

# How The Kakapo Got It's Green Feathers.

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One day a long time ago , Maui was wondering through a forest where Tanemahuta and his closest children lived. Kakapo was beside Maui as he approached Tanemahuta, a tall Kauri tree. " Tanemahuta, may we chop down one of your trees to build our waka?" Maui asked. " Only if you chop down one of the larger trees, then you may." boomed Tanemahuta. Maui then raced off to get his axe and gather his brothers.



As Maui ,his brothers and Kakapo selected a tree to chop, Kakapo eyed a small sapling and fled to chop it down for his new house, even though he knew what Tanemahuta said greed got the better of him.

Tanehokahoka asked Fantail if he could spy on Kakapo as he knew how greedy he was , so Fantail set off to find Kakapo. Fantail found Kakapo eying the small sapling and flew as fast as he could back to Tanehokahoka. Tanehokahoka told his brother Tanemahuta what Kakapo was doing to his youngest child. Tanemahuta grew angry and set out to find Maui and Kakapo. Tanemahuta found Maui and forbade him to cut down his tree for what he did.

Maui found Kakapo and threw him into the dark green swamp. Kakapo hated the dampness of the forest floor and the disgusting colour of the green. Some of the muck slid off but most stayed on and stained his beautiful yellow feathers. Maui banished Kakapo to the forest floor for life. Tanehokahoka painted one of Fantails fan feather brown to reward him for his loyalty , and to this day Kakapo and Fantail still have their markings and Kakapo still lives on the forest floor.