm{l}$ reactions containing $2 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of template DNA, 50Mm Tris-HCL (pH8.8), $20 \mathrm{mM}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, 2.5 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,1 \mathrm{mg} / \mu \mathrm{l}$

BSA, $100 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of each DNTP, 0.2 Units of Platinum Taq (Invitrogen) and $0.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of each primer (either moa1/moa2 or pM0/pM1). The reaction mixture was amplified using a PCR program of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 minutes, 10 cycles of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds, $54^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds followed by 40 cycles of $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds, $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 seconds. A positive (female) and negative control was run with each PCR reaction. Also, to account for potential allelic dropout, a multiple tube approach was used (Taberlet et al 1996), with each feather cloak sample undergoing three independent amplifications for each of the two primer pairs to produce a consensus sex for each sample. To determine sex, PCR product was visualised in a $1 \%$ low melting point and $1 \%$ standard agarose gel under UV.


Figure 2.5 Determination of sex using W chromosome (female) specific Moa 1 / Moa 2 primers and CHD control primers PMO / PM1. Absence of amplification for Moa 1 / Moa 2 coupled with a successful amplification for PMO / PM1 would suggest the sex of the individual as male. Successful amplification for both primers would suggest the sex of the individual as female.

## Rules of Sex Assignment

The accurate amplification of nuclear DNA fragments from ancient / damaged DNA is rife with problems and the potential for error is high. The most common problems encountered are allelic dropout and the generation of false alleles (Creel et al 2003). The most stringent method to lessen or avoid these errors is the adoption of a multiple tube approach (Taberlet et al 1996). Such an approach was employed in the sexing of kiwi cloak feathers. There is always a fine balance
between a conservative, accurate approach and the limitations impeded on the execution of such measures. Resources must be taken into account, such as the costs involved and the amount of precious DNA available. Taking such limitations on board, the following multiple tubes approach was applied in the case of sexing. All samples were amplified with both sets of primers (moa1/moa2, p0/p1) a minimum of three times. Sexing was assigned on the basis of the following rules.
$>$ If a band was present for the control (p0/p1), but not for the female specific marker for at least 2/3 amplifications, the sex was assigned as male.
$>$ If a band was present for the control ( $\mathrm{p} 0 / \mathrm{p} 1$ ) and for the female specific marker for at least $2 / 3$ amplifications, the sex was assigned as female.
$>$ If no bands were present for any of the 3 amplification attempts then samples were considered to have failed to amplify and were not included in further analysis.
$>$ If $1 / 3$ amplifications resulted in bands either for the control or the female specific marker a $4^{\text {th }}$ amplification was conducted. If the $4^{\text {th }}$ amplification matched the previous amplification, sex was assigned accordingly. In the event of a mismatch or a failed amplification, that sample was excluded from further analysis.
$>$ If a band was present at least $2 / 3$ times for the female specific marker (moa1/moa2) but absent in 1 , 2 or 3 of the control reactions ( $p 0 / p 1$ ), the sex was still assigned as female to lessen the chances of an overrepresentation of males.

## Independent verification of results

Fifteen feathers from cloaks were selected for independent extraction, amplification and sequencing (see table 2.3). This was to ensure that sequences obtained were reliable and not subject to contamination or sequencing-based errors such as miscoding lesions and nuclear mitochondrial DNA (numts (Gilbert et al 2003, Sorenson and Quinn 1998)). As previously mentioned, it is unlikely that all the feathers from a cloak came from just one kiwi. Also, although feathers are woven into the cloak in groups of 3 or 4 , there is no guarantee that all these
feathers came from the same individual. This makes replication of results difficult because results must be replicated from one single feather shaft.

The selected feather shafts were cut down the middle to allow one half to be extracted, amplified and sequenced at Massey University's aDNA laboratory (Albany campus). The other half was taken to a dedicated aDNA laboratory at the University of Auckland for extraction, amplification and sequencing. All samples were sequenced in both directions with kiwi specific mtDNA Control Region primers kcf and kcr.

Table 2.3. Independent verification of cloak sequences

| Cloak | Sample | Haplotype Massey University |  | Haplotype |  | Match? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  | University |  |  |
|  |  | KCF | KCR | KCF | KCR |  |
| TP_ME14499 | 268A / 268B | 5 | 5 | Failed | Failed | N / A |
| TP_ME14499 | 269A / 269B | 8 | 8 | Failed | Failed | N / A |
| TP_ME14499 | 270A / 270B | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | YES |
| TP_ME14499 | 272A / 272B | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | YES |
| TP_ME14499 | 273A / 273B | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | YES |
| TP_ME15753 | 326A / 326B | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | YES |
| TP_ME15753 | 329A / 329B | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | YES |
| TP_ME15753 | 330A / 330B | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | YES |
| TP_ME15753 | 331A / 331B | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | YES |
| TP_ME15753 | 332A / 332B | Failed | Failed | Failed | Failed | N / A |
| TP_ME1378 | 344A / 344B | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | YES |
| TP_ME1378 | 345A / 345B | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | YES |
| TP_ME1378 | 346A / 346B | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | YES |
| TP_ME1378 | 347A / 347B | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | YES |
| TP_ME1378 | 348A / 348B | Failed | Failed | Failed | Failed | N / A |

## Sequence Analysis

All forward and reverse sequences were imported into Sequencher Version 2.6 for editing and alignment. A reference sequence obtained from genbank from NIBK was included in all alignments.

## Miscoding Lesions

Upon the occurrence of a miscoding lesion when forward and reverse sequences were aligned, the samples were to be sequenced again in both directions from independent reactions to resolve the discrepancies. However, no miscoding lesions or other sequencing errors were encountered during the course of this work.

PAUP version 4.0 (Swofford 2000) was used to construct Statistical Parsimony and Neighbor Joining trees for sequences obtained from the reference database and cloak samples for North Island brown kiwi. Reference sequences for the other four kiwi species were obtained from Genbank and included in the analyses.


Figure 2.6. Independent verification of cloak samples using mtDNA HVRI primers Kcf / Kcr. Each sample was independently extracted and amplified at Massey University (top) and the University of Auckland (bottom).

## Statistical Parsimony Network

The freely available software programme TCS (Clement et al 2000) was used to create Statistical Parsimony networks of NIBK haplotypes. A 95\% parsimony limit was imposed.

## Nested Clade Analysis Using GeoDis

Freely available software programme GeoDis (Posada et al 2000) was used to explore the geographic distribution of haplotypes in modern North Island Brown Kiwi using the control region sequences obtained for the reference database Firstly Google Earth software was used to assign a central grid reference to each of the populations sampled from. Then, using the statistical parsimony network constructed using TCS and the laws of NCA as a guide (Templeton et al 1995), haplotypes within the network were assigned to a particular clade (see chapters 4 and 5 for details). Once clades were assigned this information was used, together with the grid references obtained for each population in a data file. Analyses using NCA were then performed and the results interpreted in chapter 4.

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## Chapter 3

## A Molecular Study of a rare Māori Cloak ${ }^{1}$


#### Abstract

Kakahu or Māori cloaks are taonga (treasures) and are iconic expressions of Māori culture. Unfortunately much of the original information relating to the origins of these cloaks has been lost. We present mitochondrial 12S sequence data from feathers sampled from a rare cloak that had the potential to be adorned with feathers from New Zealand moa. These species belonged to the ratite group of birds and have been extinct soon after human arrival in New Zealand. Using microscopic amounts of feather tissues from this cloak, we have been able to show that this garment was actually constructed from Australian emu feathers. At the likely time of construction of the cloak, the then Governor of New Zealand, George Grey, kept emu on Kawau Island in the Hauraki Gulf. It seems probable that the remains of these individuals were the source of the feathers used, although we are not able to exclude the possibility that Māori obtained them as a result of early trading with Australia. To our knowledge, this study is the first to use genetic techniques to identify the species of bird used in feather adorned Māori cloaks and illustrates the potential for molecular techniques to provide important information pertaining to these taonga.


## Introduction

During part of a larger study of Māori feathered textiles, this unusual cloak was

[^0]identified in collections at the Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust. This was the first cloak of this type to have been observed (Figure 3.1A). The cloak's construction comprised a finely woven muka body or kaupapa, completely adorned with feathers that were extremely similar in morphology to moa feathers (Worthy and Holdaway 2002) (Figure 1B). Moa (Aves: Dinornithiformes) were foremost among the evolutionary novelties of New Zealand. Richard Owen first brought the presence of moa in New Zealand to the attention of European scientists in 1842, when he described a femur shaft. Since that time the number and age of fossil specimens has grown considerably and suggests that moa inhabited New Zealand from over two million years ago (Anderson 1989, Worthy and Holdaway 2002). Although small groups of moa likely survived in remote locations for slightly longer, the main populations were probably extinct by $A D$ 1400 (Anderson 1989, Worthy and Holdaway 2002). Ancient DNA work has identified as many as 10 species of extinct moa in New Zealand, varying greatly in habitat and morphology (Bunce et al 2009, Huynen et al 2010). Very few moa specimens have been excavated with their feathers intact. The few feathers recovered possessed a range of colours including white, reddish brown grading distally to black with a white tip, and purplish brown with a yellow stripe. Feathers were typically no longer than 18 cm in length, although feathers up to 23 cm in length have been recorded (Worthy and Holdaway 2002). Recently genetic analysis has been carried out on a range of subfossil moa feathers, with an aim to determine species, successfully obtain DNA from previously overlooked areas of the feather, and look at pigmentation and to reconstruct how moa plumage would have appeared. Short fragments of mitochondrial DNA sequences were retrieved from these sub-fossil feathers, allowing the species of moa to be determined. Also, the study showed that feather pigmentation of these sub-fossil feathers faded at a measurable rate and thus, the phenotype of the moa could be inferred (Rawlence et al 2009). However, at the time our work was conducted, this paper had not yet been published. It is possible to estimate the age of Māori cloaks due to variations in weaving techniques over time. The potential 'moa' cloak has been estimated (Rangi Te Kanawa, Māori Textile Conservator, pers. comm.) to have been constructed in $\sim 1850$. Therefore, despite the similarity in feather morphology between the cloak and moa feathers, there is a large disparity between the time
that moa became extinct and the estimated time of cloak construction. Despite this disparity, it is possible that moa feathers were stored for some time prior to their use in the construction of the Hawkes Bay cloak. In order to test the possibility of a 'moa' cloak, ancient DNA techniques were employed to recover DNA sequences from cloak feathers and to compare these sequences with those obtained from moa bones and from a range of other ratite species.


Figure 3.1 (A) Cloak \#45_264 from Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust. (B) Moa feathers found in Moncks Cave, near Christchurch, Canterbury.

## Materials and Methods

A total of 7 feather samples were taken from the suspected moa cloak \#45_264 from the Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust. DNA was extracted from these feathers as described in the methods chapter (2) and this DNA was amplified and sequenced using ratite-specific mitochondrial 12 S primers, ratite12S1 (5'CCTCAGAAGGCGGATTTAGCAGTAA) and ratite12S4 (5'ATCTTTCAGGTGTAAGCTGAATGCTT), also described in the methods chapter of this thesis (chapter 2). This process was repeated for a moa bone (Emeus crassus, Canterbury Museum CM_Av9132) for sequence comparison with the cloak feather samples.

## Results

Two of the seven feather shafts sampled from cloak \#45_264 amplified for a 220 bp sequence from the 12 S region of the mitochondrial genome. These two sequences were aligned with homologous data from ratite species as shown in figure 3.2A. The two cloak sequences differed from each other at just two sites of the $\sim 220 \mathrm{bp}$ fragment (sites 5 and 16), suggesting the use of feathers from at least two different individuals in cloak construction. Cloak sample 2 was identical to the sequence of emu from Genbank. Both of the cloak sequences varied substantially from the moa sequence (11\% average), and from other ratites for which sequences were available (rhea - 14.3\%, kiwi - $8.6 \%$, ostrich $-6.8 \%$ and cassowary - 5.9\%). On average, the cloak sequences differed from the emu sequence by just $0.45 \%$. Figure 3.2 presents an unrooted, Neighbor-Joining tree of 12 S sequences implemented in PAUP* (Swofford 2002). The tree groups the sampled cloak feathers with emu. As the 12S mtDNA sequences targeted in this study are highly variable and difficult to align, they do not effectively resolve relationships amongst ratites. Haddrath and Baker (2001) used whole mitochondrial genomes to successfully investigate ratite phylogeny. It should be noted that more recently phylogenies have been reconstructed (Harshman et al 2008, Phillips et al 2010). Previously assigned flighted sister group of the tinamous (Tinamidae) has been found to be nested within ratites. Tinamous were found to align closely with moa. The tinamou / moa group aligned closely with kiwi, emu and cassowaries, with rhea and ostriches being more divergent. The newly constructed phylogenies also suggest multiple losses of flight in the ratites, supporting parallel or convergent evolution. Although the 12 S region fails to elucidate this phylogeny, the variability within the 12 S region is ideal for species identification, making it a suitable choice for identifying the cloak samples.

## Discussion

We can conclude that this unique cloak from the Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust was not constructed using moa feathers. It was, however, adorned with
feathers from emu, a ratite that originated in Australia and is not found in wild populations in New Zealand. Taking these findings into account, how did Māori in


Figure 3.2. Aligned mitochondrial 12S DNA sequences of cloak feather samples, moa and other ratites (A). (-) indicates a base identical to the consensus sequences, (:) indicates a deletion in relation to the consensus sequence. An unrooted, Neighbor-Joining tree of 12S sequences from a range of ratite species (B), together with the two sequences recovered from the cloak samples.
the second half of the 19th century obtain feathers from a native Australian bird
species? There are two possible explanations for this. First, the emu feathers may have come from Sir George Grey's exotic flora and fauna collection on Kawau Island, north of Auckland. Second, the emu feathers may have been brought from Australia during a period of extensive timber and flax trading.

## Sir George Grey

George Grey had a relationship with New Zealand spanning many years. He was appointed governor of New Zealand in 1845. Arguably his greatest success during this nine-year period was his management of Māori affairs. He scrupulously observed the terms of the Treaty of Waitangi and assured Māori that their rights to their land were fully recognised. He subsidised schools for Māori children, built several hospitals and encouraged Māori agriculture (Sinclair 2007). Grey enjoyed great mana (power, respect and prestige) among Māori, often travelling with chiefs. He was instrumental in efforts to record Māori traditions, legends and customs in written form. Te Rangikaheke, a Te Arawa tribal leader, taught Grey to speak Māori and lived with Grey and his wife in their house.

Although Grey's second term as Governor from 1860-1868 was less successful because of extensive battles between Māori and settlers, he remained respected by Māori. Grey purchased Kawau Island, located north of Auckland in the Hauraki Gulf, in 1862 (Figure 3.3). He poured a great deal of his energy, effort and fortune into the 2000 ha island. He turned the existing copper miner's cottage into the formidable Mansion House and turned the land around the house into a botanical and zoological park. Grey imported seeds and cuttings from all over the world including redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) from Western USA, the Chilean wine palm (Jubaea spectabilis), the giant bird of paradise (Strelitza nicolai) from South Africa and the Japanese cedar (Cryptomeria japonica). Grey also imported various exotic fauna. Four species of wallaby (Macropus eugenii, Macropus parma, Petrogale penicillata and Wallabia bicolour) (Eldridge et al. 2001) were introduced and remain on Kawau today. Other animals, such as the zebra imported to pull his carriage (Eldridge et al. 2001), failed to acclimatise to their new home. Grey also imported birds such as peacocks (Pavo spp.), kookaburra (Dacelo spp.), and notably for this study, emu (Graham 1919). It is highly likely that the feathers used to construct the emu feather cloak originated from Kawau, given the estimated
construction of the cloak in around 1850, Grey's purchase of Kawau in 1862, the presence of emu on Kawau, and Grey's favorable association with Māori. It should be noted that emu were also found in the Hauraki Gulf on Motutapu Island, which was purchased in 1869 by the Reid brothers from Victorian entrepreneur Richard Graham. They introduced exotic fauna such as emu, deer, ostriches and wallabies (McClure 2007). It is known, however, that the flock of emu on Motutapu Island was provided from Governor Grey's flock on Kawau Island (Graham 1919).


Figure 3.3 The location of Kawau Island off the coast of New Zealand north of Auckland, where Governor Grey kept his Zoological Park which included emu, together with a portrait of Governor Grey and an early photograph of Mansion House.

## Trade with Australia

European explorers visiting New Zealand in the 1700s quickly sought to make use of and to export resources, including timber and flax. Māori fashioned flax into ropes for visiting ships and bartered flax and weaving for European goods. Merchants in Sydney showed an interest in flax fibre and by the 1820s a trade began with Australia, peaking in the 1830s (Wigglesworth 1981) (Figure 3.4).


Figure 3.4 North Island flax stations in the 1820's

Trading stations were set up around the coast of New Zealand. Stations were present on the coasts of Northland, Waikato, Taranaki, the Coromandel, the Bay of Plenty, the East Cape, Southland, both sides of the Cook Straight, and the Banks Peninsula. Taking into account the extent of the trade between these two countries, and the timing of that trade, at present it is not possible to rule out these trade routes as the source of the emu feathers used to adorn the cloak. It is known that Māori flax producers were not paid in cash but in goods, usually muskets, although other goods such as feathers cannot be discounted (Swarbrick 2007). Emu were known to be present on Kawau Island in about 1862. This coincides with the peak of the flax and timber trade with Australia ( $\sim 1830$ ). In addition, our estimate of the date of construction of the emu cloak is approximately 1850. This makes it difficult to confirm with certainty that the emu feathers adorning the cloak came from George Grey's emu on Kawau Island. However, the definite presence of emu on Kawau versus only the potential for emu to be brought from Australia during the timber and flax trade makes the Kawau Island option more compelling. Further investigation could be conducted to test this idea. For instance, it is possible to look at more variable regions of the mitochondrial DNA genome to distinguish between different emu populations. If there were emu remains on Kawau, it would be possible to see if the feathers adorning the cloak match
genetically to those remains and to compare these to Australian populations. Recently, two cloaks have been identified in the cloak collection at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Both were constructed from feathers similar to those observed on the emu feather cloak from the Hawkes Bay.


Figure 3.5. Cloak \#53492 from Auckland War Memorial Museum with similar feather morphology to the Hawkes Bay example.

One of these is a kahu huruhuru which is a cloak adorned with feathers from many different species of birds and the other is completely adorned with what appears to be emu feathers (Figure 3.5). It is estimated that both cloaks were manufactured more recently than the Hawkes Bay example. The bodies of both cloaks are constructed from candlewick as opposed to muka. Cloak making using this material was typically observed from 1890 onwards. Future work will be conducted to determine if the feathers of the two newly observed cloaks are indeed emu, and if they are, how genetically similar these feathers are to those from the Hawkes Bay cloak. Generally, this study highlights the effectiveness of genetic analyses in recovering lost history from important ethnological artifacts.

## Update since publication

The two cloaks sampled from Auckland War Memorial Museum unfortunately failed to provide viable DNA for analysis. As it was only possible to sample 2 feathers from each of these two cloaks and given that $5 / 7$ of the samples taken from the Hawkes Bay cloak failed to amplify, this result is not surprising, although disappointing.

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## Chapter 4

# Temporal and Spatial Mitochondrial DNA Structure of North Island Brown Kiwi (Apteryx mantelli) Populations: Implications for Conservation Management. 


#### Abstract

Numbers of North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli) are in serious decline. Using mtDNA control region sequences obtained from contemporary kiwi populations we explored current levels of genetic diversity in the species. Additionally, using mtDNA sequence data from $\sim 150$-year-old kiwi feather cloaks and kete, we have been able to look at changes in genetic diversity in the North Island brown kiwi over the past 150 years. For contemporary populations, we saw clear east / west genetic structuring of haplotypes. There was also a phylogenetic component to this structuring, relating to New Zealand's complicated geological past. We found that the number of haplotypes discovered for both contemporary and past populations has remained constant, indicating no loss in genetic diversity. However, there was an observed change in the frequency of each haplotype over time. These findings have implications for how to effectively manage populations of North Island brown and should prove useful to conservationists.


## Introduction

New Zealand's iconic kiwi (Apteryx spp.) are in various stages of overall population decline (Holzapfel et al, 2008, Sales 2005, McLennan 1996). Conservation and maintenance of these populations is the responsibility of the New Zealand
government funded agency, the Department of Conservation. To manage these species effectively a detailed knowledge of their behaviour, habitat use, an understanding of species boundaries, classification, and both current and historic population dynamics is required. Significant progress has been made to achieve this goal (see Holzapfel et al 2008 for the Department of Conservation's 2008-2018 kiwi recovery plan), yet there is potential for conservation management policies to be implemented ahead of complimentary scientific research. In the worst case, this could lead to the mismanagement of these iconic species. This chapter will examine gaps in our knowledge, provide new molecular data and provide valuable information for management strategies.

Taxonomists, geneticists and conservation ecologists have long debated over what determines a species, subspecies and how to determine intra-specific management units (Fraser \& Bernatchez 2001, Hoglund et al 2011, Roberts et al 2011). Recent mitochondrial DNA analyses of kiwi (Apteryx spp.) have prompted their reclassification into five distinct species (Baker et al 1995, Burbidge et al 2003). Kiwi were found to have extremely subdivided population structure due to their low dispersal power (Baker et al 1995). Long-term geographical isolation, lack of hybridisation in introduced populations and the accumulation of new biological characteristics is evidence for the existence of biologically distinct species (Burbidge et al 2003). These five species are outlined in the introductory chapter of this thesis. In short there are the great and little spotted kiwi (Apteryx haastii and Apteryx owenii respectively) and three species of brown kiwi, North Island (Apteryx mantelli), tokoeka (Apteryx australis) and the rowi (Apteryx rowi). Chapter 1 contains details regarding past and present distributions of each of these five species.

The kiwi (Apteryx spp.) recovery plan 2008-2018 written by the Department of Conservation (Holzapfel et al 2008) has split the five currently recognised species of kiwi into eleven recognised taxa for separate conservation management. The term taxa has been stipulated in the recovery plan, although maybe management units would be more appropriate. Great spotted kiwi, little spotted kiwi and rowi, remain three units as was previously recognised. However, the North Island brown


## $\widehat{H}$ Sample Locations



Figure 4.1. (A) Shows the four NIBK management units assigned by the Department of Conservation. Also shown are sanctuaries and mixed provenance zones. (B) Shows locations from which samples have be taken for mtDNA analyses. The number of samples taken from each location is included.
kiwi and the tokoeka are each split into four distinct management units. Tokoeka have been divided into four populations: Stewart Island (previously recognised as a subspecies), Haast, Northern Fiordland and Southern Fiordland. North Island brown kiwi have also been split into four populations: Northland, Coromandel, Eastern and Western (Fig 4.1). Aims of the Department of Conservation are to i) manage all eleven taxa as separate conservation management units and ii) to manage the fine scale diversity within the eleven assigned taxa. However, prior to this recovery plan, several mixed origin translocations of North Island brown kiwi have taken place on Little Barrier Island, Ponui Island, Pukaha Mount Bruce and the Rimutaka Forest Park. These translocations are now being re-labelled as mixed-provenance populations to investigate the consequences of isolation versus mixing. The mixed provenance populations may also be an integral part of recovery planning outside the core areas of distribution for each unit. This could especially useful if isolation of current units is a driver for speciation and could carry risks with it, such as inbreeding depression (Holzapfel et al 2008). The 20082009 Kiwi Recovery Group annual report (Kiwi Recovery Group 2010) gives 'essential' status to furthering research into taxonomy, with an emphasis on genetic research. Also it is important for conservationists to look not just to taxonomy, but also to phylogenetic analyses. Understanding phylogeography in terms of temporal natural geographic and geological events will allow separation of these events from those resulting from human disturbance (Wallis and Trewick 2009).

As previously mentioned, it was genetic research that prompted the reclassification of kiwi from three species to five (Baker et al 1995: Burbidge et al 2003). Coupled with some more recent work (Shepherd 2006, Shepherd \& Lambert 2008) it were these same data that are credited in the 2008-2018 kiwi recovery plan to the establishment of the eleven taxa management units. However, the spatial mtDNA genetic structure of North Island Brown kiwi is currently limited to sequence data from 21 individuals (Burbidge et al 2003, Shepherd and Lambert 2008) present in table 4.2. Additionally $\sim 40$ sequences from $\sim 150$-yearold kiwi feather cloaks and bags has been available (Shepherd 2006). These sequence data are not only low in number, but also spans hundreds of years,
therefore using these combined sequences fails to recognise temporal changes in haplotype frequency and spatial structuring. Clearly more data are needed to a) provide mtDNA sequence data for a larger representation of current North Island brown kiwi populations and; b) separate the data temporally to allow changes to be elucidated over time.

This chapter provides substantial new mtDNA data for a 166 individuals from current North Island Brown kiwi populations. These data will be analysed to examine genetic and genetic spatial structure in kiwi and thus to provide greater insight for assignment of management units. Phylogenetic analyses of these data will give insights into the effect past geological processes have had on the genetic structure of existing populations. Additionally, 847 mtDNA sequences from $\sim 150$ -year-old kiwi feathers have been generated that can be compared to contemporary data to look at recent temporal differences that may have been a result of human disturbance.

## Materials and Methods

## Current Kiwi Populations

Plucked feather samples ( $\mathrm{n}=166$ ) were kindly provided to us by Rainbow Springs Kiwi Encounter, Rotorua. Samples were from chicks being reared at the centre as part of Operation Nest Egg (Colbourne et al 2005). Eggs are removed from nests of wild kiwi populations, hatched in the centre and the chicks released when individuals were older. This was aimed at reducing the juvenile mortality rate and improving overall kiwi survivorship (Colbourne et al 2005). As the eggs were obtained directly from nests, the location of each sample could be recorded (Figure 4.1, Table 4.1). Samples provided to us from recently re-established kiwi populations such as Mount Bruce, were omitted as they do not represent the ancestral kiwi populations from those areas. These areas have recently been recognised as established mixed provenance populations by the Department of Conservation (Figure 4.1) as part of the 2008-2018 Kiwi Recovery Plan (Holzapfel et al 2008). Methods of DNA extraction are outlined in Chapter 2. The extracted

## DNA was amplified and sequenced in both directions using mtDNA primers kcF and kcR (Shepherd and Lambert 2008), which target a 200bp fragment of the hypervariable region.

Table 4.1 mtDNA haplotypes assigned to individual kiwi from current populations

|  | Location | ID | Source | Haplotype |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bream Head | 4e6Bh | Leon | 1 |
| 2 | Coromandel | Tango | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 3 | Coromandel | Marenui | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 4 | Coromandel | Taunis | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 5 | Coromandel | Bubbles | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 6 | Coromandel | Percy | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 7 | Coromandel | Homer | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 8 | Coromandel | Simo | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 9 | Coromandel | Rewarewa | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 10 | Coromandel | Guy | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 11 | Coromandel | alex | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 12 | Coromandel | palo | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 13 | Coromandel | Moneypenny | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 14 | Coromandel | Aru | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 15 | Coromandel | Minnie | Rainbow Springs | 3 |
| 16 | Gisbourne | Pinky | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 17 | Hawkes Bay | 49 | Leon | 10 |
| 18 | Hawkes Bay | Ari | Leon | 10 |
| 19 | Hinepukohurangi | Hinemoa | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 20 | Hinepukohurangi | Corona | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 21 | Hinepukohurangi | Magnum | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 22 | Hinepukohurangi | Maggy | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 23 | Hinepukohurangi | Tocha | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 24 | Hodges, kamo | 198H | Leon | 2 |
| 25 | Hodges, kamo | FdaH | Leon | 1 |
| 26 | Karioi Rahui | Iguazu | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 27 | Karioi Rahui | Rio | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 28 | Karioi Rahui | Nugget | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 29 | Karioi Rahui | mayhem | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 30 | Karioi Rahui | kruze | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 31 | Kawekas | Waiwai | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 32 | Kawekas | Albert | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 33 | Kawekas | Pudding | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 34 | Kawekas | Hariana | Rainbow Springs | 4 |
| 35 | Marlow | 3a2M | Leon | 1 |
| 36 | Marlow | 22aM | Leon | 1 |
| 37 | Maungataniwha | Eco | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 38 | Maungataniwha | Hine | Rainbow Springs | 8 |
| 39 | Maungataniwha | Berry | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 40 | Maungataniwha | Blue Gum | Rainbow Springs | 9 |


| 41 | Maungataniwha | Taoka | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 42 | Maungataniwha | Bondi | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 43 | Maungataniwha | Darwin | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 44 | Maungataniwha | Trooper | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 45 | Maungataniwha | Shaggy | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 46 | Maungataniwha | Rowi | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 47 | Maungataniwha | Kora | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 48 | Maungataniwha | Splash | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 49 | Maungataniwha | Chute | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 50 | Maungataniwha | Fred | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 51 | Maungataniwha | Domino | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 52 | Maungataniwha | Cookie | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 53 | Maungataniwha | Pavlova | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 54 | Moehau | Kina | Rainbow Springs | 3 |
| 55 | Northland | Nib. 75 | Leon | 3 |
| 56 | Ohope | Wedgie | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 57 | Ohope | Quazi | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 58 | Ohope | Chitchat | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 59 | Ohope | Manuka | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 60 | Ohope | Wafer | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 61 | Ohope | Boxer | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 62 | Ohope | Ohiwa | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 63 | Ohope | Teva | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 64 | Ohope | Rangi | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 65 | Ohope | Mako | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 66 | Ohope | Koripo | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 67 | Ohope | Lag | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 68 | Ohope | Champers | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 69 | Ohope | Diamond | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 70 | Ohope | Breeze | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 71 | Ohope | Fig | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 72 | Ohope | Stinger | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 73 | Ohope | Bear | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 74 | Ohope | Epi | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 75 | Ohope | Whiturau | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 76 | Ohope | Twinkle | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 77 | Omataroa | Flipper | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 78 | Omataroa | Teer | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 79 | Omataroa | Vollie | Rainbow Springs | 9 |
| 80 | Omataroa | Hydee | Rainbow Springs | 11 |
| 81 | Purua | 88bp | Leon | 2 |
| 82 | Rarewarewa | 424 Rr | Leon | 1 |
| 83 | Rarewarewa | 157Mo | Leon | 1 |
| 84 | Rarewarewa | ob1Mo | Leon | 2 |
| 85 | Rarewarewa | 099Bh | Leon | 1 |
| 86 | Rarewarewa | $9 \mathrm{e9D}$ | Leon | 1 |
| 87 | Rarewarewa | 5 ffRr | Leon | 2 |
| 88 | Rarewarewa | 891Rr | Leon | 3 |
| 89 | Riponui | 2 dbRp | Leon | 2 |


| 90 | Riponui | 624Rp | Leon | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 91 | Ruahine Ranges | Camo | Rainbow Springs | 3 |
| 92 | Ruahine Ranges | Rubiks | Rainbow Springs | 8 |
| 93 | Ruahine Ranges | Mokai | Rainbow Springs | 3 |
| 94 | Ruahine Ranges | Allbut | Rainbow Springs | 8 |
| 95 | .Ruahine Ranges | Blue | Rainbow Springs | 3 |
| 96 | Ruapehu | Libby | Leon | 13 |
| 97 | Ruapehu | Kuraiti | Leon | 5 |
| 98 | Ruapehu | Putiputi | Leon | 13 |
| 99 | Ruapehu | Kaha | Leon | 5 |
| 100 | Ruapehu | Ross | Leon | 5 |
| 101 | Taranaki | Tk.Ure1/vogel | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 102 | Taranaki | Purangi | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 103 | Taranaki | Dawson | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 104 | Taranaki | Ringo | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 105 | Taranaki | Ingle | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 106 | Taranaki | Mautau | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 107 | Taranaki | Solstice | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 108 | Taranaki | Ford | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 109 | Taranaki | Bayfield | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 110 | Taranaki | Ra | Rainbow Springs | 7 |
| 111 | Taranaki | Jaime | Rainbow Springs | 7 |
| 112 | Taranaki | AWOL | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 113 | Taranaki | Rusty | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 114 | Taranaki | Tarata | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 115 | Taranaki | Kaimata | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 116 | Taranaki | Red | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 117 | Taranaki | Tahuna | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 118 | Taranaki | Harenge | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 119 | Taranaki | Runner | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 120 | Taranaki | Ironman | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 121 | Tongariro | Elmo | Leon | 13 |
| 122 | Tongariro | Robyn | Leon | 5 |
| 123 | Tongariro | Haki | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 124 | Tongariro | Possum | Rainbow Springs | 13 |
| 125 | Tongariro | Eddie | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 126 | Tongariro | Fleming | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 127 | Tongariro | Morton | Rainbow Springs | 13 |
| 128 | Tongariro | April | Rainbow Springs | 13 |
| 129 | Tongariro | Topo | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 130 | Tongariro | Pokano | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 131 | Waikaremoana | Dreads | John McLennan, Landcare Research, Havelock North | 11 |
| 132 | Waikaremoana | Moko | John McLennan, Landcare Research, Havelock North | 9 |
| 133 | Waikaremoana | Maggie | John McLennan, Landcare Research, Havelock North | 9 |
| 134 | Waikaremoana | Ry97.2 | John McLennan, Landcare Research, Havelock North | 9 |
| 135 | Waikaremoana | Gonzo | John McLennan, Landcare Research, Havelock North | 11 |
| 136 | Waikaremoana | a96.1 | Leon | 12 |
| 137 | Waikaremoana | M97.2 | Leon | 9 |
| 138 | Waikaremoana | B97 | Leon | 9 |


| 139 | Waimarino | Tanekaha | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 140 | Waimarino | Kowhai | Rainbow Springs | 6 |
| 141 | Waimarino | Mataritki | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 142 | Waimarino | Niglet | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 143 | Waimarino | Rudolph | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 144 | Waimarino | Moony | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 145 | Waimarino | Pea | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 146 | Waimarino | Gold | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 147 | Waimarino | Frankin | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 148 | Waimarino | Myrrh | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 149 | Wanganui | Sirius | Rainbow Springs | 5 |
| 150 | Whangarei | 09d11 | Leon | 1 |
| 151 | Whirinaki | Timata | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 152 | Whirinaki | Awa | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 153 | Whirinaki | Te Wairoa | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 154 | Whirinaki | Karaponia | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 155 | Whirinaki | Maroke | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 156 | Whirinaki | Martini | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 157 | Whirinaki | Marmalade | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 158 | Whirinaki | Hone | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 159 | Whirinaki | Buster | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 160 | Whirinaki | Speights | Rainbow Springs | 12 |
| 161 | Whirinaki | Claus | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 162 | Whirinaki | Marley | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 163 | Whirinaki | Buttons | Rainbow Springs | 8 |
| 164 | Whirinaki | Roimata | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 165 | Whirinaki | Advent | Rainbow Springs | 10 |
| 166 | Whirinaki | Trig | Rainbow Springs | 10 |

In addition to these present day kiwi samples, sequences available from the literature were also included in the analysis (Table 4.2).

## Past Kiwi Populations

Using the same primer pair, North Island brown kiwi sequences were also obtained from 847 feather cloak samples. These samples have generally been estimated to be approximately 150 years old (Rangi Te Kanawa, personal communication). Additional details regarding these cloaks can be found in Chapters 1, 2 and 5.

## Analyses

Sequences were aligned and edited using Sequencher V4.6. (Genes Codes Corporation, Ann Arbour, MI, USA. A phylogenetic tree was constructed in MEGA4
(Tamura et al 2007). Evolutionary distances were computed using the Tajima-Nei method (Tajima and Nei 1984). Rate variation between sites was modelled with a gamma distribution (shape parameter $=0.07$ ). Phylogenetic networks were constructed using statistical parsimony in TCS version 1.21 (Clement et al 2000). For present day sequences, two measures of genetic differentiation were calculated using PERMUTCPSSR version 2.0 (Pons \& Petit 1996): NST, which takes into account the relationships between haplotypes, and GST, which uses haplotype frequencies alone. A permutation test was performed to examine whether NST was significantly larger than GST. The geographic structuring within the present day dataset was analysed in two ways. First, spatial analysis of molecular variance, SAMOVA (Version 1; Dupanloup et al 2002) was used to determine the optimal number of differentiated groups $(\mathrm{K})$ that best fit the data and the composition of each group was determined by maximising Fct. K was varied from 2 to 12 and 1000 permutations were run from each of 100 random initial conditions. Second, a nested clade analysis (NCA, Templeton et al 1987, 1992) was performed using GEODIS version 2.5 (Posada et al 2000) to explore relationships between haplotype distribution and geography, building upon work by Shepherd and Lambert (2008). Construction of hierarchical nested clades was determined using networks constructed in TCS and the rules outlined in Templeton et al. (1987, 1993, 2004; figure 4.4). To look at temporal changes in haplotype frequencies between present day and cloak samples, a Chi square test was performed.

## Results

For both modern and cloak feather DNA samples, eight variable sites comprising 13 haplotypes were observed for the 200 bp HVRI sequence (Figures 4.2, 4.3). Haplotype frequencies observed for each of the 13 haplotypes are represented in the modern and cloak samples as, respectively; 1, 4.69\%/0.94\%; 2, 4.17\%/1.42\%; 3, 6.77\%/7.56\%; $2844 ; 9.38 \% / 1.65 \% ; 5,20.31 \% / 18.46 \% ; 6,4.17 \% / 0.23 \% ; 7$, $2.08 \% / 4.73 \% ; 8,2.1 \% / 36.3 \%$ 9, $18.75 \% / 11 \%: 10,13.54 \% / 13.23 \% ; 11$, $5.73 \% / 2.95 \% ; 12,5.21 \% / 0.23 \% ; 13,3.12 \% / 1.3 \%$ (fig. 4.4). Overall there was a significant change in the frequencies of the haplotypes $(\chi 2=585.89, \mathrm{df}=12$, $p=<0.0000001$ ). However, the degree of change is dependent on the haplotype. For
example, a single haplotype, haplotype 8, is massively overrepresented in cloaks, being present in over $36 \%$ of all cloak feather samples, but only in $2.1 \%$ of the modern reference samples. This has resulted in a 17.3 fold decrease in this haplotype over time. Notable also, is haplotype 12, being present in just $0.23 \%$ of cloak samples, but representing $5.21 \%$ of the modern samples indicating a 22.7 fold increase in frequency over time. There was also a 5.7 fold increase observed for haplotype 4, which has a distribution limited almost exclusively to the Coromandel. Haplotype 6 has increased in frequency over time, being present in $0.23 \%$ of cloak samples but $4.17 \%$ of modern samples. The frequencies of the remaining 10 haplotypes seem to have remained very similar for over 150 years.

Table 4.2 mtDNA haplotypes assigned for sequences from Genbank

| Accession Number | Location | Source | Haplotype |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AY150609 | Northland | Burbidge et al 2003 | 1 |
| AY150611 | Northland | Burbidge et al 2003 | 2 |
| DQ295829 | Northland | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 2 |
| DQ295830 | Northland | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 2 |
| AY150610 | Northland | Burbidge et al 2003 | 3 |
| AY713315 | West North Island, Wanganui | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 3 |
| AY150623 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 3 |
| AY150618 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 5 |
| AY150621 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 5 |
| AY150622 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 5 |
| AY713332 | West North Island, Waverly | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 6 |
| AY150619 | West North Island | Burbidge et al 2003 | 6 |
| AY150617 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 6 |
| AY713335 | West North Island, Ohakune | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 7 |
| AY150620 | West North Island, Taranaki | Burbidge et al 2003 | 7 |
| AY150614 | Bay of Plenty | Burbidge et al 2003 | 9 |
| AY150612 | Bay of Plenty | Burbidge et al 2003 | 10 |
| AY150613 | Bay of Plenty | Burbidge et al 2003 | 10 |
| AY713315 | Hawkes Bay, Waikaou | Shepherd \& Lambert 2008 | 3 |
| AY150616 | Hawkes Bay | Burbidge et al 2003 | 9 |
| AY150615 | Hawkes Bay | Burbidge et al 2003 | 11 |

The genetic structure among modern kiwi populations from Northland, the Coromandel, the West and Central North Island, and the East North Island regions was shown using a statistical parsimony network constructed in TCS v1.21 with a 95\% parsimony connection limit (figure 4.3) (Clement et al. 2000). Measures of genetic differentiation, GST and NST, indicate that subdivision exists amongst the
kiwi populations $(\mathrm{GST}=0.45$, standard error $=0.07 ; \mathrm{NST}=0.63$, standard error $=$ 0.05 ). NST was significantly higher than GST ( $\mathrm{P}<0.01$ ) indicating that there was a phylogeographic component to this structuring. The SAMOVA performed identified the following groups with $\mathrm{K}=3$ (a) Central and West North Island, (b) Northland,


Figure 4.2 Radial distance Neighbour-Joining tree for 200bp of the mtDNA HVR1 region. The 13 North Island brown kiwi haplotypes are shown in colour. Little spotted and great spotted kiwi are Ls and Gs respectively. Rowi from Okarito are (Ok). Tokoeka kiwi are from Haast (Hs), Fiordland (Fi) and Stewart Island (Si). The Location of North Island brown kiwi are shown in grey boxes. North Island brown kiwi from Little Barrier Island (LBI) were originally translocated from taranaki.
the Coromandel, Ruahine Ranges and the Kaweka Forest Park, and (c) the East of the North Island (fig. 4.4). At higher values of K single populations were partitioned as individual groups although FCT only increased marginally to its maximum at $\mathrm{K}=10$ (from $\mathrm{FCT}=0.67$ at $\mathrm{K}=3$ to $\mathrm{FCT}=0.73$ at $\mathrm{K}=10$ ).

Using the suggested rules of Templeton et al (1987) four lower order and two higher order clades were assigned to the TCS statistical parsimony network (Figure 4.5). Each clade was defined as a 'tip' or 'interior' clade (Templeton 2004). The haplotypes assigned to each clade and the geographic location (grid reference) of every modern sample and associated haplotype was input into a matrix. Observed data were compared with data simulated using a hypothesis of spatial panmixia. NCA was implemented in GeoDis ver 2.6 (Posada et al 2000) and a revised inference key (Templeton, 2008) was used to interpret results. Three out of the four lower level clades and one out of the two higher level clades showed significant values for either within clade analysis $\left(D_{c}\right)$, nested clade analysis ( $D_{n}$ ) or interior Vs tip clade analysis (I-T). This meant that for these clades (Table 4.3), the null hypothesis of no geographical association between haplotypes could be rejected. Utilising the most recent inference key (http://darwin.uvigo.es/software/geodis.html), each of the significant clades were examined to explore phylogeographic patterns. At the higher level (clade 2-1) allopatric fragmentation was the inferred scenario, whereas phylogeography at lower level clades was a result of either continuous range expansion (clade 1-1) or long distance colonisation and/or fragmentation. Although lower order clade 1-4 contained significant values in Geodis, there were only interior haplotypes present within the clade, leading to an inconclusive outcome when analysed with the inference key.


Figure 4.3. Statistical parsimony networks for kiwi HVR1 DNA sequences from present day and ~ 150 -year-old samples. Each connector denotes a 1bp change. The sizes of the haplotype frequencies observed (calculated as a percentage) are shown, and the frequencies for the present day (a) and ~ 150-year-old samples (b) are directly comparable.


Figure 4.4. Geographic distribution of mitochondrial HVR1 sequences obtained from the reference database. Eight variable sites among 13 haplotypes were observed. Pie charts depict sample sizes together haplotypes frequencies at each location.


Figure 4.5. Statistical parsimony network created using TCS V1.21 with a $95 \%$ parsimony connection limit and hierarchical nested clades.

Table 4.3. Significant clades and inferred scenarios using Templeton's (2008) Inference guide

| Significant Clade | Chain of Inference | Inferred Scenario |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Clade 1-1 | $1-2-11-12-\mathrm{NO}$ | Continuous range expansion |
| Clade 1-2 | 1-2-3-5-6-13-14-NO | Long distance colonization |
|  | 1-2-Interior Vs Tip status not | and/or fragmentation |
| Clade 1-4 | determined. | Allopatric fragmentation |
| Clade 2-1 | $1-2-3-4-9-\mathrm{NO}$ |  |

## Discussion

## Spatial distribution of mtDNA haplotypes

The present day database of the assembled mtDNA HVRI shows a generally high level of geographic structure with many of the 13 haplotypes having limited geographic ranges (Figure 4.4). Phylogenetic analyses corroborate this structuring. Both Gst and Nst values were high, however, with Gst being significantly higher than Nst, suggesting a phylogenetic component to the structuring. The SAMOVA analysis assigned populations into three groups, the West and Central North Island, the East of the North Island, and Northland and the Coromandel. Two eastern populations (Kaweka Forest Park and the Ruahine Ranges) were grouped
with Northland and the Coromandel. The Kaweka Forest Park contains individuals with haplotype 4 which is only present elsewhere in the Coromandel, and haplotype 9 which is only found in the East of the North Island. The Ruahine Ranges population contains haplotypes 3, which is found in greatest frequencies in Northland, and haplotype 8 that is found exclusively in the East. However, the sample sizes for these populations are small (Ruahine Ranges $n=5$, Kaweka Forest park $\mathrm{n}=4$ ) which may explain why, despite containing exclusively eastern haplotypes, they were grouped with Northland and the Coromandel populations. Nested Clade Analysis also detected a significant geographical association between haplotypes. However, phylogenetic inferences differ between clade orders and within lower level clades. This seems counter-intuitive. New Zealand has a very complicated geological and climatic history, which has to be taken into consideration when interpreting phylogenetic analyses. New Zealand forms part of the now largely submerged land mass Zealandia, which is estimated to have split from the super continent Gondwana approximately 80mya (Goldberg et al 2008) during the Cretaceous period of the Mesozoic era. Ancestors of kiwi are now thought to have potentially arrived in New Zealand after this separation 7255.6mya with colonization occurring from Australia via New Caledonia (Tennyson 2010) and were potentially flighted at this time (Harshman et al 2008, Phillips et al 2010). Since the estimated arrival of kiwi ancestors in New Zealand, the country has undergone countless geographic processes throughout the millennia including sinking, uplift, tilting, sea level changes, erosion, volcanism and glaciation (Stevens 1975, Wallis and Trewick 2009). During the Oligocene ( $\sim 30 \mathrm{mya}$ ) the continent of Zealandia was largely submerged and remains approximately 93\% submerged to this day. It is suggested that much of New Zealand was submerged during this time with possibly islands composing Otago / Southland, the Nelson region and Northland (Wallis \& Trewick 2009). The final major marine transgression took place during the late Miocene, early Pliocene period, approximately 10Mya. During this time there were numerous sea straits in the North Island. This period must have had a marked effect on New Zealand flora and fauna. Significant environmental changes continued through the Quaternary period. The Pleistocene saw repeated cycles of glaciation. Despite this glaciation, large areas of New Zealand remained unscathed, including the majority of the North Island. It is
possible that the North Island Volcanic Plateau is an exception to this. However, for the most part, it would appear that glaciation is unlikely to be a determining factor in the phylogeography of North Island brown kiwi, unlike its counterparts in the South Island (Shepherd \& Lambert 2008). Volcanism has played a significant role in shaping the North Island of New Zealand. All volcanoes on the North Island are relatively young ( $\sim 2$ mya, Newnhan et al 1999). The Taupo Volcanic Zone (TVZ), active since 2 mya, is the largest and most frequently erupting rhyolitic magmatic system on Earth. The Ultraplinian Eruption in the TVZ, the last major event, occurred 1.5 kya and is thought to be the most violent volcanic event in the past 5000 years (Newnhan et al 1999). The event would have had global climatic implications and destroyed much of the central North Island, although preeruption ecosystems are thought to have recovered within 200 years. Volcanism is potentially a huge factor in explaining the phylogeography of North Island brown kiwi. However, this more recent volcanism may partially mask previous phylogenetic structure cased by processes such as the Oligocene transgression and Pliocene sea straits (Wallis and Trewick 2009). New Zealand's complicated geological history makes interpretation of phylogenetic analyses difficult. Also knowledge of kiwi dispersal capabilities is another factor that must be taken into account. At least since kiwi have lost the ability to fly, if indeed, the ability was ever present, kiwi dispersal power is low. In fragmented populations, North Island brown kiwi were found to migrate a maximum of 1.2 km (Potter 1990). This poor dispersal power makes kiwi especially vulnerable to significant geographical changes.

SAMOVA analyses revealed that kiwi from the east and west of the North Island were genetically distinct, assigning samples from those regions to two distinct groups. Given the severity of volcanism in the Central North Island, especially in the TVZ, it is entirely reasonable to suggest volcanism and volcanic events as a barrier to gene flow. This east/west genetic split has been observed in other New Zealand flora and fauna (Wallis and Trewick 2009; Lloyd 2003; Holzapfel et al. 2002). It is possible, given the severity of some past eruptions, that the third group comprising Northland and the Coromandel was isolated geographically from the east and west at some point due to volcanism. However, volcanism could be masking the effects of past processes and the conflicting results of the Nested

Clade Analysis would suggest a more complicated phylogenetic history.
Shepherd and Lambert (2008), reported a significant Fu's Fs value for North Island brown kiwi, suggesting expansion out of refugia following volcanic eruptions. Their Nested Clade Analysis did not provide any significant values, possibly due to a smaller sample size. Nested Clade Analysis in this current study inferred continuous range expansion for clade 1-1. This clade consists of exclusively west and central North Island haplotypes $(5,6,7,13)$ that are located geographically either in or close to the TVZ. The geographic distribution of these haplotypes is consistent with expansion out of refugia following volcanic eruptions as suggested by Shepherd and Lambert. The other significant lower order clade from which a scenario could be inferred was clade 1-2. This clade contained haplotypes that are located almost exclusively in Northland (1,2,3) or the Coromandel (4). The inferred scenario for this clade was long distance colonization and/or past fragmentation. Of the two scenarios past fragmentation is most likely as two of the haplotypes are found in low frequencies in other geographic areas (haplotype 3, west and eastern North Island; haplotype 4, Eastern North Island) and kiwi dispersal power is low, making long distance colonization unlikely. The causes of this fragmentation could be volcanism, but it is difficult to separate this from past geological processes and potentially more recent ones caused by human disturbance. The significant higherlevel clade 2-1 contains the two lower level significant clades (1-1,1-2) with an inferred scenario of allopatric fragmentation. Allopatric fragmentation suggests long standing barriers to gene flow between the two lower order clades. This could possibly be due to North Island sea straits during the early Pliocene, possibly separating Northland and the Coromandel from the rest of the North Island although it is difficult to elucidate these past barriers from more recent ones such as volcanism. No significant values were found within eastern clades, most likely because all haplotypes overlap geographically in this region.

## Temporal Changes in Haplotype Frequencies - Human Disturbance

All haplotypes present $\sim 150$ years ago in North Island brown kiwi are still remaining today. There has been no loss of large-scale genetic diversity. However, the frequencies of these haplotypes have changed significantly over this time period. Over the past 150 years there has been a 17.3 fold decrease in haplotype 8
and a 22.7 fold increase in Haplotype 12. The decrease in haplotype eight could be directly attributed to human activity (see Chapter 5). Both of these haplotypes have a distribution in the east of the North Island. As the prevalence of Haplotype 8 decreased, this could have allowed expansion of individuals with haplotype 12. Haplotype 6 has increased significantly over time. This may have been a relatively new haplotype $\sim 150$ years itself that has become more established over time. Haplotype 4 may be overrepresented in the present day samples, due to high accessibility to samples from the Project Kiwi conservation effort in the Coromandel. Therefore the huge increase in the frequency of that haplotype over time is most likely a sampling effect.

## Implications for conservation

Given the results of the phylogenetic analyses, separating North Island brown kiwi into the four proposed 'taxa' seems appropriate, although the term taxa does not. Management units may be a better term. Given that the genetic differentiation between these populations can be attributed to New Zealand's geographic past, and not the effect of human disturbance, maintaining the current genetic differentiation between these populations is justified. The presence of the Coromandel specific haplotype in the Kaweka Forest Park should be further investigated with an increased sample size, as this would have implications for the proposed four-taxon plan. Additionally, finer scale genetic analyses are needed using a combination of mitochondrial and nuclear markers to examine population dynamics at a more localized level. Also, the edges of these populations should be studied in more detail, to look for potential admixture and hybridization. The mixed provenance zones established by the Department of Conservation in light of past translocations, such as Rimutaka and Mt Bruce, will allow investigation into the hybridization of east and west taxon. The mixed provenance zones may provide insurance if the decision to maintain current genetic differentiation has negative consequences associated with inbreeding. To further elucidate past phylogenetic patterns, more ancient samples need to be analysed. In short the management of North Island brown kiwi populations appears to be concordant with genetic data although caution should be applied to ensure that the primary research progresses at the same speed as policy making.

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## Chapter 5

# Ancient DNA recovers the origins of Māori feather cloaks ${ }^{2}$ 


#### Abstract

Feather cloaks (kakahu), particularly those adorned with kiwi feathers, are treasured items or taonga to the Māori people of New Zealand. They are considered iconic expressions of Māori culture. Despite their status, much of our knowledge of the materials used to construct the cloaks, the provenance of the cloaks and the origins of cloak making itself, has been lost. In this thesis, I used ancient DNA methods to recover mitochondrial DNA sequences from 849 feather samples taken from 109 cloaks. I showed that almost all (>99\%) of the cloaks were constructed using feathers from North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). Molecular sexing of nuclear DNA recovered from 92 feather cloak samples also revealed that the sex ratio of birds deviated from a ratio of $1: 1$ observed in reference populations. Additionally, I constructed a reference database of 185 mitochondrial control region DNA sequences of kiwi feathers comprising samples collected from 26 North Island locations together with data available from the literature. Utilising these data, I was able to determine the geographic provenance of 847 cloak feathers from 108 cloaks. A surprising proportion (15\%) of cloaks


[^1]were found to contain feathers from different geographic locations, providing evidence of kiwi trading among Māori tribes (iwi), or organised hunting trips into other tribal areas. Our data also suggest that the east of the North Island was the most prolific of all kiwi cloak making areas, accounting for over $50 \%$ of all cloaks analysed. Similar molecular approaches have the potential to discover a wealth of lost information from artefacts of endemic cultures worldwide.

## Introduction

New Zealand was colonised by Europeans in recent history, with substantial numbers of colonisers arriving in the mid 1800's (McLintock 1966). The arrival of Europeans had a dramatic impact on the country and its inhabitants, the Māori. The 1800's marked a disruptive period amongst Māori. Warfare between tribes resulted in migration, expansion, retreat and displacement of tribes and tribal boundaries (Crosby 2001). However, amongst this disruption, the cultural traditions of Māori were largely maintained (Best 1908). This included the weaving of fine, feathered cloaks (kakahu). Large numbers of these cloaks survive in museums to this day including hundreds of kiwi feather cloaks (kahu kiwi). Kahu kiwi were particularly revered amongst Māori, and were reserved for chiefs of high social status (Ling Roth 1923). Given that the peak of kiwi cloak making was in the 1800's, each of these taonga is intricately linked to New Zealand's volatile history of that time. Despite this rich history, the majority of the cloaks held in museums have little accompanying information. Essentially their unique histories have been lost over the years. Here, a molecular approach has been taken, with the aim of elucidating some of these lost histories.
An ancient DNA approach (Bunce et al 2003; Huynen et al 2003; Shepherd and Lambert 2008) was used to recover both nuclear and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) sequences from the feathers comprising kahu kiwi. Utilising the reference database of current kiwi populations built in Chapter 4, it was possible to determine the provenance of these cloaks. Also, given the similarity in feather morphology between the five recognised species of kiwi, this molecular approach allowed the species of kiwi used in each cloak to be determined. Using nuclear sex markers it was possible to determine sex ratios of kiwi used in cloak construction
and compare these to current kiwi sex ratios. Finally, the data were used to shed light on cloak construction in the 1800's. The null hypotheses is that cloaks were constructed from avian species randomly selected from those commonly found in local areas and that cloak samples will be equally represented by both sexes. An alternative hypothesis is that feathers were either exchanged between Māori tribes (iwi) or that warfare forced tribes to search further afield for feathers. The latter, alternative hypothesis would predict that individual cloaks would comprise feathers from diverse geographical regions. In addition, the sex ratio of birds used in cloak construction was used to clarify the nature of kiwi capture methods by Māori. Direct testing of the predications of the above hypotheses could result in a new understanding of methods used by Māori to collect materials from cloak construction, understanding the traditions of cloak making itself and, how New Zealand's history has influenced the construction of these taonga.

## Methods

## Samples

A total of 1212 feather samples were obtained from 113 cloaks from museums across New Zealand, the United Kingdom (British Museum $n=9$, Horniman Museum $n=3$, Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust n=16, Canterbury Museum n=17, Auckland Museum $n=13$, Whanganui Regional Museum $n=24$, Waikato Museum $n=4$, and Te Papa Tongarewa $n=27$ ). The location on the cloak from which each sample was taken was recorded to help to determine the methods of cloak construction. Further information is available in chapter 2. A reference database using samples from current kiwi populations and sequences available in the literature was also built. See chapters 2 and 4 for further details.

## Molecular Methods

Procedures outlined for the extraction and analysis of ancient DNA were followed (Huynen et al. 2003; Gilbert et al 2005; Willerslev and Cooper 2005). Ancient DNA sequences were verified by independent replication of 15 randomly selected samples. DNA was extracted, amplified and sequenced for a 200 bp fragment of the
mitochondrial hypervariable region I (HVRI) using kiwi specific primers kcF and kcR (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). These methods are explained in detail in chapter 2 of this thesis.

## Molecular Sexing

A subset of 200 cloak samples was chosen at random for molecular sexing. Molecular sexing was conducted using ratite specific primers moa1 and moa2 (Huynen et al 2003) to amplify a $\sim 67 \mathrm{bp}$ product from the female specific W chromosome. The presence of nuclear DNA was determined by the amplification of 65bp of the Chromo-Helicase-DNA-binding gene (CHD) using primers pM0 and pM1 (Huynen et al 2003). See chapter 2 of this thesis for more details. A total of 183 North Island brown kiwi feather samples (separate from the reference database) from a range of locations were obtained from Rainbow Springs Kiwi Encounter, Rotorua, New Zealand. The sex of these samples was determined through amplification of a 170bp female W -chromosome specific product using primers k 9 and w 13 , and a fragment of the CHD gene using primers p 2 and p 3 (Griffiths and Tiwari 1995; Huynen et al. 2003). Again, further details are provided in chapter 2 of this thesis.

## Results

## Species Determination of Cloak Feathers

A 200 base pair fragment of the mitochondrial DNA control region was successfully amplified and sequenced for 849 of the 1212 feather samples obtained from cloaks. This resulted in an overall success rate of 70\%. However, the success rate varied between museums (figure 5.1). Sequence data were recovered from 109/113 cloaks, with 4 cloaks failing to amplify for any of the feather samples taken. Phylogenetic analyses identified 847 of the sequences as North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). The remaining two sequences, sampled from the same cloak, were identified as little spotted kiwi. The phylogenetic tree shown in the previous chapter (figure 4.2) shows the relationships between the kiwi feather samples and the five kiwi species.


Figure 5.1. Amplification success rates (expressed as a percentage) of kiwi feather samples using primers kcF and kcR for cloaks from each of the museums visited.

## Haplotype Structure and Frequency

For both modern and cloak feather DNA samples, eight variable sites comprising 13 haplotypes were observed for the 200bp HVRI sequence (figures 4.2, 4.3, 4.4). Haplotype frequencies are reported in Chapter 4 where there was a significant change in haplotype frequencies over time, with a notable reduction in the observed frequency of haplotype 8 between cloak and reference samples.

## Determining the Provenance of Kiwi Feather Cloaks

The geographic structuring of modern North Island brown kiwi sequences observed in Chapter 4 (figures 4.4, 5.2) allows inferences to be made with regard to the provenance of samples from cloaks. Of the cloaks sampled, $50.5 \%$ contained feathers that came exclusively from the east of the North Island (57/113), 26.6\% came from the west and central North Island (30/113), 3.5\% came from Northland and the Coromandel (4/113), $15 \%$ were of mixed origin (17/113), $3.5 \%$ failed to amplify any samples $(4 / 113)$ and, $0.9 \%$ was adorned with little spotted kiwi
feathers $(1 / 113)$. The number of haplotypes in any one cloak was variable. Of the 108 cloaks shown to be adorned with North Island brown kiwi feathers, 29.6\% had just one haplotype (32/108), 40.7\% had 2 haplotypes (44/108), $25 \%$ had 3 haplotypes (27/108) and 4.7\% had the maximum observed 4 haplotypes (5/108). Figure 5.2 shows examples of cloaks showing either 1,2,3 or 4 haplotypes. Cloak A, from Canterbury Museum, Christchurch (accession number E173.149), had nine samples of one haplotype only, haplotypes 5. In modern samples this haplotype was observed geographically in the west and Central of the North Island of New Zealand suggesting that this cloak was produced in this area. Additionally, this was one of the few cloaks that contained provenance information in the museum records. The records suggest that the cloak was made in Hawera, which is located south of New Plymouth, in Taranaki (Figure 5.2). Haplotype 5 has been observed in this region. Therefore, in this instance, the genetic and historical data are complementary to one another. Cloak B, from Te Papa Tongawera Museum, Wellington (accession number ME15753), contained feather sequences of haplotype 9 and haplotype 10. Both of these haplotypes are found exclusively in the east of the North Island of New Zealand in the modern samples, suggesting that the origin of the cloak was this region. Unfortunately there are no complementary museum records to corroborate the DNA data. Cloak C, from Canterbury Museum, Christchurch (accession number 2001.196.6), harboured feather sequences representing haplotypes 5, 9 and 10. In comparison to the distribution of modern haplotypes, this cloak contains a mixture of west and central (haplotype 5) and eastern (haplotypes 9 \& 10) haplotypes. Cloak D, from Te Papa Tongawera Museum, Wellington (accession number ME14499), contained the maximum number of haplotypes observed for any cloak, four (haplotypes 5, 7, 8 and 13). Haplotypes 5 and 7 were observed exclusively in the west and central North Island in modern samples; haplotype 13 was only found in the central North Island, and haplotype 8 was detected in the east of the North Island only. Therefore this cloak is somewhat unusual as it contains a mixture of west and central (haplotypes 5 and 7), central (haplotype 13), and eastern haplotypes (haplotype 8).


Figure 5.2. Provenance of kiwi feathers from four representative cloaks. Mitochondrial HVRI haplotypes recovered from cloaks are shown, together with the geographic distribution of these haplotypes. Also shown are the approximate tribal boundaries in the 1800's. Figure taken from Hartnup et al 2011.

## Cloak Samples Exhibit a Skewed Sex Ratio

Of the 200 feather samples selected at random for sex determination, 39.5\% ( $\mathrm{n}=79$ ) failed to amplify and one sample provided an ambiguous result and was therefore removed from the study. Of the remaining 120 samples (overall amplification success rate of $60 \%)$, $40.8 \%(\mathrm{n}=49)$ were assigned as female and $59.2 \%$ ( $n=71$ ) were assigned as male. For a small number of samples, sexing was successful in the absence of mitochondrial DNA amplification. Previous work with ancient moa DNA showed that short nuclear genome fragments ( $\sim 70 \mathrm{bp}$ ) were
retained at approximately the same frequency as the larger mitochondrial DNA fragments ( $\sim 220 \mathrm{bp}$ ) (Huynen et al 2003), and hence in ancient DNAs of low concentration there is a chance of amplifying one locus at the expense of another. Although feasible, we considered it prudent to remove from further analysis samples that amplified for nuclear DNA, yet failed to amplify mitochondrial DNA. This occurred in 20 of the 120 samples, reducing the sample size to 92 of which 40.2\% were female ( $\mathrm{n}=37$ ) and $59.8 \%$ were male ( $\mathrm{n}=55$ ).

In parallel, molecular methods were used to sex a total of 183 kiwi feathers from modern populations. These individuals came from locations across the North Island of New Zealand. A total of 90 males and 93 females were identified using these methods. To test the significance of this result a likelihood ratio G-test was performed (Hardy 2002) using the freely available statistical software, R, and a script based on one available at http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/~phurd/cruft/. The modern sex assignment data show no statistical excess of either sex (G-test, $\mathrm{p}=0.486$ ). Assuming the ratio of $1: 1$ directly observed in modern populations, the values obtained for cloak feather samples deviated significantly from expected values ( G -test, $\mathrm{p}=0.0488$ ), with an observed excess of males.

## Individual Cloak Results

Although it is important to look at the results of these cloaks as a whole, each cloak is a significant ethnographic artefact and treasure (taonga) in its own right. Due to the cultural significance of each individual cloak, it is imperative that each cloak be examined separately. The following table (Table 5.1) contains information on museum records, sexing (where applicable), haplotype information and inferred provenance details.

Table 5.1 Individual Cloak Results
Cloaks housed at the Hawkes Bay Museum and Cultural Trust

| Cloak 2554 |  | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | Haplotype |
| :--- |
| Information | | Sexing |
| :--- |
| Information | Origins


| Cloak 2633 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Small muka NIBK feather covered cloak with dyed flax fringe and red and blue wool along top edge. Size $90 \times 57 \mathrm{~cm}$ maybe made for a child. Donated by The Misses Grant of Napier. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2/4 samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Both } \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { were } \\ & \text { Haplotype } 5 . \end{aligned}$ | 1 male and 2 females identified. Nuclear DNA amplified in the absence of mitochondrial DNA amplification in one instance. | Haplotype 5 is restricted to the west and central parts of the North Island and these regions are the likely origins of this cloak. |


| Cloak 2637 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Kahu kiwi with evidence of repair, patch of feathers nadded post construction. Size <br> $170 \times 109 \mathrm{~cm}$. <br> Donated by <br> Lady <br> Florence <br> Maclean | $1 / 7$ samples amplified. Haplotype 7 identified. | 1 female identified. Nuclear DNA amplified in the absence of mitochondria 1 DNA amplification in one instance. | Haplotype 7 is restricted to the west and central parts of the North Island and these regions are the likely origins of this cloak. |



| Cloak 2644 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with braided top edge. Size $102.7 \times 101 \mathrm{~cm}$ . Donated by Mr AR Wilkie. | 6/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8,10,11 identified. | 4 males identified. | All of these haplotypes are restricted to the East of the North Island, making this area the cloaks likely origin. |


| Cloak 2646 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with a diagonal pattern of kiwi feathers across the surface of the cloak. Kiwi feather edging is also present. Size $153 \times 115 \mathrm{~cm}$. Donated by Lady Florence Maclean. | 2/6 samples amplified. <br> Both samples were haplotype 8. | 2 males identified. | Haplotype 8 is restricted to the East of the North Island, making this area the cloaks likely origin. |


| Cloak 2647 | Description |  | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak 2649 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in poor condition. Feathers on the cloak in poor condition, with bald patches in places. Size 108x91cm. <br> Donated by Mrs G Chapman. | $1 / 6$ samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 8 identified. | 3 males identified. <br> Nuclear DNA has amplified where mtDNA amplification has failed in two instances. | Haplotype 8 is only present in the east of the North Island, making this region the likely origin of the cloak. |


| Cloak 2653 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with taniko border along the sides and bottom edge of the cloak. Size 166x128.5cm Donated by Lady <br> Florence Maclean. No photograph available. | $1 / 6$ samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 8 identified. | 2 males identified. <br> Nuclear DNA has amplified where mtDNA amplification has failed in both instances. | Haplotype 8 is only present in the east of the North Island, making this region the likely origin of the cloak. |
| Cloak 2654 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with pale feathers. <br> Top edge of cloak in poor condition. <br> Size <br> 139x106cm. <br> Donated by Lady <br> Florence Maclean. | 4/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 11 identified. | 1 male and 2 females identified. | Haplotypes 8 and 11 are only present in the east of the North Island, making this region the likely origin of the cloak. |


| Cloak 4009 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi covered in dark feathers. Size $160 \times 99 \mathrm{~cm}$. Donor unknown. | 5/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 9 identified. | 3 females identified. | Haplotypes 8 and 9 are only present in the east of the North Island, making this region the likely origin of the cloak. |


| Cloak 26077 | Description | Haplotype Informatio n | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with fringing at top corners. Muka is dyed black along the bottom edge and yellow along the top edge. Size 111x80cm. Donated by Lady Florence Maclean. | $3 / 6$ <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes <br> 8 and 9 and 13 <br> identified. | 3 females identified. <br> Amplification of nuclear DNA has occurred in the absence of mtDNA amplification in 2 cases. | Haplotypes 8 and 9 are only present in the east of the North Island. However, haplotype 13 is only found in the central North Island. Therefore, this cloak has feathers from mixed origins. |


| Cloak Q820C737 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. Brown and albino kiwi feathers are present. Origin unknown. No Photograph available. 3 albino (A) samples. | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 8 / 10 \\ \text { samples } \\ \text { amplified. } \\ \text { Haplotypes 8, } \\ 9 \text { and 10 } \\ \text { identified. } \end{array}$ | No sexing information available. | Haplotypes <br> 8, 9 and 10 <br> are only present in the east of the North Island. Making this region the cloaks likely origin. |
| Cloak Q820C736 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with a mixture of brown and albino kiwi feathers. Taniko borders and coloured wool decorations. Unknown donor. 1 albino sample indicated with (A). No photograph available. | 8/10 <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 10 identified. | No sexing information available. | Haplotypes 8 and 10 are only present in the east of the North Island. This region is the likely origin for the cloak. |


| Cloak 0C1914/1215.1 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Kahu kiwi <br> with <br> coloured <br> wool <br> borders. <br> Donated to <br> the museum <br> in 1914 by <br> Mrs HJ <br> Tozer. No <br> photograph <br> available. | $7 / 10$ samples <br> amplified. <br> Haplotype 8 <br> identified. | No sexing <br> information <br> available. | Haplotype <br> 8 is only <br> present in <br> the east of <br> the North |
| Island. |  |  |  |  |


| Cloak OC1913/612.2 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with wool along bottom edge. <br> Donated in 1913 by CH Waterlow. No photograph available. | 9/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3, 4 and 8 identified. | No sexing information available. | This cloak is of mixed origin with all three haplotypes predominatel y represented in different geographic areas. |


| Cloak 0C82Q704 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Kahu kiwi. <br> No other <br> information <br> available. No <br> photograph <br> available. | 5/10 samples <br> amplified. All <br> samples <br> haplotype 8. | No sexing <br> information <br> available. | Haplotype 8 is <br> only present <br> in the east of <br> the North |
| Island, making |  |  |  |  |
| the eastern |  |  |  |  |
| region the |  |  |  |  |
| cloaks most |  |  |  |  |


| Cloak 0C82726 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak OC1995Q4 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. <br> Lower edge trimmed with tui feathers. <br> Circumstanti <br> al evidence suggests that the cloak may have entered the museum as part of Royal Loan 1902, Loan 1. No Photograph available. | 8/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 10 identified. | No sexing information available. | Both of these haplotypes are restricted to the east of the North Island, making this region the cloaks likely origin. |

Cloaks housed at Te Papa Tongawera Museum, Wellington, New Zealand

| Cloak ME4274 |  | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak ME2700 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in good condition. <br> Kereru and pukeko feathers form a border down both sides. | $\begin{aligned} & 14 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 8 \\ & \text { and 11 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | 3 males and 2 females identified. | Haplotypes 8 and 11 are both restricted to the east of the North Island. The east is therefore, the likely origin of this cloak. |
| Cloak ME3714 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with suspected huia feathers dotted across the body of the cloak. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 11 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 8 \\ & \text { and 11 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | 10 males and 3 females identified. Nuclear amplificatio n has occurred in the absence of mtDNA amplificatio $n$ in 4 instances. | Haplotypes 8 and 11 are both restricted to the east of the North Island. The east is therefore, the likely origin of this cloak. |
| Cloak ME14499 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with kakapo feathers dotted across the body of the cloak. | $\begin{aligned} & 14 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 5, } \\ & 7,8 \text { and } 13 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | 7 males and 4 females identified. Nuclear amplificatio n has occurred in the absence of mtDNA amplificatio n in 1 instance. | This cloak is of mixed origin with a mixture of western and central $(5,7)$, central (13) and eastern (8) North Island haplotypes. |


| Cloak ME15755 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in good condition, no additional information available. | $\begin{aligned} & 14 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 3 \\ & \text { and 5 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | 6 males and <br> 3 females identified. <br> Nuclear amplificatio n has occurred in the absence of mtDNA amplificatio n in 1 instance. | Haplotypes 3 and 5 are both present in the West of the North Island, making this the likely location of the origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak ME16934 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in reasonable condition, no additional information available. | 9/15 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 8 identified. | 3 males and 5 females identified. Nuclear amplificatio n has occurred in the absence of mtDNA amplificatio n in 3 instances. | This cloak is of mixed origin as haplotype 5 is only found in west and central areas of the North Island whereas haplotype 8 is only found in the east. |


| Cloak ME38885 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very pale kahu kiwi with kaka feathers along the bottom edge. | 14/15 <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 9 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 9 is found exclusively in the east of the North Island and is the likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak ME15753 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with a chequered border of kaka and kereru feathers along the sides and bottom of the cloak. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 15 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 9 \\ & \text { and 10 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 9 and 10 are found exclusively in the east of the North Island and is the likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak ME1378 |  | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak ME10760 |  | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak ME2701 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in average condition. No additional information available. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 13 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 8 \\ & \text { and 10 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 8 and 10 are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that the East of the North Island is where this cloak was produced. |
| Cloak ME8697 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| (8) <br> . <br> 11 <br> 11 <br> (8) | Light coloured kahu kiwi with a bare patch in the top left hand corner. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 14 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 8, } \\ & 10 \text { and } 11 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 8, 10 and 11 are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that the East of the North Island is where this cloak was produced. |
| Cloak ME3716 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with tui and kererus border along the sides and bottom edge. Some bare patches at the top of the cloak. | 8/15 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3, 5, 8 and 11 identified. | No sexing data. | The feathers on this cloak come from different geographical areas, making it of mixed origin. |


| Cloak ME2055 |  | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak ME15605 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins <br> (8) | Kahu <br> huruhuru <br> (mixed <br> feather) with <br> triangles of <br> kaka and <br> kereru <br> feathers over <br> the body of <br> the cloak and <br> kiwi feathers <br> up both sides. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | 10/10 |
| :--- |
| samples |
| amplified. |
| Haplotypes 9, |
| 10 and 11 |
| identified. |$\quad$| No sexing |
| :--- |
| data. |$\quad$| All these |
| :--- |
| haplotypes |
| are exclusive |
| to the east of |
| the North |
| Island, making |
| this area the |
| likely origin of |
| this cloak. |


| Cloak ME15102 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with green and white feathers as borders along both sides and a taniko border along the bottom of the cloak | $\begin{aligned} & 12 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } \\ & 8,9,10 \text { and } 13 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 8, 9 and 10 are exclusively from the east of the North Island. <br> However, haplotype 13 is exclusively from the central North Island. This cloak has feathers of mixed origin. |


| Cloak ME15350 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 <br> 3 . 3 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> (2) <br> $x$ <br> (3) <br> 3 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 3 | Pale coloured kahu kiwi. No additional information available. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 14 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 1, } \\ & 2 \text { and } 3 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | These three haplotypes are found in Northland, which is the likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak ME14381 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dark coloured kahu kiwi, no additional information available. | 14/15 samples amplified. Haplotypes 4 and 7 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 4 is found in the Coromandel, with a few reference samples in the east of the North Island. Haplotype 7 is only found in the west and central North Island. This suggests a mixed origin. |
| Cloak ME15351 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi with a black and white taniko border along the bottom edge. No additional information. | 13/15 <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 1, 2 and 3 identified. | No sexing data. | All three haplotypes are found in Northland, making this location the most likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak ME13120 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unusual kahu kiwi dotted with feathers from another bird (could be emu?). Very thickly braided ties at the top edge. | 10/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 7 identified. | No sexing data. | Both these haplotypes are found in the central and western North Island and the cloak is likely to have originated from this region. |


| Cloak ME737 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in poor condition, balding in places. | 6/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 13 identified. | No sexing data. | Both these haplotypes are found in the central North Island and the cloak is likely to have originated from this region. |

Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand.

| Cloak E192.130 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka with kaka feathers dotted across the body of the cloak. No donor information. Size $111 \times 102 \mathrm{~cm}$. | 4/10 samples amplified. Haplotype 5 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 5 is found in the west and central North Island, the likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak E70.47 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka with pukeko feathers dotted across the body of the cloak. Green kereru feathers along the sides. Black and red wool along the bottom. Size $152 \times 107 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 6/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 8 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 8 is found in the east of the North Island, the likely origin of this cloak. |


| Cloak E161.51 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. No additional details available. Size $153 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 8/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 9 identified. | No sexing data. | Both of these haplotypes are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak originated from this region. |
| Cloak E152.210 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Small kahu kiwi on muka. No additional details available. Size 62 x 49 cm | 8/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8, 9 and 10 identified. | No sexing data. | All three of these haplotypes are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak originated from this region. |
| Cloak E173.149 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 5 | Small kahu kiwi on a Berlin wool backing. Yellow feathers dotted through cloak (possibly stitchbird?) Records suggest provenance as Hawera (west North Island). | 9/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 5 identified. | No sexing data. | This haplotype is exclusive to the west and central North Island. This coupled with provenance details in the museum records would strongly suggest that this cloak is from the Hawera region on the west coast. |


| Cloak E173.482 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. <br> Bottom border decorated with kaka, tui and kakriki feathers. Kaka feathers also border the top and sides. | 8/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8, 9 and 10 identified. | No sexing data. | All three of these haplotypes are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak originated from this region. |


| Cloak E146.285 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. <br> Borders of kaka, kereru and tui feathers. 'Purchased, Mrs Bean' is written on the label. Size $103 x 75 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 8/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 9 and 10 identified. | No sexing data. | Both of these haplotypes are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak originated from this region. |


| Cloak E158.977 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka, incomplete. Used as a weaving demonstratio <br> n. Records suggest the cloak is from Rotorua (east North Island). | 10/10 <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 9 identified. | No sexing data. | Records suggest this cloak is from Rotorua in the east of the North Island. As haplotype 9 is exclusive to the east, this would corroborate this provenance. |


| Cloak E147.760 |  | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak E149.689 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka in poor condition. Has red wool decoration on borders. $161 \times 116 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 6/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 10 amplified. | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 8 and 10 are found exclusively in the east of the North Island. This region is the likely origin of this cloak. |
| Cloak IR1296 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi on candlewick backing. Wool along the top edge, tui and pheasant feathers along the sides and bottom. Name on the label says Wendy Haase. | 9/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3 and 4 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotypes 3 and 4 are both found in the Coromandel. This may be the origin of the cloak. However, haplotype 3 is also found in the north and west of the North Island, which could indicate a mixed provenance. |
| Cloak E147.759 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| (5) 5 <br> 5 <br> (5) <br> 5 <br> 13 5 | Dark brown kahu kiwi on muka. Size $149 \times 88 \mathrm{~cm}$. No additional details available. | 9/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 13 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 13 is restricted to the central North Island and haplotype 5 is found in the west and central North Island. It is most likely this cloak originated from the central North Island. |


| Cloak E158.639 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5) (5 <br> $5) \quad(5$ <br> 5 | Kahu kiwi on cotton backing. Tui and kaka feather border. Name on label is Forbes. Size $128 \times 94 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 8/10 samples amplified. Haplotype 5 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 5 is found in the West and central North Island. This is the cloaks likely provenance. |


| Cloak E158.638 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on cotton backing. The body of the cloak is dotted with kaka feathers. Green and white kereru feathers decorate the sides and bottom of the cloak. Forbes is written on the label. Size $100 \times 98 \mathrm{~cm}$. | 9/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3 and 7 identified. | No sexing data. | Both of these haplotypes are found in the west of the North Island, making this region the likely provenance of the cloak. |


| Cloak E158.640 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. Taniko borders along the sides and the bottom of the cloak. These may have been stitched on at a later date. Forbes is written on the label. Size $137 x 98 \mathrm{~cm}$. | $\begin{aligned} & 10 / 10 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 5, } \\ & 7,8 \text { and } 10 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | This cloak is of mixed provenance. Haplotypes 5 and 7 are from the west and central North Island whereas haplotypes 8 and 10 are from the east. |


| Cloak L2004/17/7 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi with taniko border running along the bottom edge. Quite a modern cloak made ~1981 by Rangimarie Hetet. Size $117 \times 102 \mathrm{~cm}$ | 11/16 samples amplified. Haplotypes 3 and 5 identified. | No sexing data. | These haplotypes occur in the west North Island. The weaver, Rangimarie Hetet is from Te Kuiti in this region. The haplotypes compliment the museum records. |


| Cloak L2004/10/1 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Muka cloak decorated with kereru feathers and kiwi feathers. Taniko border running along the bottom edge. Modern cloak ~1990's. Made by Dame Diggeress Te Kanawa. | 4/7 samples amplified. Haplotype 3 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 3 occurs in the west and central North Island as well as Northland. However, as Dame Te Kanawa is from Te Kuiti, in the West, this is the most likely origin of the kiwi feathers. |


| Cloak L2004/6/1 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu huruhuru with kiwi, pukeko and kaka feathers. Taniko border. <br> Named Nga Rau 0 Nga Manu E Rima. Made by Dame Diggeress Te Kanawa ~1990's. | 7/10 samples amplified. Haplotype 3 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 3 occurs in the west and central North Island as well as Northland. However, as Dame Te Kanawa is from Te Kuiti, in the West, this is the most likely origin of the kiwi feathers. |


| Cloak 1974.1 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak NN907 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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| Cloak 2666 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. In poor condition with frayed taniko border along the bottom edge. | 3/15 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 9 and 10 identified. | No sexing data. | Both haplotypes occur exclusively in the east of the North Island, making this the likely provenance of this cloak. |
| Cloak 45775 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi. In poor condition. No other information available. No photograph available. | 3/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 10 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 10 occurs exclusively in the east of the North Island, making this the likely provenance of this cloak. |
| Cloak 18213 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi. In poor condition. | 2/10 samples amplified. <br> Haplotype 5 identified. | No sexing data. | Haplotype 5 occurs exclusively in the west and central North Island, making this the likely provenance of this cloak. |


| Cloak 46164 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. In poor condition. A number of bald patches are present where the feathers have fallen out or worn away. | 5/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 9 and 10 identified. | No sexing data. | Both of these haplotypes occur exclusively in the east of the North Island. This cloak most likely originated from this region. |


| Cloak 19263 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. With bald patches in places across the body of the cloak. | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 3, } \\ & 5 \text { and } 7 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | These three haplotypes all occur together in the west of the North Island. This region is the likely provenance of the cloak. |


| Cloak 38886 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. With bald patches in places across the body of the cloak. Taniko border along the bottom edge of the cloak. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 13 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 8, } \\ & 9 \text { and } 10 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | These three haplotypes all occur together in the east of the North Island. This region is the likely provenance of the cloak. |


| Cloak 6464 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi. With bald patches in places across the body of the cloak. Taniko border along the bottom edge of the cloak. | 13/15 <br> samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3, 5, 7 and 8 identified. | No sexing data. | This cloak is made using feathers from mixed origins. Haplotype 8 is exclusive to the east of the North Island whereas, the remaining three occur in the west and central North Island. |
| Cloak 35031 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing <br> Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi. <br> Pale in <br> colour. Bald <br> patches in <br> places.  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3/15 samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 8, } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | These two haplotypes all occur together in the east of the North Island. This region is the likely provenance of the cloak. |


| Cloak 55668 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in very poor condition. Threadbare and balding in places. | $\begin{array}{lr} \hline 5 / 10 \text { samples } \\ \text { amplified. } \\ \text { Haplotypes } & 5 \\ \text { and } & 7 \\ \text { identified. } & \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No sexing } \\ & \text { data. } \end{aligned}$ | These two haplotypes all occur together in the west and central North Island. This region is the likely provenance of the cloak. |

Cloak with no accession number
(2)
(5)
(5)

| Cloak 35448 | Description | Haplotype Information | Sexing Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi in reasonable condition. | $\begin{aligned} & 10 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes } 9, \\ & 10,11 \text { and } 12 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | No sexing data. | All these four haplotypes have distributions exclusive to the east of the North Island. This is the likely provenance of this cloak. |


| Cloak 1977.1.1 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (7) 5 <br> (5) <br> (7) <br> (5) <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> (5) | Child's kahu kiwi on candlewick. Taniko border along the bottom edge. ‘Rena - Te Aroha Te Huna 18 Wikitoria Road Putiki' is written on the back of the cloak. Size 86x53cm | 9/9 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 7 identified. | Putiki is in the Whanganui District in the west of the North Island. Haplotypes 5 and 7 are also from this region. This is the likely origin of this cloak. |
| Cloak 1970.4 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu huruhuru (mixed feather) with kiwi and weka feathers. Feathers woven into a candlewick base. $132 \times 107 \mathrm{~cm}$. | 5/11 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3 and 5 identified. | These two haplotypes are found in the west of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak came from this region. |


| Cloak 1953.26 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Kahu kiwi <br> decorated with tui, <br> kaka, kereru and <br> kakariki feathers on <br> muka. Kaitiaki <br> (guardianship) <br> Ngati Tuwharetoa <br> iwi (Central North <br> Island). | $14 / 15$ <br> samples <br> amplified. <br> Haplotype 8 <br> identified. | Haplotype 8 is found in <br> the east of the North <br> Island. However, records <br> would suggest that the <br> cloak originates from the <br> central North Island. See |
| discussion for further |  |  |  |
| information. |  |  |  |


| Cloak W. Shenton Collection | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



| Cloak 2001.46.1 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | The original owner was Mrs Brook's mother-in-law, Ruihi Pakahiwi. Ruihi was murdered at Wahi Pa at the southern end of lake Taupo for having an affair after her husband had died and she deserted her children. Kahu kiwi on muka with kereru feathers. In poor condition. | 7/9 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 9 identified. | Haplotypes 8 and 9 have a distribution limited to the east of the North Island. Wahi Pa, where Ruihi Pakahiwi was murdered is in the central North Island. This indicates that the cloaks feathers and even the cloak itself has origins in the east. |
| Cloak 1802.700 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi, no additional information available. No photograph available. | 3/5 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 7 and 8 identified. | This cloak contains a mixture of an eastern (8) and a western / central (7) haplotype. |


| Cloak 2002.110 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Purchased in Wanganui between 1889-1914 by Robert MacKenzie Gatenby from a Māori chief who was sitting outside his chemist business. The cloak has since been to England (1914) and Australia (1952) before returning to New Zealand in 2002. Kahu kiwi on muka with wool on the top edge. | 9/15 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 3, 5, 8 and 13 identified. | This cloak contains a mixture of eastern (8) haplotypes, central (13) and western and central $(3,5)$ haplotypes. This cloak was therefore made using feathers from mixed geographic origins. |
| Cloak 1948.64.3 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi decorated with kereru, kakapo and tui feathers down each side of the cloak. Taniko border present down both sides and along the bottom of the cloak. | 9/12 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 8 and 10 identified. | Both haplotypes 8 and 10 have a distribution limited to the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak also originated from this region. |
| Cloak 1802.29 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. Upper border of interlaced black and yellow fibre. Lower border of black and yellow taniko. I A M written in ink on the body of the cloak. | 1/9 samples amplified. Haplotype 8 identified. | Haplotype 8 has a distribution limited to the east of the North Island. It is likely that this cloak also originated from this region. |


| Cloak 1968.100.2 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kahu kiwi on muka. Brown kiwi feathers interspersed with albino kiwi and domestic fowl feathers. Lower taniko border. Cloak worn by Mrs Stephens at the opening of Māori Court on $7^{\text {th }}$ July 1968. Weaver is Tarahira Kereti (born 1825, died ~1878). | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 12 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 8, } \\ & 9 \text { and } 10 \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | Haplotypes 8, 9 and 10 have geographic distribution limited to the east of the North Island. This is the likely origin of the kiwi feathers used to adorn this cloak. |


| Cloak 1802.24 | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Origins |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Kahu kiwi on muka in <br> poor, threadbare <br> condition. Main body <br> of the cloak <br> decorated with kiwi <br> feathers. Isolated <br> patches of brown <br> pheasant feathers. No <br> borders or fringes. | 3/4 samples <br> amplified. <br> Haplotype 5 <br> identified. | Haplotype 5 has a <br> geographic <br> distribution limited to <br> the west and central <br> regions of the North |
| 5 | 5 |  | Island. It is likely that <br> the kiwi feathers used <br> to adorn this cloak <br> also came from this <br> region. |  |


| Cloak 1802.21 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| x x <br> x <br> x <br> $x$ | Kahu kiwi on muka. Lower taniko border and side borders are present. Taniko is niho taniwha design. The brown dye is tanekaha, which is not in ready supply in Wanganui. Tui and kaka feathers along the lower edge. | 1/7 samples amplified. Haplotype 8 identified. | The records suggest that this cloak is not from Wanganui in the west of the North Island due to the tree from which the brown dye is obtained is not in supply in that region. The haplotype results compliment this as haplotype 8 has a distribution limited to the east of the North Island. |


| Cloak W R Steadman Collection | Description | Haplotype <br> Information | Origins |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Cloak 1977.4 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (8) <br> (8) <br> $x^{2}$ <br> (8) <br> © <br> (10) <br> (8) <br> (5) <br> (5) <br> 5 <br> (5) <br> $(5)$ <br> x <br> (5) | Kahu kiwi on muka. Edges bound in green, orange or yellow wool. Tui feathers down both sides. Blocks of kaka, tui and kereru feathers decorate the kiwi feather body of the cloak. Presented to W. J. Birch of Erewhon Station, Inland Patea by a Māori chief between 1867-1900. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 11 / 15 \\ & \text { samples } \\ & \text { amplified. } \\ & \text { Haplotypes 5, } \\ & 8 \text { and 10 } \\ & \text { identified. } \end{aligned}$ | The Inland Patea is an old Māori track linking the Hawkes Bay in the east to Taihape in the west of the North Island, along which Erewhon Station was located. This location may explain the presence of eastern (8 and 10) and western (5) haplotypes on this cloak. |
| Cloak 1802.26 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu kiwi on candlewick backing. Body of the cloak is kiwi feathers with kaka and kereru feathers along the top edge. No provenance details. | 5/6 samples amplified. Haplotype 5 identified. | Haplotype 5 has a distribution limited to the west and central North Island. It is likely that the kiwi feathers decorating this cloak came from this region. |
| Cloak 1909.107 | Description | Haplotype Information | Origins |
|  | Kahu huruhuru (mixed feather) consisting of kiwi, kaka, kereru and tui feathers. Made by Māori at Huiakama, Taranaki ~1900. | 6/6 samples amplified. <br> Haplotypes 5 and 7 identified. | Haplotypes 5 and 7 have a distribution limited to the west and central North Island. It is likely that the kiwi feathers decorating this cloak came from this region, especially when museum records are taken into account. |



## Discussion

Variation in Amplification Success

Although the overall mtDNA amplification success of cloak samples was $70 \%$, this varied greatly between the museums where the cloak samples came from. The highest success rates came from Canterbury Museum (85\%) and Te Papa Tongawera (79.4\%). The lowest success rates were observed for cloaks from the British (51.8\%) and Hornimann (55.9\%) museums, both located in London in the United Kingdom. DNA begins to degrade the moment it is no longer part of a living organism. It is susceptible to the environment, especially heat, moisture and excess light (Willerslev \& Cooper 2005). This makes appropriate storage of cloaks and ethnographic artefacts in general essential. The cloaks in the UK museums had a long journey to reach their current destination. The conditions on these journeys are of course unknown and could have contributed to DNA degradation. Also, during our sampling effort, the feather samples were couriered from the UK to New Zealand and, although every precaution was taken, they may have been subjected to adverse environmental conditions, thus contributing to DNA degradation further. This variation in amplification successes also highlights the care needed when transporting ethnographic objects between museums and when either displaying or storing these items.

In general, $70 \%$ is a high amplification success rate for artefacts of this nature. The cloak construction process may go some way to explain this. The ends of each group of feathers to be woven into a cloak were secured together using flax (Harakeke) sap. In more recent times, soap is used to achieve a similar result ( Te Kanawa 1992). The flax sap may have acted to protect the feather bases from environmental factors, thus slowing down the degradation of DNA.

## Species Determination of Cloak Feathers

Given the potential for extensive trade between iwi, it is surprising that almost all of the feathers sequenced were from North Island brown kiwi. It is known that North Island Māori made trips to the South Island of New Zealand to hunt for moa (Anderson 1989), and there was a greenstone trade established well before the production of the first kahu kiwi (Coutts 1971; Skinner 1912). Despite these historical trade and travel routes, no South Island kiwi species appear on any of the cloaks sampled. This would suggest a lack of trade in feathers between the two islands. Alternatively, the lack of cloaks harbouring feathers from South Island kiwi
species (Apteryx australis, Apteryx rowi, Apteryx haasti) could be explained simply by numbers. In pre-European times, population estimates of Māori vary greatly. Captain Cook estimated the Māori population to be around 100, 000 individuals at the turn of the $19^{\text {th }}$ century. However, the interior of the North Island had no contact with Europeans until 1840, where a large number of Māori lived. In 1800 the Māori population estimates fluctuate between 100,000 to as many as 500,000 individuals. It has also been estimated that only 8, 000 to 10,000 lived on the South Island (Lewthwaite 1999, 1950; McLintock 1966). With at least ten-fold more Māori inhabiting the North Island than the South, it would be expected that vastly more North Island kiwi feather cloaks would survive to this day. Taking this into account, perhaps it is not so surprising that 108/109 cloaks were made from North Island brown kiwi. It is likely that South Island kiwi cloaks do exist but are extremely rare. Additionally, it should be noted that Māori did not just make cloaks from kiwi feathers. Perhaps South Island iwi favoured the feathers from other bird species. A worthy future study would be to use molecular methods to examine the provenance of feather cloaks (kakahu) made using a variety of feathers. This work would be valuable in giving a more complete picture of national cloak making trends.

One of the 109 cloaks (British Museum, accession number OC82726), was found to have been made using little spotted kiwi (Apteryx owenii) feathers. We know that at least two individuals were used to make the cloak as the two sequences recovered were from two separate haplotypes. The present day distribution of little spotted kiwi is restricted to a scattering of offshore islands in the north of the North Island, Kapiti Island off the coast of Wellington, Cook Strait in the South Island, and possibly very small populations around Dusky Sound in Fiordland (Colbourne 2005). In the past little spotted kiwi were distributed across both islands (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). The smaller number of Māori on the South Island would explain the lack of feathers from the three kiwi species represented in the cloaks analysed (Apteryx australis, Apteryx rowi, Apteryx haasti). However, given that little spotted kiwi were present on both islands, including the more populated North, the presence of just one cloak is surprising. Perhaps it indicates that little spotted kiwi numbers were lower than North Island brown kiwi
numbers in the 1800's. Alternatively, brown kiwi could have been favoured culturally over little spotted kiwi. Also, given that little spotted kiwi are smaller than all other species of kiwi, it would have taken many more birds to complete one cloak, making North Island brown kiwi a more practical choice.

## Haplotype Frequency and Structure

The 17.3 fold decrease in haplotype 8 coupled with the 22.7 fold increase in haplotype 12 observed in chapter 4 could be linked. Both of these haplotypes overlap geographically. Haplotype 8 was represented in over $30 \%$ of cloak samples and it is possible that use of kiwi by Māori for food and cloaks could have contributed to the reduction observed in this haplotype. As haplotype 8 decreased, this could have resulted in an increase in haplotype 12.

There was also a 5.7 fold difference in the observed frequency of haplotype 4, being more common in modern populations. This haplotype has a distribution limited almost exclusively to the Coromandel. However, as mentioned in chapter 4 of this thesis, the proportion of modern kiwi samples available from the Coromandel is likely to be greater than observed naturally and may have skewed the results. Also, the frequency of haplotype 6 varies $\sim 18$ fold, being more common in modern samples than in samples taken from cloaks (Hartnup et al 2011). The increase in the frequency of haplotype 6 observed, and its position on the tip of the haplotype network (figure 4.3) suggests that it may be a relatively new haplotype that has become more established in the west and central North Island over the past $\sim 150$ years.

## Cloaks of mixed provenance

In the absence of substantial kiwi population shifts over the past 200 years (see chapter 4 ), in $15 \%$ of cases, feathers used in the construction of a single cloak were found to have derived from different geographic areas, potentially hundreds of kilometres apart (Figure 5.2). The mountainous, volcanic, interior of the North Island may have provided a barrier for North Island brown kiwi, evidenced through the phylo-geographic structure observed in chapter 4. However, this terrain caused no such barrier for Māori, who were capable of travelling hundreds of kilometres. Māori oral traditions record great feats of exploration (Taonui 2009)
such as Rãhiri who travelled from the far North of the North Island to Auckland, the Kaimai mountains (including their highest peak, Te Aroha), Tauranga, around the East Cape to Gisborne, Wairoa, Napier, Wellington, Taranaki and Kawhia on the west coast, essentially circumnavigating the entire of the North Island. Another example is of Te Arawa iwi, Kahumatamomoe and his nephew Ihenga who travelled from Maketu (the original landing place for many Māori waka) to Rotorua, south to the Waikato river, west to Raglan on the coast, north to Manukau harbour and on to the Wairoa river in the north. The oral traditions of Māori are likely to be based upon a mixture myth real accounts. Therefore, it is highly likely that journeys similar to these did take place. It is likely that Māori travelled either around the coast, or across the centre of the North Island. Methods of transport used by Māori included sea and river specific canoes (waka), or travel by foot. This tendency of Māori to travel large distances is further evidenced by activities during the inter-iwi musket wars (1810-1830). It has been estimated that as many as 60,000 Māori died during this volatile period. Muskets (ngutu parera, supplied to Māori by Europeans) changed the face of intertribal warfare, decimating some iwi and drastically shifting tribal boundaries. The Nga Puhi are renowned for their part in the musket wars, sending out raiding parties from their northern stronghold to an astonishingly large area, from the Waikato to Napier and as far south as Wellington (Crosby 2001). Given this propensity for travel and displacement during the same period as the construction of kahu kiwi, it is logical that cloaks would exist with feathers from several different geographic areas. Māori may have been forced to move to different areas to hunt for kiwi. Also as European influence became more prevalent, there may have been an increase in the trade of valuable items such as kiwi feathers. The numbers of Europeans in New Zealand increased dramatically in the 19th century, from only $\sim 50$ individuals in 1800 , to $\sim 200$ Europeans by 1815 and, $\sim 2000$ by 1830 . Most notably between the period of 1840-1850, the European population increased ten-fold from 2050 to 22,108 (McLintock 1966). European exploration, establishment of tracks, deforestation and displacement of Māori for land would have further precipitated forced movement by Māori.

Given that this dynamic period in New Zealand history coincides with cloak construction, this makes the task of revealing the individual story of each cloak more difficult. This is especially so because much happened during a relatively short historical timeframe, yet we cannot pinpoint the exact age of each cloak. For example if a cloak was estimated to have been woven between 1820 - 1850, it would not be possible to distinguish which historical event was influencing that particular cloak's story. However, using clues from a mixture of museum records, the genetic data and our knowledge of New Zealand history it is possible to make some inferences, particularly given cloaks of mixed provenance. One cloak from Wanganui Museum (accession number 1977.4) has a mixture of haplotypes with distributions limited to the east of the North Island (haplotypes $8 \& 10$ ), and the west and central North Island (haplotype 5). The museum holds detailed records on the cloak's history, noting that the cloak was presented to W. J. Birch at Erewhon station by a Māori chief between 1867 and 1900. This does not indicate the age of the cloak but does reveal that the cloak is at least 111 years old. Erewhon station was a sheep station leased by the Birch brothers in 1867. The station was located on the Inland Patea, 34 km north-east of Taihape. The Inland Patea is a track (now a road) linking Hastings in the east, with Taihape in the west of the North Island, negotiating mountainous high country (Beaglehole 2010. Figure 5.3). The track was originally a Māori track, named after Patea who, according to Māori legend went on a long hunting trip, returning with very little, only to find his woman had filled the storehouse by herself. Angered by her insults he took her for a walk, where she fell from a cliff. To avoid the backlash from his iwi, Patea fled to the high country inland, now called the Inland Patea. The first European to use this route was William Colenso in 1851 (Elder 1959, Colenso 1878) and crossed several times in his time spent in the region recording botany. At the time Erewhon station was established in 1867, Napier was the nearest primary port, leading to large trains of packhorses carrying wool navigating a dangerous track over the Inland Patea (See the photograph in Figure 5.3). This track was likely one of the busiest and longest in New Zealand at the time. This track also provides a direct trade route between the east and west and may go some way into explaining the mixed provenance seen in this cloak, as well as some of the others.


Figure 5.3. The Inland Patea trail traverses mountainous terrain linking the east of the North Island near Hastings with Taihape in the west and central North Island. This trail, where the mixed provenance cloak pictured was found (Wanganui Museum accession number 1977.4) at Erewhon Station under the care of William Birch, could explain the mixture of east and west haplotypes.

## Insights into Cloak Making Practices

The location of each sample taken was plotted to its approximate position on the body of each cloak. The patterns of haplotypes can then provide insights into the methods of cloak construction employed. Historical information suggests that cloaks were woven on sticks stuck directly into the ground and that cloaks were woven from left to right, top to bottom, starting from what would eventually be the bottom right hand corner (Best 1908). The pattern of haplotypes in figure 5.2 (cloak 2001.196.6) provides evidence that this was indeed the case. Similar patterns have also been seen on many of the other cloaks analysed in the study (e.g

Te Papa cloaks ME16934, ME2055, ME14381, ME15351; Canterbury Museum cloaks 2001.196.6, IR1296, E158.638; Auckland Museum cloaks 19263, 38886, 6464, 35448; Wanganui Museum cloak 1977.4).

Of the haplotype frequencies observed, one mitochondrial haplotype is dramatically overrepresented in kiwi feather cloaks, despite the fact that in present day populations, it has a very limited distribution in a small region of the east of the North Island. All of the other haplotype frequencies either stayed at similar frequencies or increased over time (haplotypes 4, 6 and 12). Haplotype 8 is present in over $30 \%$ of cloak samples compared with only $2.1 \%$ of reference samples (fig4.3). It is unlikely that this haplotype was more widespread in the early $19^{\text {th }}$ century (when feather cloak making likely originated) or even in the early $20^{\text {th }}$ century. This is because previous ancient DNA studies of North Island brown kiwi skins and sub-fossil remains failed to record haplotype 8 at any other locations (Shepherd \& Lambert 2008), although caution should be applied as only 3 North Island brown kiwi were represented. The current distribution of haplotype 8 corresponds with the tribal homelands (in the 19th century) of the Tuhoe iwi from the Ureweras, the Ngati Kahungunu Ki Wairoa, the Ngati Kahungunu Ki Heretaunga, and the Ngati Ruapani iwi. It is known that feather cloaks were made by the Tuhoe people in the 19th century since Best (1908) observed this practice during his stay in the Ureweras. The approximate ages of these cloaks, combined with their detailed construction, suggest that cloak making was well advanced in the east of the North Island of New Zealand by the mid 1800's and possibly even earlier. In combination with the genetic data, which show over $50 \%$ of the 108 cloaks harboured only feathers originating from the North Islands east coast, suggest that this area was likely to have been the centre of kiwi cloak making in early New Zealand.

## Cloak Samples Exhibit a Skewed Sex Ratio

The molecular sexing data revealed a significant male skew in the sexes of kiwi feathers used to adorn cloaks. In contrast molecular sexing results from the modern reference material show a very slight excess of females, but this is not statistically different from a 1:1 ratio. This male skew in the observed sex ratio for feather in cloaks may be a result of paternal egg incubation in North Island brown
kiwi (Colbourne 2002), thus making the males more vulnerable to Māori hunting methods. However, during the day both males and females roost in burrows. Certainly in early European times, dogs were used to catch kiwi nesting in burrows (Best 1908; Trotter \& McCulloch 1977). Elsdon Best, New Zealand’s first European ethnographer, spent time with the Tuhoe iwi in the Ureweras in 1893 and observed their hunting methods first hand. During hunting, which occurred at night, Māori would make a lure-call (whistling), which kiwi would reply to. Dogs would then follow the sound to locate kiwi.

## Conclusions

Genetic information from modern and ancient populations of kiwi has been successfully utilised to infer cloak-making practices of a once widespread cultural tradition of the indigenous people of New Zealand. Rediscovering aspects of the lost histories of these artefacts will no doubt enhance their cultural value. This approach has the potential to recover a wealth of lost information from a wider range of ethnographic artefacts held in museums worldwide. Genetic analyses such as those conducted here may also play a significant role in the repatriation of priceless items to their original countries, regions, or tribal homelands. This illustrates the benefits of a molecular approach to biological anthropology and highlights the potential for enriching our knowledge of culturally valuable items.

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## Chapter 6

## Ancient DNA Analysis of Kiwi Feather bags (kete kiwi)


#### Abstract

In addition to cloaks, kiwi feathers were also used by Māori to decorate small bags or kete. Similarly to the cloaks, information relating to the history of each kete had been lost. Using ancient DNA methods, mitochondrial DNA sequences were recovered from 161/241 samples from 55/63 kete. Every single feather sample amplified was identified to belong to North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli), complementing the cloak chapter, as the most common kiwi species used in the construction of these artefacts. Haplotype frequencies for kete found not to be significantly different from those observed in cloaks, showing a similar excess of haplotypes 8 (29.8\% in kete, $36.3 \%$ in cloaks, $2.1 \%$ in reference samples). However, haplotype frequencies for kete were found to be significantly different from those obtained from the reference database. Additionally, utilising the reference database constructed in Chapter 4, the provenance was determined for the majority of the kete (52/55), from which sequences were obtained. The instance of mixed provenance items was less than that of cloaks $(2 / 55,3.63 \%$, compared to $15 \%$ of cloaks). This is likely to relate to the comparative sizes of cloaks versus kete. In likeness with cloaks, eastern haplotypes were dominant, being represented in $60.2 \%$ of all samples and $58.9 \%$ of kete.


## Introduction

In addition to the construction of kiwi feather cloaks, Māori also used kiwi feathers to decorate small bags woven from flax fibre (muka), and later woven from candlewick. These kiwi feather bags are known as kete kiwi. Traditionally nonfeathered kete were used for practical reasons such as carrying produce. It is thought that kete kiwi had a more ornamental purpose and may have been popular
with Victorian colonists as souvenirs and keepsakes. This is evidenced through the appearance of kiwi feather muffs, a European item used to keep hands warm (Figure 6.7). Although still culturally important, kete kiwi probably held less social status amongst Māori than kiwi feather cloaks (kahu kiwi). Also, on average, these kete kiwi most likely originated at a later date than kahu kiwi, dating from the late 1800's onwards. Kete kiwi are much smaller than cloaks. A typical cloak is around $100 \mathrm{~cm} \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$ with feathers adorning one side (feathered area of $10000 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ (see cloak information In Chapter 5 for variation)), whereas kete kiwi, are typically $20 \mathrm{~cm} \times 20 \mathrm{~cm}$, with feathers adorning the front and back (feathered area of $800 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ ). Given that a typical kete is around 12 times smaller than a cloak and, that a suggested 12 kiwi are needed to make one kiwi feather cloak (Te Kanawa 1992), then it is reasonable to assume that one kiwi would provide sufficient feathers to adorn one kete. If this is the case then predictions would be that one, or at the most two haplotypes are present in feather samples in any one kete and that there would be fewer kete of mixed provenance recovered than in cloaks for this reason. Utilising the same ancient DNA approach applied in chapter 4, this chapter addresses the above predictions. Additionally it will look to see if kete, like cloaks, are predominantly constructed using North Island brown kiwi feathers. Also, given that cloaks showed a majority of eastern haplotypes, it would be interesting to see if this pattern translates to kete. Finally, given the significant change in haplotype frequencies between cloak and reference samples, it would be valuable to see if kete share the same 13 haplotypes observed and, whether kete haplotype frequencies reflect those of cloak or reference samples.

## Materials and Methods

## Samples

A total of 241 feather samples were obtained from 63 kete from museums across New Zealand and the United Kingdom (British Museum n=4, Horniman Museum n=1, Te Papa Tongawera n=9, Canterbury Museum n=13, Auckland Museum n=19, Waikato Museum $\mathrm{n}=6$, Whanganui Museum $\mathrm{n}=11$ ). Typically four samples were taken from each kete, two from each side. However, if the kete was larger than normal six samples were taken, three from each side and, if the kete was smaller
than normal or in poor condition, only two samples were taken, one from each side.

## Molecular Methods

Procedures outlined for the extraction and analysis of ancient DNA were followed (Huynen et al. 2003; Gilbert et al 2005; Willerslev and Cooper 2005). Ancient DNA sequences were verified by independent replication of 15 randomly selected samples. DNA was extracted, amplified and sequenced for a 200bp fragment of the mitochondrial hypervariable region I (HVRI) using kiwi specific primers kcF and kcR (Shepherd and Lambert 2008). Details of these molecular methods can be found in chapter 2 of this thesis.

## Statistical Analyses

Haplotype frequency data between cloak samples, reference samples and kete samples was analysed by performing a Chi Squared test using statistical analysis software ' R ' as this test best fit the data. However, because frequencies (expressed as a percentage) in some cases were less than 1 and because in some cases over $20 \%$ of the data had values less than 5 , p-values obtained could have been misleading. To overcome this, a Fisher's test was performed for cloak versus kete samples and p-values were compared. However, the data for reference versus kete samples could not be analysed in $R$ due to restrictions of the program. To overcome this, Chi Squared tests were performed again, but this time Monte Carlo re-sampling was employed (999 repetitions) to overcome inaccuracies in $\mathrm{p}=$ values associated with low haplotype frequencies.

## Results

## Species Determination of Kete Feathers

A 200 base pair fragment of the mitochondrial control region was successfully amplified and sequenced for 161 of the 241 feather samples obtained from kete. This gave an overall success rate of $66.8 \%$, slightly lower than that of cloaks (70\%). Of the 63 kete sampled, 8 failed to provide any viable sequence data and are therefore excluded from the remainder of this chapter, a list of these 8 kete are
shown in table 6.1 below. Phylogenetic analyses identified all 161 sequences as North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). The phylogenetic tree in chapter 4.2 shows the relationships between the kiwi feather samples and the five kiwi species.

## Haplotype Structure and Frequency

For the kete feather DNA sequences, eight variable sites comprising 12 haplotypes were observed for the 200bp HVRI sequence (figure 6.1). This differs from cloaks and modern samples where 13 haplotypes were observed. There was no significant change in haplotype frequencies observed between cloaks and kete samples ( $\alpha 2=5.8097, \mathrm{df}=12, \mathrm{p}=0.9254$, (Fisher's Test $\mathrm{p}=0.9037$ ), ( $\alpha 2$ with monte carlo resampling ( $\mathrm{n}=999$ ) $\chi 2=5.8097, \mathrm{df}=\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{P}=1$ ). There were significant changes detected in haplotype frequencies when comparing kete with modern samples $(\chi 2=47.2143, \mathrm{df}=12, \mathrm{p}=0.00000486$, (Fisher's test not possible in R for this data), ( $\chi 2$ with monte carlo resampling ( $\mathrm{n}=999$ ) $\chi 2=47.2143, \mathrm{df}=\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$, $\mathrm{p}=0.002$ ). The changes observed between modern and kete haplotype frequencies were most evident in haplotype 4 which has increased in frequency 15 fold over time ( $0.62 \%$ to $9.38 \%$ ), haplotype 8 which has decreased in frequency 14 fold over time ( $29.8 \%$ to $2.08 \%$ ) and haplotype 12 which has increased more than 5 fold over time ( $0 \%$ to $5.21 \%$ ). A comparison between haplotype frequencies for modern samples, cloaks and kete is shown in figure 6.1.

Table 6.1. Kete from which no sequences were obtained.

| Museum | Accession Number | Failed Amplifications |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| British Museum | Oc81Q1401 | $4 / 4$ |
| Horniman Museum | NZ.133 | $4 / 4$ |
| Te Papa Tongawera | ME11528 | $2 / 2$ |
| Waikato Museum | 24.43 | $4 / 4$ |
| Waikato Museum | $1961 / 131 / 2$ | $2 / 2$ |
| Auckland Museum | 387.81 | $2 / 2$ |
| Whanganui Museum | 1802.165 | $4 / 4$ |
| Whanganui Museum | 1935.46 | $4 / 4$ |



Figure 6.1. Observed haplotype frequencies for reference samples, cloak samples and, kete samples. Significant changes were observed between reference samples versus cloak samples and reference samples versus kete samples.

## Determining the Provenance of Kete Kiwi

The maximum number of haplotypes present on any one kete was three. However, only $5.45 \% ~(3 / 55)$ of kete had three haplotypes. More commonly either two $(45.45 \%, 25 / 55)$ or one $(50.9 \%, 28 / 55)$ haplotype was observed per kete. As with cloak samples, the geographic structuring of modern kiwi populations discussed in chapter 4 has allowed inferences to be made with regard to the provenances of the kete. Of the kete analysed obtained an overwhelming 58.9\% contained feather sequences hailing exclusively from the east of the north island ( $n=32 / 55$ ), 21.8\% contained feather sequences from the west and central North Island ( $\mathrm{n}=12 / 55$ ), $10.9 \%$ ( $n=6 / 55$ ) contained feather sequences from Northland and the Coromandel, $3.6 \%(n=2 / 55)$ contained feather sequences from separate geographic regions and, $5.5 \%$ ( $\mathrm{n}=3 / 55$ ) contained feather sequences representing just haplotype 3 which, due to its widespread distribution, cannot be used alone to infer provenance.


Figure 6.2. Kete from Te Papa Tongawera Museum. All of these kete have haplotypes with distributions limited to the east of the North Island of New Zealand. Due to their appearance, it is likely that ME4252A and ME4252B were made by the same weaver. The identical haplotype frequencies of these to kete complement this theory.


Figure 6.3. Kete sampled from Te Papa Tongawera with haplotypes inferring northern provenance (kete ME15543) and, west and central provenance (kete ME11529). X indicates a failed amplification.


Figure 6.4. Kete sampled from Canterbury Museum, Christchurch. All eight of these kete harboured sequences that matched haplotypes found only in the east of the North Island of New Zealand, making this region the most likely origin of these kete.


Figure 6.5. Kete sampled from Canterbury Museum that have haplotypes found exclusively in the west and central North Island. Kete E137.100 only exhibits haplotype 13, which is found only in the central North Island, the likely origin of this kete.


Figure 6.6. Kete sampled from Canterbury Museum. Kete E188.59 has haplotype 3. Because this haplotype is widespread, the provenance of the kete could not be determined. E181.431 contains eastern haplotype 8 and widely distributed haplotype 3 . This kete could be of mixed provenance.


Figure 6.7. Kete and other kiwi feather artefacts sampled from Waikato Museum. The kiwi feather sampler had west and central haplotypes. The kiwi feather muff and kete 1961/1/25 had exclusively eastern haplotypes and due to the wide distribution of haplotype 3, the provenance of kete 1964/36/1 could not be inferred.


Figure 6.8. Kete sampled from Whanganui Museum containing west and central North Island haplotypes, making this region the most likely provenance of these kete. X denotes a failed amplification.


Figure 6.9. Kete sampled from Whanganui Museum containing eastern North Island haplotypes, making this region the most likely provenance of these kete. X denotes a failed amplification.


Figure 6.10. Kete sampled from Auckland Museum containing west and central North Island haplotypes, making this region the most likely provenance of these kete. 8133.1 and 8133.2 are particularly unusual as they have small woven balls or poi attached to the kete on woven flax strings. Due to their unique appearance and matching haplotypes, it is likely that they were made by the same weaver. $X$ denotes a failed amplification.


Figure 6.11. Kete sampled from Auckland Museum containing eastern North Island haplotypes, making this region the most likely provenance of these kete. X denotes a failed amplification.


Figure 6.12. Kete sampled from Auckland Museum with Northland and Coromandel haplotypes. X denotes a failed amplification.


Figure 6.13. Kete sampled from Auckland Museum. Kete 33840.2 contains eastern haplotype 8 and widely distributed haplotype 3, therefore being likely to be of mixed origin. Unfinished kete 6097 only contains widely distributed haplotype 3 , making it difficult to infer provenance.


Figure 6.14. Kete sampled from the British Museum all contained exclusively eastern haplotypes, thus are likely to have originated from the east of the North Island of New Zealand. $X$ denotes a failed amplification. No photographs were available for these kete, sketches are a representation only, not a true likeness.

## Discussion

## Species Determination of Kete Feathers

Out of the 161 samples successfully amplified and sequenced for kete, $100 \%$ came from North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). This is similar to the species used in cloaks, where only 1 of the 108 cloaks which yielded sequence data was from little spotted kiwi (Apteryx owenii), with the remaining cloaks being made using North Island brown kiwi. As suggested in chapter 5, this could be because there were many more Māori inhabiting the North Island of New Zealand than the South. Logic would suggest that the vast majority of artefacts would be made on the North Island, where the population of Māori was greatest, and where North Island brown kiwi are distributed. However, with the kete and cloak data combined, the absence of any of the South Island brown kiwi species being represented in any of the artefacts, maybe the picture is more complicated than just population numbers. It is possible the South Island Māori didn't favour kiwi feathers for the construction of cloaks and kete as much as North Island Māori. A further stretch could suggest
that North Island brown kiwi feathers were traded between the islands, although this seems illogical given the abundance of similar looking kiwi species available on the South Island. As suggested in chapter 5 it would be useful to extend this cloak study in the future to encompass feather cloaks made using other species of birds, to see if any South Island populations or species are used.

## Haplotype Structure and Frequency

Only 12 of the 13 haplotypes found in cloaks and reference samples were observed in kete. Haplotype 12, found in the east of the North Island is absent from the kete data. However, this haplotype has a very low frequency in cloaks, present in only $0.23 \%$ of samples. Haplotype 12 would have been present when kete were produced, as cloaks were being produced at the same time, however, frequencies of the haplotype were so low at that time it is not surprising that it was not detected in the 161 kete sequences.

There was no significant difference in haplotype frequencies between cloaks and kete. This would confirm that cloaks and kete were made during overlapping periods of time. As with cloaks, a significant difference was detected when kete haplotype frequencies were compared with haplotype frequencies from the reference database. The haplotypes with the most notable changes in frequency were 4, 8 and 12. Haplotype 4 increased 15 fold between the time when kete were produced and present day. As with cloaks, this could be a sampling effect. Haplotype 4 is found almost exclusively in the Coromandel. The number of samples available from the Coromandel for the reference database was probably disproportionately larger than the frequencies we would see normally. The elevated number of samples from the Coromandel is the most likely explanation for the increase in haplotype 4 . As with cloaks a decrease in haplotype 8 was coupled with an increase in haplotype 12. As haplotype 8 decreased, this could have allowed the increase of haplotype 12 as these haplotypes overlap geographically. The decline of haplotype 8 could be attributed to its elevated use in cloaks and kete compared to other haplotypes.

## Determining the Provenance of Kete Kiwi

As with cloaks, the geographic structuring in the reference database, allowed inferences to be made regarding the geographic provenance of each kete. Unlike cloaks, there were instances where provenance could not be inferred. This occurred in $5.5 \%$ of cases ( $\mathrm{n}=3 / 55$, accession numbers; Canterbury Museum E188.59; Waikato Museum 1964/36/1; Auckland Museum 6097) where only haplotype 3 was detected. Haplotype 3 is the most geographically widespread haplotype and possibly the ancestral haplotype. It is distributed in Northland, the Coromandel, the West of the North Island, and is represented by a small number of individuals in the Ruahine Ranges in the South East of the North Island.
When comparing results from the genetic data to museum records, there were a number of instances where the two complemented each other. For example kete 8133.2 (Auckland Museum, Figure 6.10) was noted to have come from Mataroa, near Taihape in the west of the North Island. This kete was found to be made using feathers with haplotype 5 , which is distributed in the West of the North Island. This kete is also unusual in that it has small poi attached. Poi are small balls woven from flax and are a rare occurrence in kete. Kete 8133.1 (Auckland Museum, Figure $6.10)$ is also decorated with poi. This kete was probably made by the same weaver as kete 8133.2. This theory is strengthened by both of the kete sharing haplotype 5 . However, there are cases where museum records are in conflict with the genetic data. For example kete 50371.1 and 50371.2 (Auckland Museum, Figures 6.11 and 6.10 respectively) are shown as coming from Kare Kare on Auckland's west Coast, in the north of New Zealand. However, kete 50371.1 harbours eastern haplotypes whereas kete 50371.2 harbours west and central haplotypes. This would suggest that the feathers used for making these two kete were sourced from different geographic regions. Additionally, both of these regions are hundreds of kilometres from Kare Kare in the north. However, the appearance of the two kete is very similar, suggesting the same weaver. This would also suggest that feather trade or travel for kiwi feathers did occur. Utilising the museum records alone, without the use of the genetic data to provenance kete would be unwise as provenance could relate to the most recent owner, as opposed to the weaver. Also, given the small size of kete, they are easily transportable and likely to end up some distance from
where they were made. Only with the complementing genetic data is it possible to begin to confirm the provenances suggested in the museum records.

## Insights Into Kete Making Practises

The instance of kete containing haplotypes from different geographic areas was less than that observed in cloaks. In cloaks, $15 \%$ were found to be of mixed provenance, whereas this was only seen in $3.6 \%$ of kete. This result is as predicted because cloaks are much larger than kete, thus reducing the chance of detecting a kete of mixed geographic provenance. However, what is surprising is that up to three haplotypes were found on each kete. In theory, the feathers from one kiwi should be sufficient to make one kete. Instead in $49.1 \%$ of cases, two or three haplotypes were detected, meaning at least two or three individual kiwi were used to produce each of these kete. The reason for why this would occur is unclear. It could point to feather trade and exchange. Alternatively it could provide insights into how feathers were collected and stored. Possibly feathers from several kiwi were stockpiled (essentially mixed) and used in some cases. This would provide an explanation to the mix of haplotypes observed.

Additionally, as with cloaks, the majority of kete harboured feathers originating only from the North Island's Eastern region (58.9\%). Haplotype 8 was also massively represented, being present in $29.8 \%$ of all kete samples taken. This would corroborate with the cloak data in suggesting that the East of the North Island was the most prolific kiwi feather cloak and kete making region of New Zealand and, may even be the epicentre from where this tradition spread.

## Conclusions

The presence of mixed provenance kete, albeit fewer than observed in cloaks complements the theory that travel and trade during the $19^{\text {th }}$ and $20^{\text {th }}$ centuries has influenced the production of these taonga. Additionally the similarity in haplotype frequencies observed between cloaks and kete puts the epicentre of the use of kiwi feathers in weaving, firmly in the East of the North Island of New Zealand. Once again, given the lack of South Island kiwi species represented, it would appear that kiwi feathers were either less culturally relevant to tribes in the

South Island of New Zealand, or that due to a smaller population, fewer kete were made in the South. Finally, given the oral histories of these taonga, it is clear that museum records alone are insufficient to infer provenance of these items and that genetic data is invaluable for enabling the histories of these treasured artefacts to be rediscovered.

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## Chapter 7

## General Discussion

The potential for the use of molecular biology as a tool for recovering information from ethnographic artefacts is vast. The molecular methods applied in this thesis to treasured cloaks and kete have recovered a wealth of information that was either previously unknown, or lost, with the passing of time. Conversely, the use of ethnographic artefacts such cloaks and kete as a tool to aid conservation management has proven to be extremely useful. It has been possible to recover information relating to the histories of the artefacts themselves and, information relating to past populations of the species used in the construction of these artefacts.

## Research Findings and Application to Conservation

This study illustrates that, for the mitochondrial sequence data obtained, genetic diversity has not decreased for the North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli) over the past $\sim 150$ years. The same 13 haplotypes observed at the time that kiwi feather cloaks were made still exist to this day in contemporary populations. Additionally, there is a phylogeographic structuring of haplotypes into Northland, the Coromandel, the east of the North Island and the west and central North Island. Nested clade analysis suggested that the structuring observed was most likely a result of New Zealand's complicated geological history. It is highly likely that the volcanism in the central North Island has acted as a barrier to gene flow between the east and west. It is also possible that expansion out of refugia following volcanic eruptions occurred in western North Island brown kiwi populations. However, although volcanism will have played an important role in the phylogeographic structure observed, it may be masking the effects that earlier geological processes may have had on the phylogeography of the North Island brown kiwi, such as the North Island sea straits during the early Pliocene. It is extremely encouraging that current conservation management protocols for North

Island brown kiwi take the observed genetic structuring into account. The Department of Conservation's decision to manage North Island brown kiwi in four units (Northland, Coromandel, east, west) is in line with the genetic data. The establishment of mixed provenance zones may prove useful to counteract possible inbreeding depression within the four units. The data presented in this thesis from contemporary and historical samples has provided additional support for current conservation management strategies. However, it also raised some issues, to be discussed below.

## Future Suggestions for Conservation

There are some instances where haplotype structure on a finer scale is questionable. Two areas managed by the Department of Conservation that are exceptions to the phylogeographic patterns observed are the Kaweka Forest Park and the Ruahine Ranges. The haplotypes found in these regions do not reflect the east / west / north / Coromandel split observed in other populations. These regions need to be investigated in greater detail, at a finer genetic resolution. Due to their location to the south of the central volcanic region, it is possible that the barriers to gene flow observed further north did not apply to these regions. Therefore, a mixture of east and west haplotypes may be plausible. More molecular work is needed at the boundaries of populations. Also, this thesis uses only mitochondrial DNA analyses. Nuclear work either using microsatellites or making use of next generation sequencing technologies would give a clearer picture of the phylogenetic at a finer resolution. Also temporal genetic information would be beneficial. As more kiwi fossils are found, genetic analyses should be performed on them, where possible, to elucidate the drivers for the phylogeography observed today.

Historical genetic information was recovered for North Island brown kiwi from Māori cloaks and kete. It should be noted that Māori constructed cloaks using many more species of native, endangered, birds. Each feather cloak and kete could hold genetic information about past populations of endangered bird species that could have important implications for conservation management.

## Research Findings and Application to Culture

Genetic analysis of Māori feather cloaks and kete has been an important step in retelling the stories of these taonga. With the exception of the emu feather cloak in chapter 3, all artefacts studied were made using kiwi feathers. Mitochondrial DNA analysis of these feathers revealed which species of kiwi were used. It remains surprising that all but one of the artefacts (a cloak made from little spotted kiwi, Apteryx owenii) were found to be made using feathers exclusively from the North Island brown kiwi (Apteryx mantelli). This would suggest that the majority of kiwi feather cloaks were made in the North Island of New Zealand. Also it would suggest that the North Island brown kiwi was favoured over the little spotted kiwi (Apteryx owenii), which also lived on the North Island, for either cultural or practical reasons.

The mitochondrial phylogeographic structuring observed in contemporary populations of North Island brown kiwi, coupled with their low dispersal power, allowed the provenances of the cloaks and kete to be inferred. Cases of mixed provenance could have been due to, feather trade, tribal displacement, or tribal migration. There were known trade routes, such as the Inland Patea, facilitating travel and trade of goods, tribal displacement will have occurred as more Europeans made New Zealand their home and, the Māori wars of the 19th century caused tribal boundaries and homelands to shift dramatically. All of these histories are reflected in the mixed provenances detected in the cloaks and kete. The majority of cloaks and kete had exclusively eastern haplotypes. This would suggest the east of the North Island as the origin of kiwi cloak and making, it was certainly the most prolific region. Haplotype 8, restricted to a small area in the east of the North Island, was massively overrepresented in cloak and kete samples. The region, in the east, where this haplotype is found could be the epicentre of kiwi cloak and kete making in New Zealand.

Through genetic analyses it was possible to make inferences into cloak and kete making practises. The pattern of haplotypes observed on some cloaks would suggest that feathers from one kiwi would be woven into the cloak, followed by
feathers from another kiwi, resulting in haplotype lines or blocks. However, for kete there often seemed to be more birds used than required. For example, three haplotypes on one kete would suggest three individuals. However, kete are small and would probably not require the feathers from three kiwi. This would suggest that, for kete construction, feathers from several kiwi were stockpiled and used at random. It is possible that kete were constructed using feathers left over from cloak construction as they did not hold the same status as cloaks.

Through nuclear DNA analyses it was possible to determine the sex of some cloak samples. The observed male skew in the sex ratio of cloak samples could relate to Māori hunting practices. Māori hunted with dogs and therefore egg incubating males may have been more at risk in their burrows than females.

In addition to the general cultural trends observed for cloaks and kete, the individual stories of each of these toanga are exceptionally valuable. The provenance information for each artefact suggested from the genetic data are extremely useful in beginning to rediscover their histories. A combination of the molecular information and historical records should reveal previously lost information. However, I believe that there is future molecular work that can be conducted to aid this, which shall be discussed below.

## Future Suggestions for Culture

The mitochondrial sequences recovered from cloaks have revealed whether their provenance is from the east, west and central or north of the North Island of New Zealand. However, it would be beneficial to be able to provenance cloaks at a finer resolution. To do this either additional mitochondrial DNA sequences would need to be obtained or, ideally, a mixture of mitochondrial DNA and nuclear DNA data should be generated. During this thesis, it was not possible to consistently amplify microsatellites from the cloaks and kete. However, with advances in genomic sequencing, it may be possible to generate viable nuclear DNA data from these artefacts. Additionally some of the kiwi feather cloaks were decorated using feathers from other species of birds. Genetic information from other bird species on the same cloak could compliment the kiwi genetic data and reveal more
pertaining to the cloaks' individual histories. Likewise with the flax used to construct the body of the cloaks and kete. If it was possible to genetically determine the cultivar of flax used, it could aid in determining their provenance.

It would be beneficial if we could ascertain the date each cloak was made more accurately. Although most of the cloaks were estimated to be approximately 150 years old, there were certainly more recent cloaks included in the analyses and, possibly even some older examples. If cloaks could be aged to a finer scale, temporal trends in cloak making and style could be combined with the geographic provenance data. This would have great cultural value. Hopefully this thesis will be used as a resource to further explore this area of research.

Another approach to pinpointing the provenance of these artefacts could be to use a combination of genetic data and stable isotope analysis. However, stable isotope analysis uses relatively large volumes of starting matter and, given the precious nature of the artefacts, may prove to be too destructive to be a viable option.

I hope that this thesis is used as resource material by museums and historians to further delve into the unique histories of each of these remarkable taogna. There is a wealth of information we have yet to discover.
Appendix
Table A. 1 Cloak haplotypes for mtDNA CR HVR1 using Kcf / Kcr and sexing data

| Museum | cloak | Forward (KCF) | Reverse (KCR) | Haplotype | SEXING | Amplification 1 |  | Amplification 2 |  | Amplification 3 |  | Amplification 4 |  | Sex |
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| Hawkes Bay | 2554 | y | $y$ | 8 |  | n | y | $n$ | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2554 | y | y | 9 |  | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2554 | $y$ | y | 8 |  | n | y | n | $y$ | n | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2554 |  |  |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FA |
| Hawkes Bay | 2554 | y | y | 8 |  | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2554 |  |  |  |  | $y$ | $y$ | y | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 |  |  |  |  | y | n | y | n | y | n | n/a | n/a | Ambiguc |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 |  |  |  |  | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 | $y$ | y | 8 |  | n | $y$ | n | $y$ | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 |  |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAIL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 | y | y | 8 |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAIL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2657 | $y$ | $y$ | 8 |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAlL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2624 | y | y | 8 |  | $n$ | y | n | y | $n$ | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2624 | y | y | 11 |  | y | y | y | $y$ | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2624 | y | y | 8 |  | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
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| Hawkes Bay | 2624 | y | y | 8 |  | $n$ | y | $n$ | y | $n$ | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2624 | $y$ | $y$ | 8 |  | $y$ | n | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2633 | y | $y$ | 5 |  | n | y | n | y | n | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2633 |  |  |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAll |
| Hawkes Bay | 2633 | $y$ | $y$ | 5 |  | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2633 |  |  |  |  | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Female |


| Hawkes Bay | 2637 |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAlL |
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| Hawkes Bay | 2637 |  |  |  | $y$ | $y$ | y | y | $y$ | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
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| Hawkes Bay | 2637 | $y$ | y | 7 | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a |  |
| Hawkes Bay | 2637 |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAIL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 |  |  |  | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAlL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 | $y$ | y | 3 | n | n | n | n | n | y | n | y | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 |  |  |  | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 |  |  |  | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 | y | y | 5 | n | n | n | n | n | n | n/a | n/a | FAlL |
| Hawkes Bay | 2641 |  |  |  | n | n | n | $y$ | n | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | y | 8 | n | y | n | y | n | $y$ | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | y | 8 | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | y | 11 | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | y | 8 | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | y | 8 | n | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2642 | $y$ | $y$ | 8 | n | $y$ | n | $y$ | n | n | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | y | y | 8 | y | y | n | n | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | y | $y$ | 9 | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | y | $y$ | 10 | y | y | y | y | y | y | n/a | n/a | Female |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | y | y | 8 | n | n | n | y | n | n | n | y | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | y | $y$ | 8 | n | y | n | y | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
| Hawkes Bay | 2643 | $y$ | $y$ | 9 | n | $y$ | n | $y$ | n | y | n/a | n/a | Male |
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