



The North Island Kaka in New Zealand is a brush-tipped-tongue parrot. A bird of relatively ancient origin, it inhabits old forests but will visit orchards and even suburban gardens outside of the breeding season. I had a chance to see them in the wild on the North Island. While their coloring may

seem dull at first glance, when they lift their wings, a fiery red/orange array of feathers dazzles the eye. However, it was their interaction with each other which inspired this painting.

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Forest Whispers
Kaka
Oil, 24 x 22