

The Stars of Matariki Cluster

Matariki: - the mother of the other eight stars of the constellation - connected to health and well-being. Matariki means 'little eyes' or 'the eyes of God'.

Pohutakawa: - you can look upon this star in reflection and remembrance of loved ones who have died in the past year.

Tupuanuku: - associated with food grown in the ground. A reminder to grow food that can be shared with family and friends.

Tupuarangi: - associated with food that comes from the sky and is linked to birds, but also food grown on trees and bushes.

Waiti: - connected to fresh water and living creatures in the rivers, streams and lakes. Waita is associated with the ocean and represents food gathered from the sea. This star is also significant for its influences over tides and floodwaters.

Waipuna-a-rangi: - This star is connected to the rain. The name means "water that pools in the sky". We can look on this star in reflection and recognition of how vital fresh rainfall is to life on earth.

Ururangi: - Ururangi is connected to the wind. Traditionally used to forecast the nature of the wind for the year to come.

Hiwa-i-te-rangi: - This star is connected to the promise of a prosperous season. Maori traditionally would use this star to set their desires and dreams for the year.

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