

Flora + Fauna

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This poem depicts a koru or an unfurling native fern formed from the words *ngāi tipu*, referring to plant life (flora), and a tuna or native eel formed from the words *ngāi kīrehe*, referring to animal life (fauna). Hand-stencilled lettering. Black ink on paper.

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