



COMPASSIONATE NATURE

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01. NATURE LESSONS

This beautiful quote reminds us to think of others' welfare and help

where we can.

"Even after all this time, the sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that, it lights the whole sky."

Hafiz

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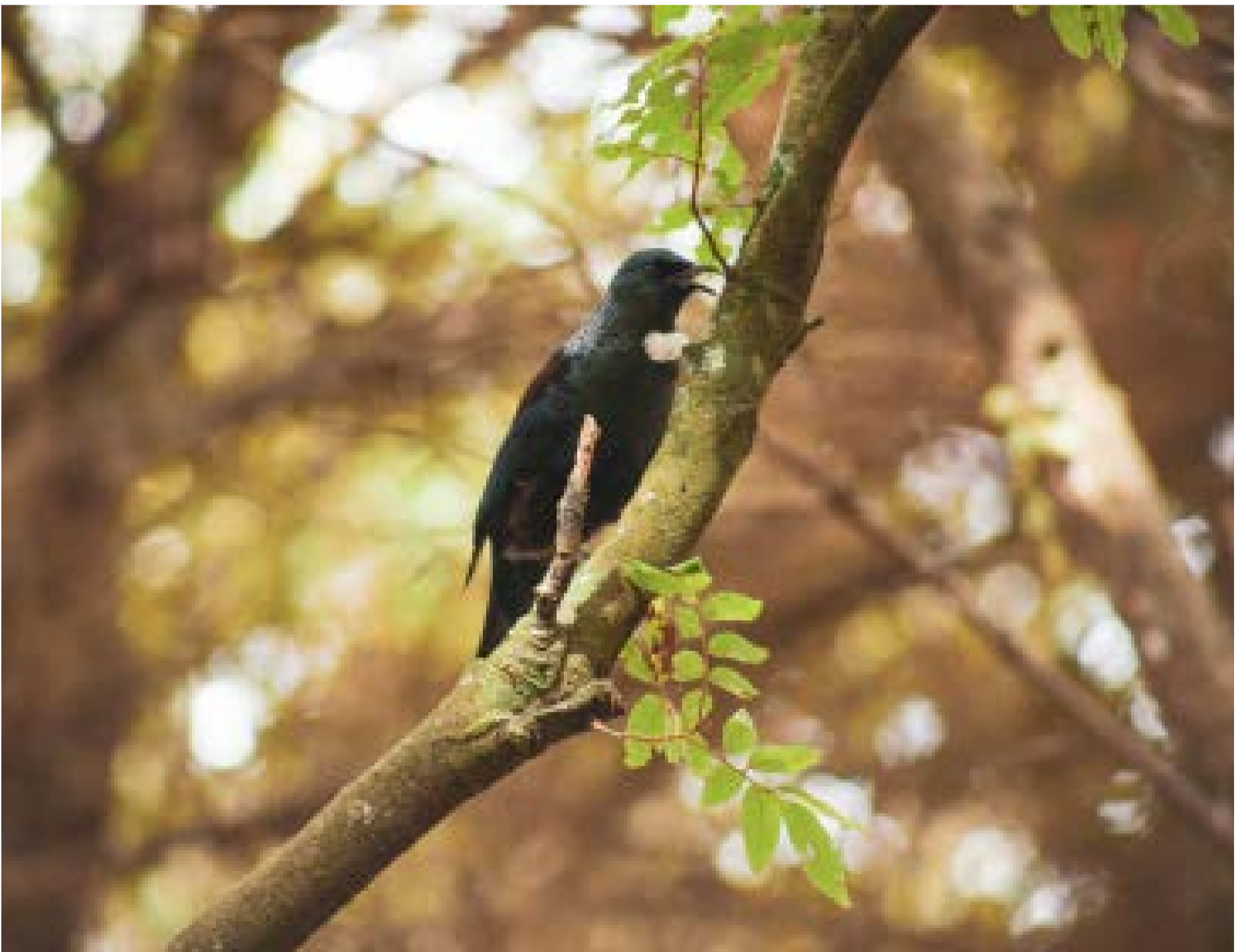
**TRILLIONS OF
FLOWERS EVERY
SPRING. IF ONLY
EACH COULD SPARK
A SMILE**



COLOURS IGNITE

PATIENCE

Trees are exemplars of patience and peaceful action. Many studies point towards the observation that those that grow slower in their early life live longer and healthier. In a forest, mother trees give birth to younglings and under the shade of the forest canopy, these young ones grow slowly but strongly in their bones. When older trees die, they get the opportunity to rise and make their way towards becoming mother trees one day [*The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben].



The roots of the trees spread under and over the forest floor. They comeingle with roots of other trees, and keep growing where they can find room. There are no knee-jerk reactions, just slow reconsideration of options and then progress when possible.

If, like trees, we could pause when we encounter the roots of other people, we will see options that allow us to make progress without force.

Each individual is different - we all have different backgrounds, different roots. Let us have patience towards others' roots, and know that comingling and peaceful action will bring the best future for humanity.



Photograph
by
Penelope Hansen



Kererus don't know about social distancing. Or do they?

The industry of man is indefatigable. They say that slowing climate change will need us to slow industry down. But that seemed hard, too hard. Prior to the virus. It had to be an external force that changed the course of history.

Nature is getting some space to breathe. Pollution levels in many cities are much lower. The birds and animals living in cities under lockdown must be wondering

what is going on. Where are all the humans we see busily going somewhere? Where are those boxy things that take them from one place to another? They used to collect in large groups but we don't see them do that anymore. Human activity does slow down at night. But the sun is shining today, and the industry of man is not to be seen.

Have they forgotten to look at the sun? Or are they under attack?

RIPPLES OF SANDS FADE INTO THE MOUNTAINS, AND MOUNTAINS FADE INTO SAND. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.



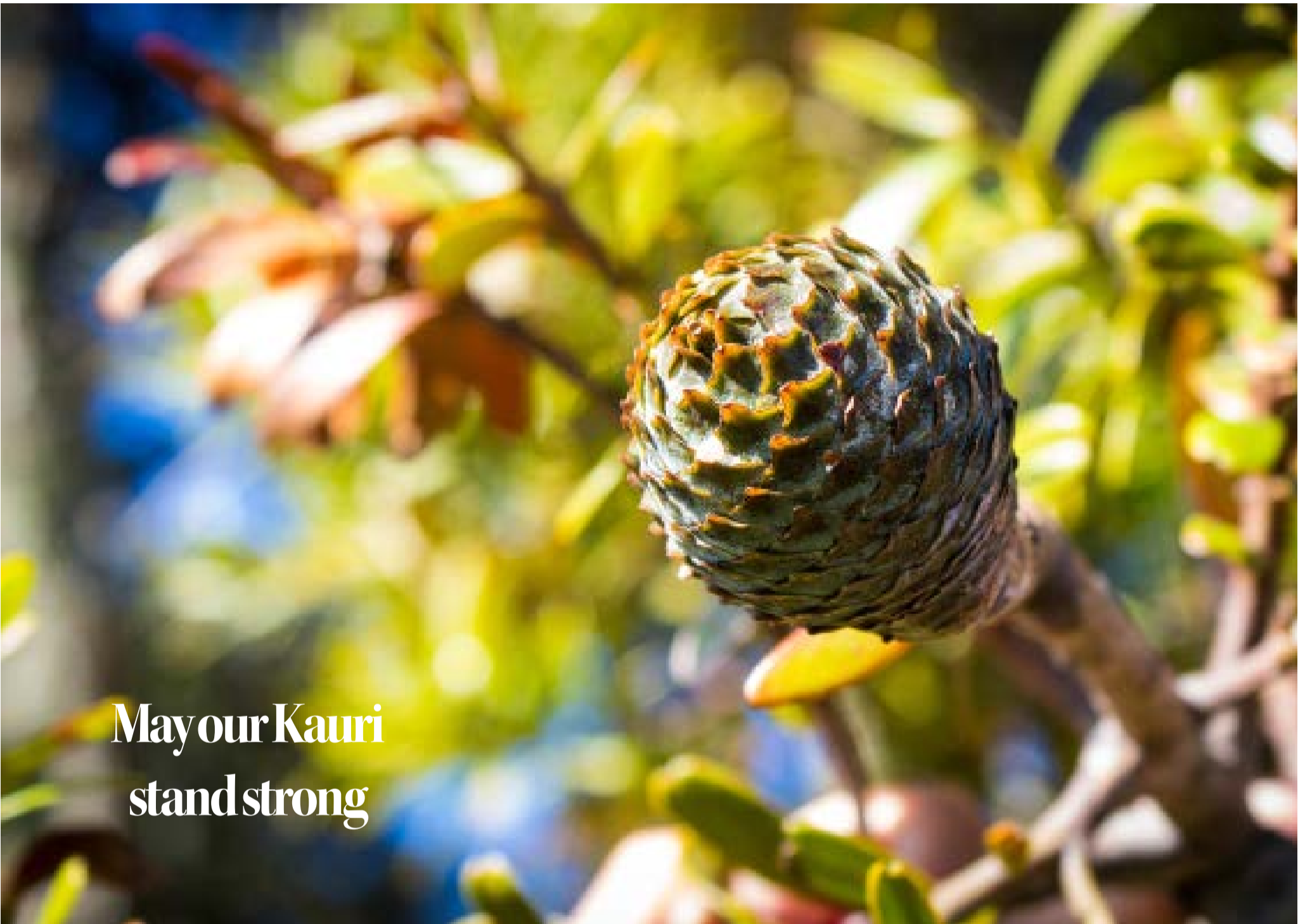
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**May our Kauri
stand strong**

by Ava Srinivasan

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EAF WATERFALL



by Natalie

In my dreams I see
the lungs of the
earth tattered.



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