

Look at the stream banks and sides...

Yes, tall trees with lots of ferns, flax, rushes, etc underneath.

Are there plants lining the stream bank?

Yes, but it's a bit patchy.

Just short grass.

The stream is free to move. It has meanders (curves) and has riffles, runs, and pools. (see page 21)

Is there room for the stream to move?

The stream is free to move some places, but there are barriers in other places.

Most is shaded.

How much of the stream is shaded by plants and stream banks?

All of the stream is in the sun.

Some is shaded.

No, the stream is straight and has barriers, like concrete walls, keeping it straight.

Tally up the score...

More than 10 kākārīki | green – Ka rawe | Great! Your stream is super healthy.

A mix of kākārīki | green and karaka | orange – Your stream has potential! It could be healthier though.

More than one whero | red – Your stream is hē te manawa | in trouble! Speak up to your local or regional council so they can help make it better. You can show them this assessment!