

Tāwhirimātea is the atua of āwhā (storms) and hau (wind).

He is the son of Papatūānuku and Ranginui who decided to reside in the sky with his father on the separation of his parents.

From up high, he guides the weather- from rain to sunshine and even a cloudy day. Take a moment to observe what Tāwhirimātea is doing today.

Ngā kapua (clouds) form into different types for different scientific reasons, but it can be fun or relaxing to find normal everyday things or shapes as we look into the sky.

Tirohia ngā kapua (Cloud Safari)



Let's go on a safari, but for ngā kapua. In your backyard, on your walk or even through a window in your home, see if you can find some interesting kapua shapes.

Use a phone or camera and take pictures of the kapua that matches up with the corresponding options below (or enjoy just watching the sky!). This can be in one session or over a whole week

Find a kapua that looks like...
Auckland Zoo kararehe (animals)

- he arewhana (an elephant)
- he waekura (a flamingo)
- he arikeita (an alligator)
- he makimaki (a monkey)
- he honu whenua (a tortoise)

Find a kapua that looks like...
something else

- he mokonui (a dinosaur)
- he kamupūtu (a gumboot)
- he motukā (a car)
- he maunga (a mountain)
- he waka (a boat)

How many of those did you find? Did you find any other shapes that are interesting?

Above the Clouds Extension

- Write a little story about your favourite kapua that you saw on your safari. Do not forget to use your imagination.
- Draw your favourite kapua.
- Take a photo of a kapua and draw a picture to turn into something creative.
Eg. Put eyes on the kapua and turn it into an animal

- Take a moment to sit and breathe with Tāwhirimātea as you watch the kapua float by.
- Find out more about the science behind ngā kapua and the different types.
- Create your own cloud safari for a friend.