

Company	Southland Plantation Forest Company of New Zealand Limited (SPFL)
Program	Identification and protection of Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE) species
Category	Initiatives for preserving biodiversity
Country/ Area	New Zealand
Collaboration partners	
Website	https://www.spfl.co.nz/

Activity summary

The Company has identified areas of high conservation value (in line with FSC Principle 9) in collaboration with local ecologist and others. These areas include the habitats of Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE) species or areas where there is a potential for their existence. The habitats of RTE species are clearly delineated and protected through the use of harvest planning, GIS, and on-site measures. Monitoring and reassessment are also conducted every five years to ensure there is no degradation caused by pests or diseases. Furthermore, when planning and carrying out operational activities, a brochure is given to all staff and contractors highlighting several RTE species that may be found in the area. This brochure is also posted on the SPFL Company website to raise awareness for those entering the forested areas. Whenever new RTE species are discovered, the list will be updated and reflected in the operation plans. Additionally, if the NZ falcon, a RTE specie frequently observed in SPFL Company's forests, is attempting to nest in an area designated for operations, the activities will be postponed, if necessary, to ensure the conservation of the species.



NZ Falcon observed in SPFL's Plantation area