Taranaki Regional Council Monthly Rainfall and Environmental Data Report for April 2025

Note: The data presented here are provisional data only and may change as a result of quality control at a later date.

1. Rainfall

Map 1: April total rainfall (mm) and percentage of long-term mean (colour key).



Map 1a. Total rainfall 1 January to end April (mm) and percentage of long-term mean (colour key).

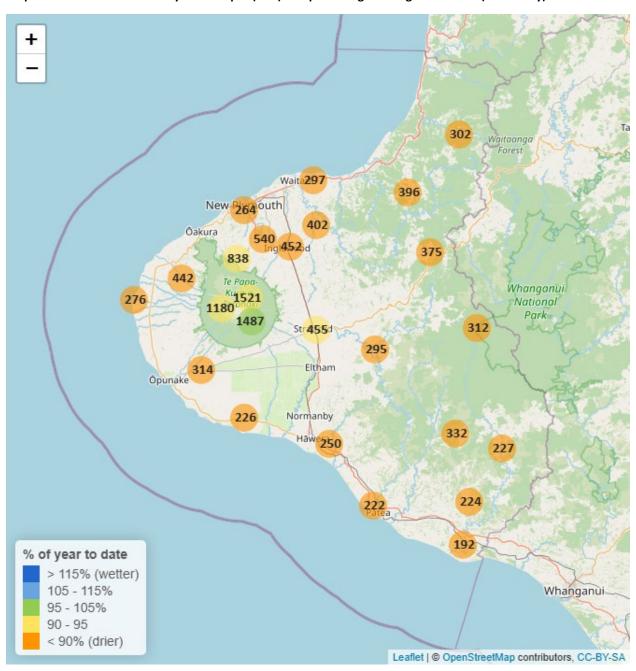


Table 1: Rainfall April and year-to-date totals for rain gauge sites in Taranaki.

		April			Year to Date				
Rain gauge	# days with rain	Total rain (mm)	% of typical month	Total to date (mm)	% of typical year to date	% of typical full year	Records Began		
North Egmont at Visitors Centre	20	1004.5	204.3	1521.0	92.3	22.3	1996		
Dawson Falls	18	959.0	197.7	1487.0	98.8	23.4	1999		
Kapoaiaia at Kahui Hut	15	656.5	160.5	1179.5	92.1	22.6	2006		
Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill	16	526.5	206.9	837.5	94.5	23.1	2018		
Waiwhakaiho at Hillsborough	13	187.5	110.8	311.0	61.6	17.2	2013		
Brooklands Zoo at New Plymouth	15	162.0	112.3	264.4	59.5	16.7	2012		
Motunui M39 at Weston W3	13	159.8	119.3	297.0	70.5	18.9	1999		
Waiwhakaiho at Egmont Village	15	308.0	174.5	540.5	88.6	22.6	1996		
Manganui at Everett Park	16	217.6	135.2	402.0	75.0	19.3	1996		
Inglewood at Oxidation Ponds	15	261.5	150.4	451.5	75.9	19.3	2000		
Stony at Mangatete Bridge	14	241.5	147.6	442.5	82.5	22.3	2004		
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	7	148.8	131.6	275.6	75.6	20.6	1999		
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	12	141.0	108.2	313.5	78.1	20.0	2005		
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	12	138.5	141.5	226.5	73.6	19.6	1998		
Patea at Stratford	14	265.0	180.1	455.0	92.1	23.0	1999		
Mangaehu at Bridge	12	146.5	116.2	295.0	69.8	18.6	1999		
Kotare at OSullivans	13	142.5	96.2	302.0	56.7	14.1	1998		
Uruti at Kaka Rd	12	190.0	114.7	395.5	70.4	17.9	1996		
Pohokura Saddle	12	155.5	104.1	375.0	74.9	18.9	1996		
Omaru at Charlies	15	131.5	90.5	311.5	66.6	17.1	2006		
Omahine at Moana Trig	12	115.5	83.2	332.5	74.5	19.9	2007		

		April					
Rain gauge	# days with rain	Total rain (mm)	% of typical month	Total to date (mm)	% of typical year to date	% of typical full year	Records Began
Waitotara at Rimunui Station	8	76.5	70.8	227.0	64.7	16.6	1996
Waitotara at Ngutuwera	9	82.5	82.8	224.5	65.8	17.6	1999
Tawhiti at Duffys	12	125.5	129.4	249.5	83.6	22.6	1996
Patea at Bore 3	8	79.8	74.9	222.0	69.2	19.0	2006
Waitotara at Hawken Rd	8	73.2	75.3	192.2	55.2	16.7	2016

Notes: Low and high values in tables refer to the upper and lower 5th percentiles of the historic record for each site (except for wind gust and soil moisture which are the upper and lower 1st percentiles). Percentile values give a better indication of the general upper and lower range of the historic data against which to compare the current month. Start year (records began) shows the length of data used to compute historic highs, lows, and "typical values". Sites with a longer data record will generally provide a more reliable comparison to values in the current year.

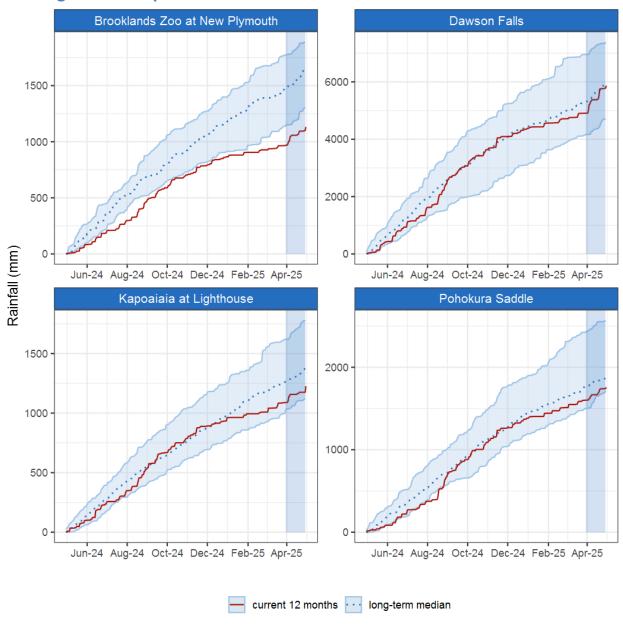


Figure 1.1: This year's and last year's data set in context of historic record at selected rain gauge sites in Taranaki.

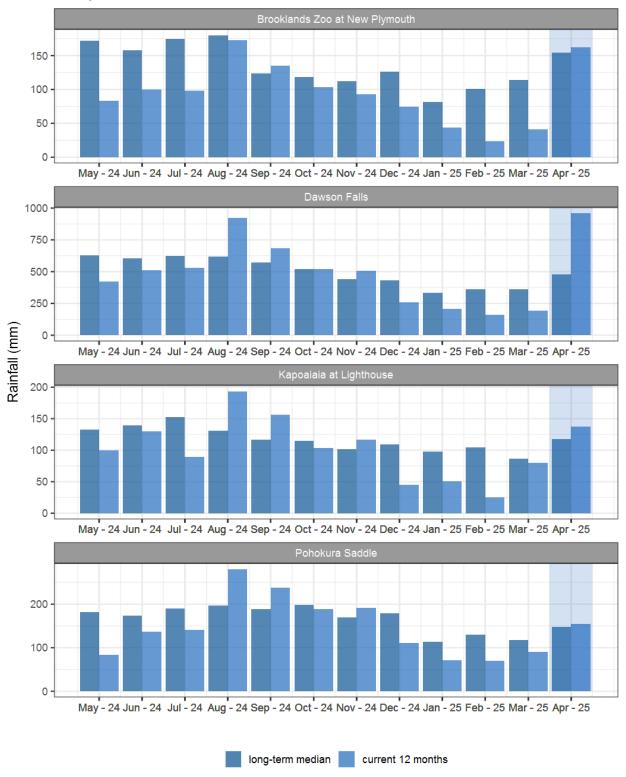


Figure 1.2: Monthly rainfall totals for this month and the mean of all previously recorded months.

2. River Flow

Map 2: April mean river flows (m3/sec), with difference as percentage of long-term mean.

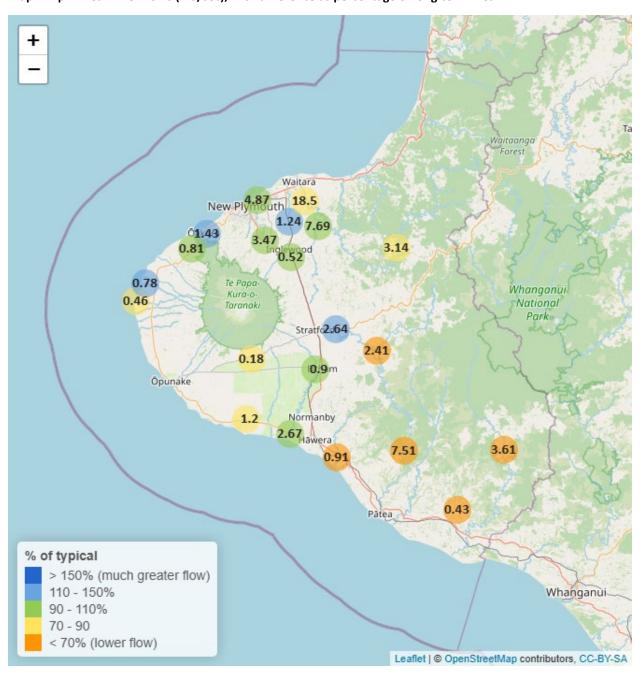


Table 2: Summary of high, low and mean flow for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

		April 2	2025 - Recorde	ed flows (m	3/sec)			
	High	s	Low	s	Mea	n		
River and Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	2.93	2.39	0.29	0.28	0.46	0.52	16.37	39
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	10.99	6.15	0.51	0.68	1.20	1.41	54.37	46
Mangaehu at Bridge	15.44	36.33	1.85	2.16	2.41	5.12	24.63	47
Manganui at Everett Park	73.28	50.08	2.89	3.53	7.69	7.24	261.74	32
Mangawheroiti Above Intake W.W	1.04	0.93	0.12	0.13	0.18	0.23	6.76	12
Moumahaki at Johnston Rd	0.82	4.09	0.37	0.49	0.43	0.80	1.95	6
Ngatoro at SH3	6.35	3.61	0.25	0.27	0.52	0.51	32.22	35
Oakura at Victoria Rd	24.03	7.76	0.54	0.51	1.43	1.27	88.40	6
Patea at McColls Bridge	36.57	64.07	3.17	2.25	7.51	10.98	50.34	35
Patea at Skinner Rd	16.23	12.22	0.64	0.69	2.64	2.26	45.27	47
Tangahoe below Railway Bridge	3.07	12.17	0.68	1.09	0.91	1.98	8.52	7
Timaru at Tataraimaka	17.72	5.79	0.28	0.33	0.81	0.84	116.90	12
Waingongoro at Eltham Rd	9.04	5.73	0.36	0.38	0.90	0.98	31.57	50
Waingongoro at SH45	12.37	11.92	1.09	1.19	2.67	2.92	40.39	44
Waiongana at SH3a	9.02	6.65	0.35	0.41	1.24	1.07	27.97	44
Waitara at Bertrand Rd	100.69	174.15	6.90	7.08	18.50	21.03	292.21	44
Waitara at Purangi Bridge	42.28	73.37	0.68	0.71	3.14	3.72	77.64	26
Waitotara at Rimunui Station	9.25	39.59	2.85	2.46	3.61	6.23	21.29	19
Waiwhakaiho at Egmont Village	38.73	20.84	1.76	1.97	3.47	3.34	187.08	45
Waiwhakaiho at Vickers Rd	62.15	25.49	1.77	1.90	4.87	4.48	309.61	5
Warea at Coast	5.35	2.53	0.38	0.34	0.78	0.60	21.21	8

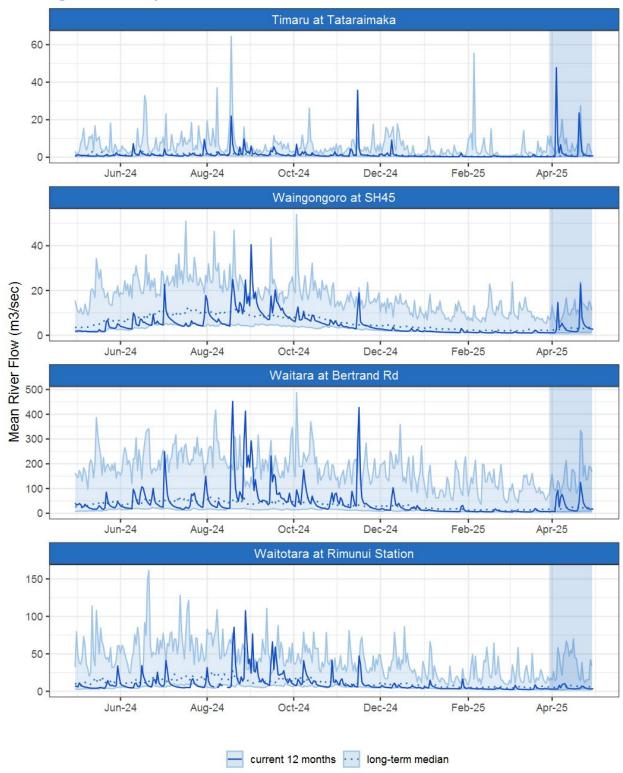


Figure 2.1: Running average river flows for selected sites, set in context of the historic record.

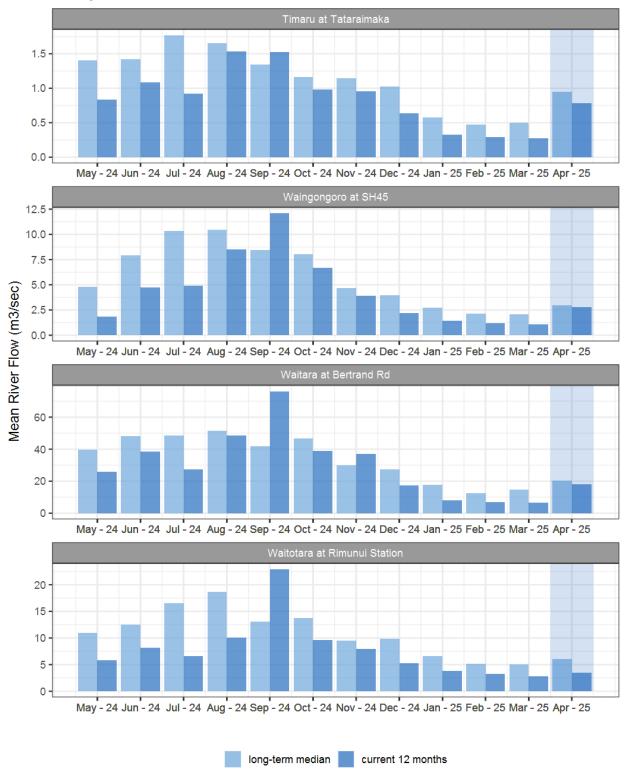


Figure 2.2: Monthly mean river flow for this month and the mean of all previously recorded months.

3. River Temperature

Map 3: April mean water temperature with difference to long-term mean (°C).

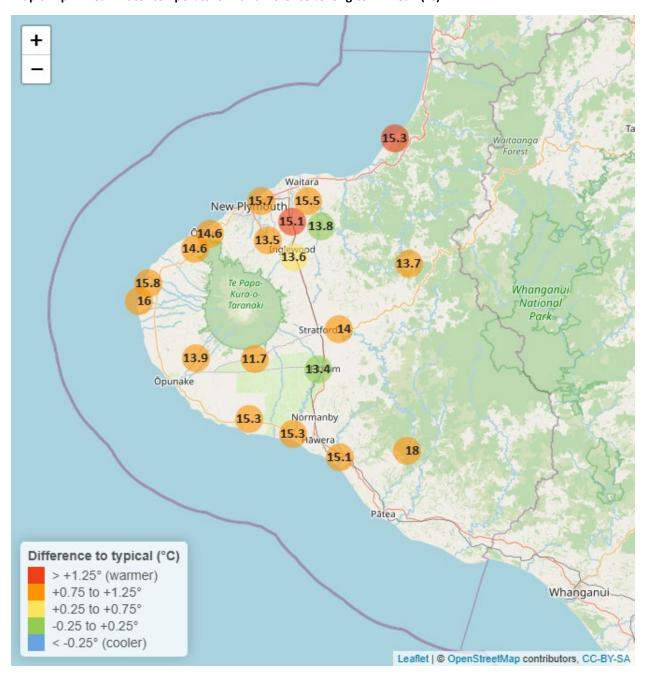


Table 3: Summary of high, low and mean river temperature for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

		April	2025 - River To	emperature	e (°C)			
	High	s	Low	s	Mea	n		
River and Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	18.57	18.00	13.16	11.71	15.96	14.96	20.27	25
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	17.96	17.72	11.77	11.30	15.27	14.44	20.54	32
Manganui at Everett Park	16.13	16.27	11.34	11.29	13.85	13.74	16.66	16
Mangaone 3 at Stub Rd	17.86	17.06	13.33	12.89	15.71	14.83	18.98	5
Mangawheroiti Above Intake W.W	14.17	12.93	9.72	9.02	11.72	10.97	15.23	12
Matau at Woolshed	15.88	15.46	10.71	10.29	13.72	12.94	17.38	7
Ngatoro at SH3	15.67	15.34	11.23	10.23	13.56	12.83	16.65	23
Oakura at Victoria Rd	17.15	16.35	12.48	11.61	14.63	13.78	18.44	6
Patea at McColls Bridge	19.77	19.16	16.44	14.93	18.00	16.79	20.63	9
Patea at Skinner Rd	16.23	15.59	11.43	10.33	14.00	13.04	16.95	21
Tangahoe below Railway Bridge	17.85	16.65	11.85	11.56	15.12	14.03	18.94	7
Timaru at Tataraimaka	16.93	16.18	12.46	11.32	14.62	13.72	18.22	11
Waiaua 2 at Barraclough Opua	17.10	16.20	10.32	9.83	13.88	12.81	19.32	6
Waikaramarama at Bridge	16.97	16.18	12.44	11.82	15.32	14.04	17.42	7
Waingongoro at Eltham Rd	16.09	15.72	10.79	10.65	13.39	13.20	16.96	20
Waingongoro at SH45	17.98	17.20	12.24	11.59	15.26	14.40	18.74	21
Waiongana at SH3a	17.09	16.25	12.62	11.28	15.14	13.77	18.13	14
Waitara at Bertrand Rd	18.27	17.40	13.76	12.40	15.46	14.69	19.64	36
Waiwhakaiho at Egmont Village	15.41	15.03	11.27	9.81	13.49	12.56	16.40	32
Warea at Coast	18.59	18.04	12.79	12.13	15.77	14.92	20.18	5

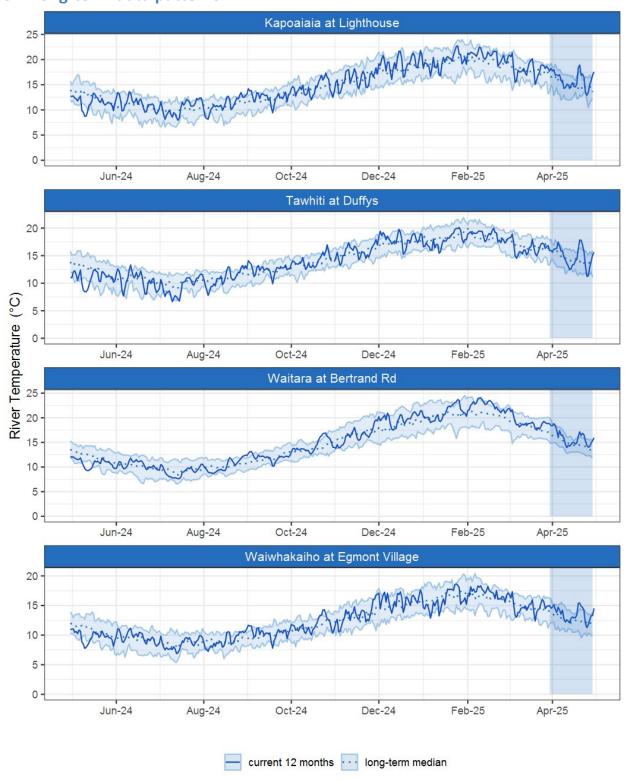


Figure 3.1: Running average river temperature for selected sites, set in context of the historic record.

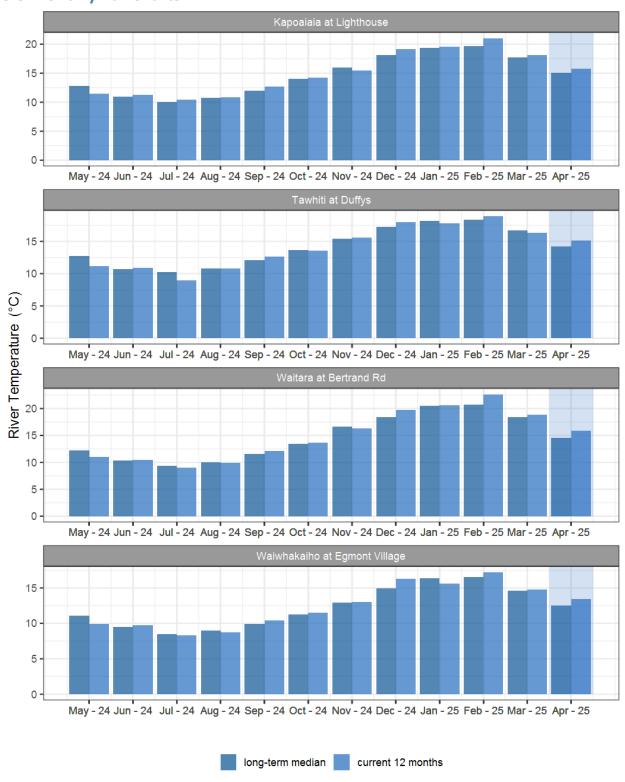


Figure 3.2: Monthly mean river temperature for this month and the mean of all previously recorded months.

4. Air Temperature

Map 4: April mean air temperature with difference to long-term mean (°C).

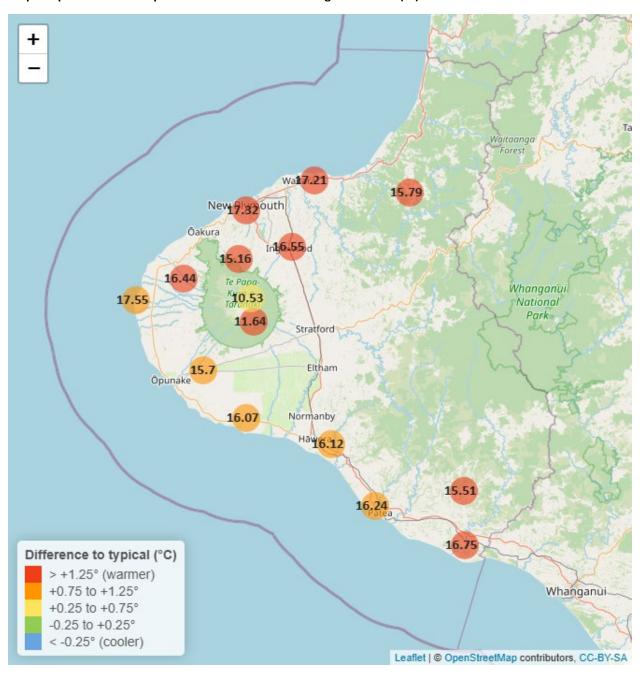


Table 4: Summary of high, low and mean air temperature for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

	April 2025 - Air Temperature (°C)									
	High	s	Low	s	Mea	n				
Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years		
Brooklands Zoo at New Plymouth	22.05	21.33	10.21	9.50	17.32	15.66	24.90	13		
Dawson Falls	15.15	14.47	6.24	5.12	11.64	9.86	19.04	9		
Inglewood at Oxidation Ponds	21.43	19.69	9.15	6.93	16.55	14.10	25.10	13		
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	20.77	19.74	11.49	10.60	17.55	16.49	24.19	13		
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	20.53	20.05	8.70	8.11	16.07	15.27	25.00	10		
Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill	18.13	17.19	9.91	8.52	15.16	13.27	20.40	8		
Motunui M39 at Weston W3	20.65	19.72	10.18	8.96	17.21	15.19	22.73	7		
North Egmont at Visitors Centre	14.32	14.75	4.88	4.94	10.53	9.85	16.73	10		
Patea at Bore 3	21.33	19.94	10.21	9.19	16.24	15.45	23.71	12		
Stony at Mangatete Bridge	20.24	19.60	10.30	9.59	16.44	14.86	22.83	9		
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	20.26	19.15	9.20	8.65	15.70	14.58	23.48	10		
Tawhiti at Duffys	21.21	20.04	5.47	5.07	16.12	15.06	22.88	12		
Uruti at Kaka Rd	19.51	18.28	9.73	8.59	15.79	13.52	23.26	7		
Waitotara at Hawken Rd	21.95	20.28	9.27	8.40	16.75	15.00	24.73	8		
Weraweraonga at Mangawhio Rd	21.93	20.50	5.77	6.11	15.51	13.94	24.68	8		

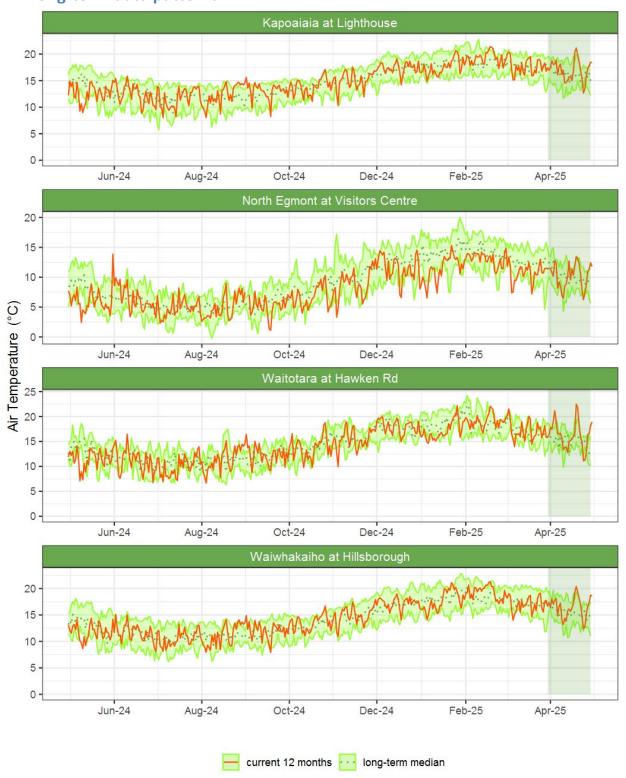


Figure 4.1: Running average air temperature for selected sites, set in context of the historic record.

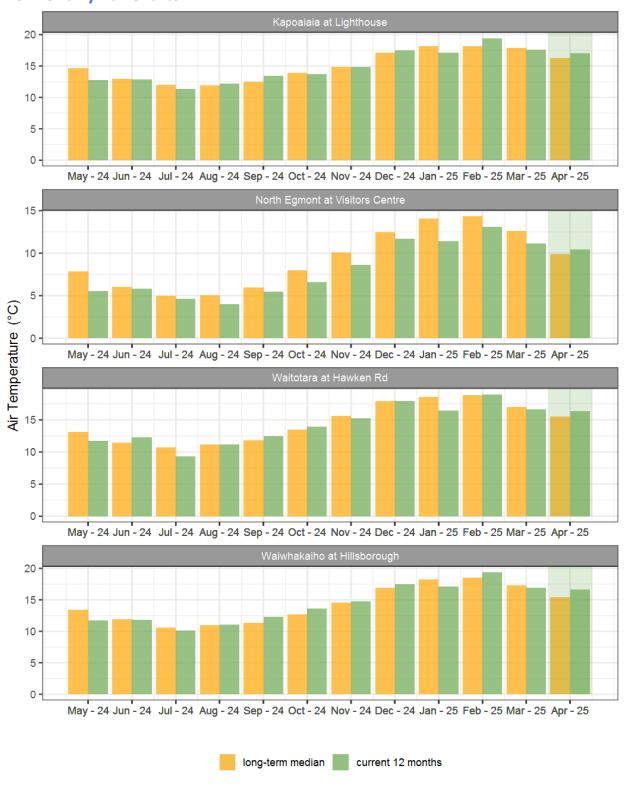


Figure 4.2: Monthly mean air temperature for April and the mean of all previously recorded months.

5. Soil Moisture

Map 5: April mean soil moisture content (%).

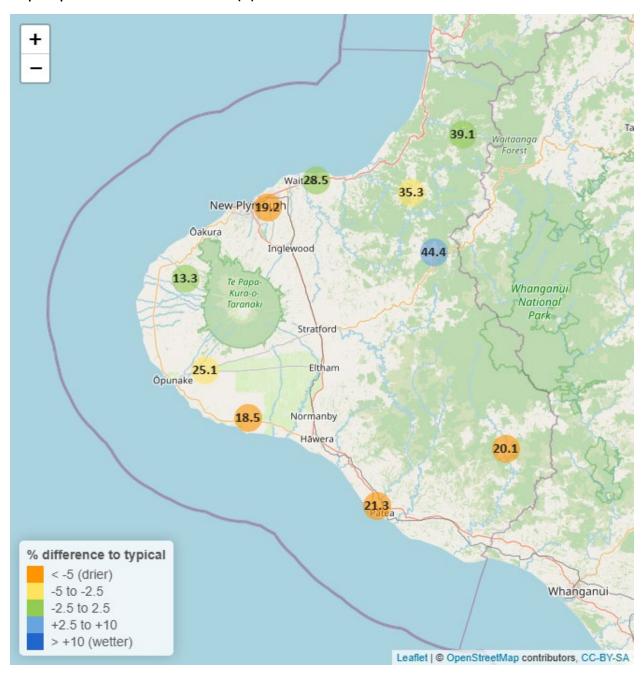


Table 5: Summary of high, low and mean soil moisture for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

	April 2025 - Soil Moisture (%)									
	High	s	Lows	5	Mea	1				
Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years		
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	26.67	35.88	12.95	11.21	18.52	29.81	29.87	14		
Kotare at OSullivans	43.35	47.00	29.74	23.99	39.15	36.79	47.93	13		
Motunui M39 at Weston W3	29.82	30.34	21.18	14.11	28.54	27.51	30.11	10		
Patea at Bore 3	22.04	30.41	20.79	19.56	21.28	26.36	22.28	8		
Pohokura Saddle	50.44	50.68	32.89	28.06	44.38	41.04	54.43	10		
Stony at Mangatete Bridge	15.40	22.64	9.81	6.81	13.29	15.27	17.61	9		
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	27.69	40.14	20.34	15.54	25.13	28.65	32.19	12		
Uruti at Kaka Rd	38.04	43.24	25.32	27.40	35.29	38.41	39.87	13		
Waitotara at Rimunui Station	20.83	29.84	16.80	21.50	20.14	25.84	21.05	8		
Waiwhakaiho at Hillsborough	20.65	28.60	14.01	17.45	19.20	25.68	22.14	13		

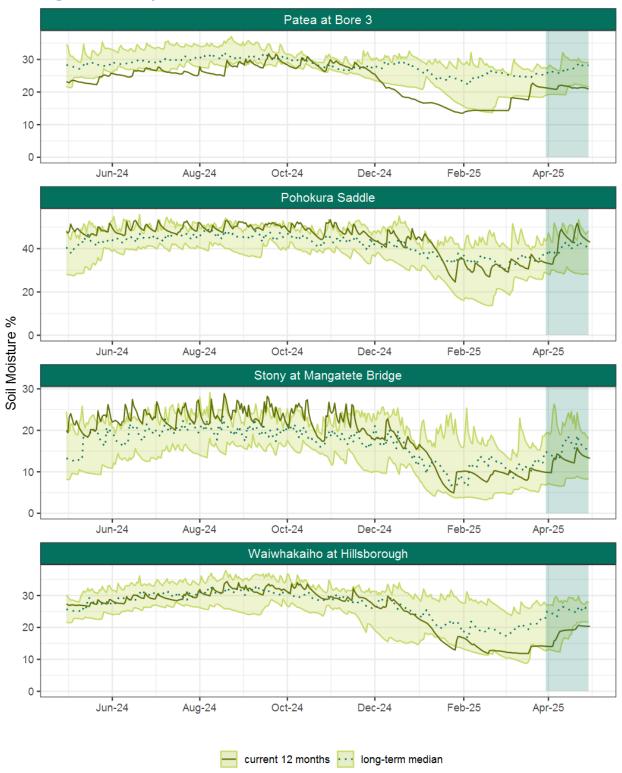


Figure 5.1: Running average soil moisture for selected sites, set in context of the historic record.

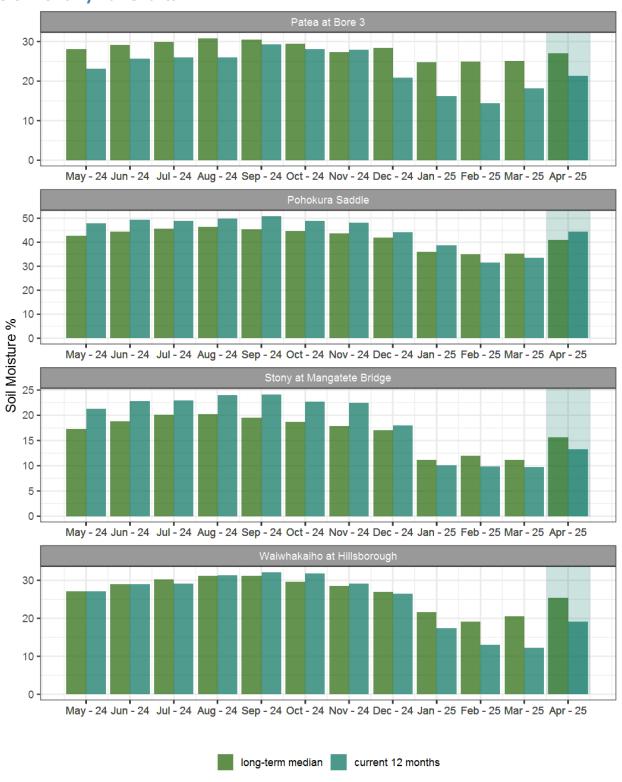


Figure 5.2: Monthly mean soil moisture for this month and the mean of all previously recorded months.

6. Soil Temperature

Map 6: April mean soil temperatures with difference to long-term mean (°C).

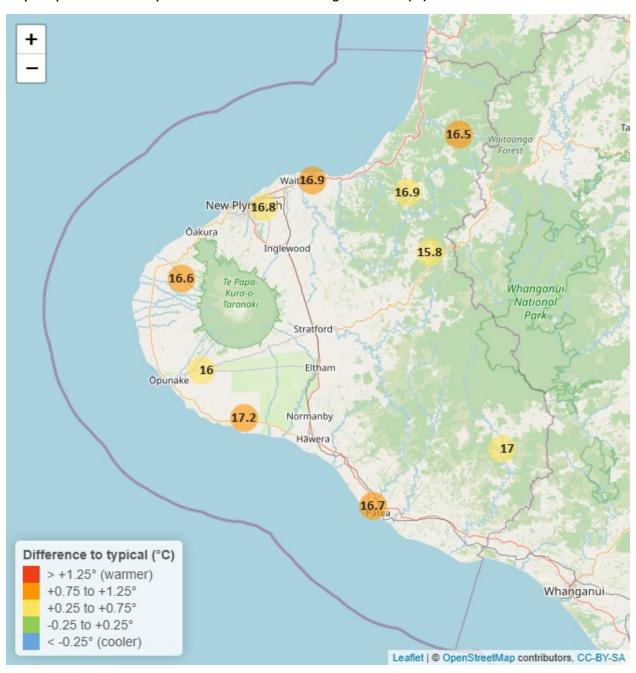


Table 6: Summary of high, low and mean soil temperature for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

		Ар	ril 2025 - Soil T	emperature	es (°C)			
	High	s	Lows	S	Mea	1		
Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years
Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd	19.30	18.31	15.01	14.10	17.2	16.01	20.00	14
Kotare at OSullivans	17.72	17.73	15.34	13.04	16.5	15.34	17.93	13
Motunui M39 at Weston W3	18.45	17.91	15.46	13.86	16.9	15.82	18.60	10
Patea at Bore 3	18.93	18.63	15.09	13.82	16.7	15.94	19.45	8
Pohokura Saddle	17.56	17.96	14.51	13.61	15.8	15.36	17.80	10
Stony at Mangatete Bridge	18.40	18.40	14.84	13.20	16.6	15.64	18.80	8
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	18.10	17.76	14.11	13.69	16.0	15.40	18.80	12
Uruti at Kaka Rd	18.50	18.54	16.12	14.23	16.9	16.19	18.68	13
Waitotara at Rimunui Station	19.96	19.53	14.63	14.20	17.0	16.46	20.87	6
Waiwhakaiho at Hillsborough	18.37	18.36	15.23	14.17	16.8	16.18	18.76	13

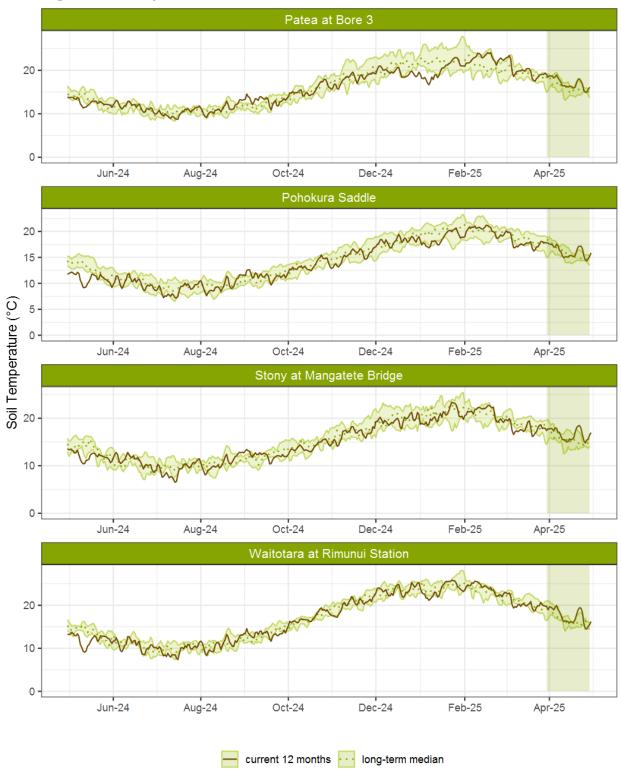


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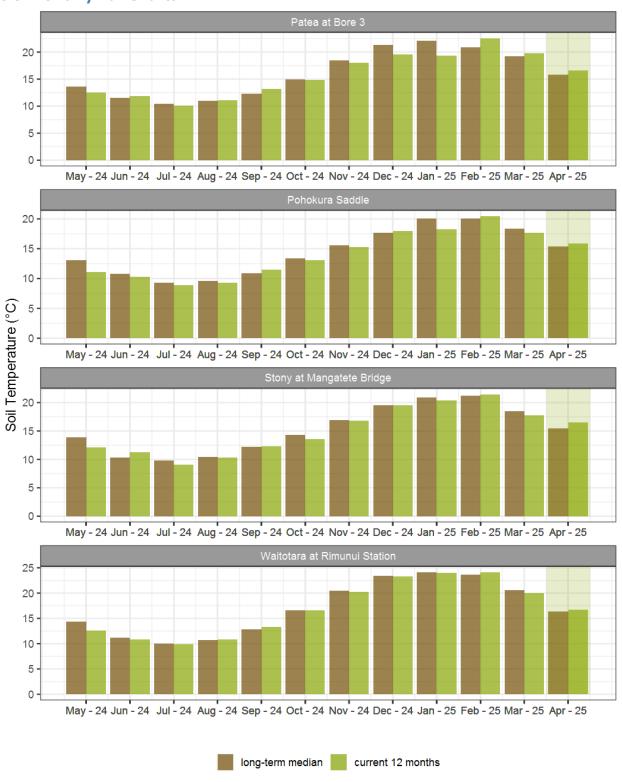


Figure 6.2: Monthly mean soil temperature for this month and the mean of all previously recorded months.

7. Wind Speed and Maximum Gusts

Map 7: April mean of wind speed with difference to long-term values (km/hr).

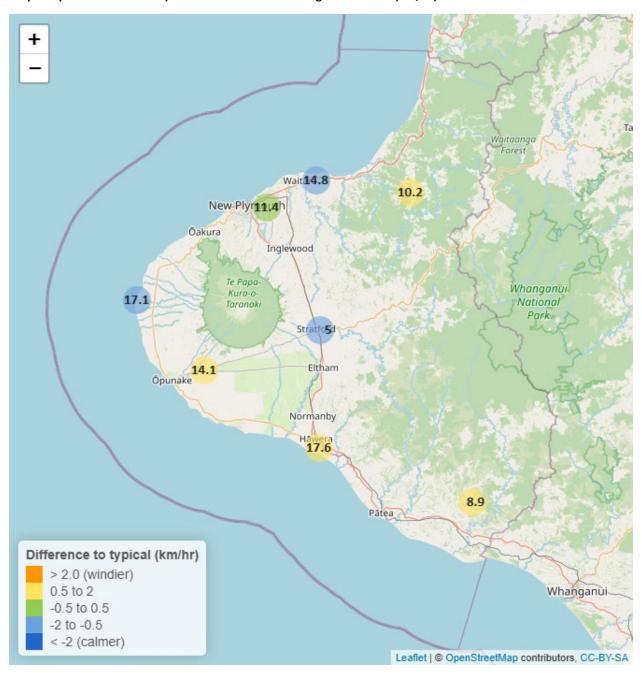


Table 7: Summary of high, low and mean wind speed for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

	April 2025 - Wind Speed (average) - (km/hr)									
	High	Highs		Lows		Mean				
Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years		
Hawera AWS	37.97	35.19	7.41	5.56	17.6	15.74	51.86	20		
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	39.88	38.90	6.25	6.03	17.1	18.04	51.13	24		
New Plymouth AWS	38.01	37.04	6.48	6.48	14.8	15.74	51.86	17		
Patea at Stratford	16.74	16.51	2.01	2.06	5.0	5.73	21.80	19		
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	33.03	29.62	6.02	6.32	14.1	13.59	51.25	9		
Uruti at Kaka Rd	25.48	20.97	2.50	3.01	10.2	8.93	42.83	26		
Waitotara at Ngutuwera	22.10	20.59	2.24	1.97	8.9	8.19	40.78	26		
Waiwhakaiho at Hillsborough	26.92	26.09	4.65	4.08	11.4	11.71	35.57	7		

Table 8: Summary of high, low and maximum wind gusts for April and for April in all preceding years of record.

	April 2025 - Wind Gusts (Maximum) - (km/hr)										
	High	s	Lows	Lows		Mean					
Site	current month	historic	current month	historic	current month	historic	April maximum	Data years			
Hawera AWS	79.64	70.38	27.78	20.37	40.7	42.60	79.64	20			
Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse	66.60	79.35	20.16	20.20	40.0	43.50	73.44	24			
New Plymouth AWS	72.23	75.93	22.22	20.37	42.6	42.60	75.93	17			
Patea at Stratford	59.04	57.96	15.48	16.92	26.6	32.04	59.76	19			
Taungatara at Eltham Rd	90.70	73.30	23.30	20.80	40.8	38.70	99.00	9			
Uruti at Kaka Rd	80.28	65.88	23.40	19.10	40.0	34.20	101.52	24			
Waitotara at Ngutuwera	70.56	62.64	22.68	17.30	36.4	35.20	93.60	26			
Waiwhakaiho at Hillsborough	66.60	65.70	18.50	20.90	37.9	40.55	70.30	7			

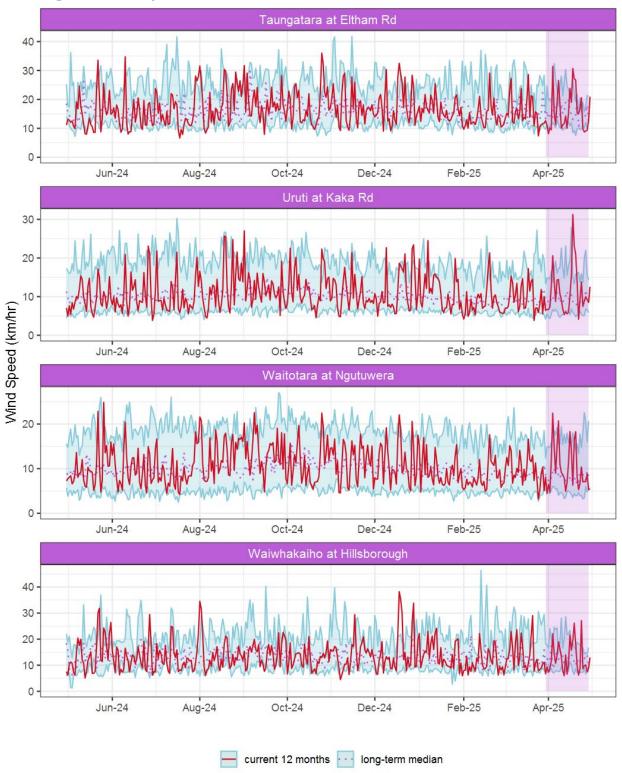


Figure 7.1: Running average wind speed (km/hr) for selected sites, set in context of the historic record.

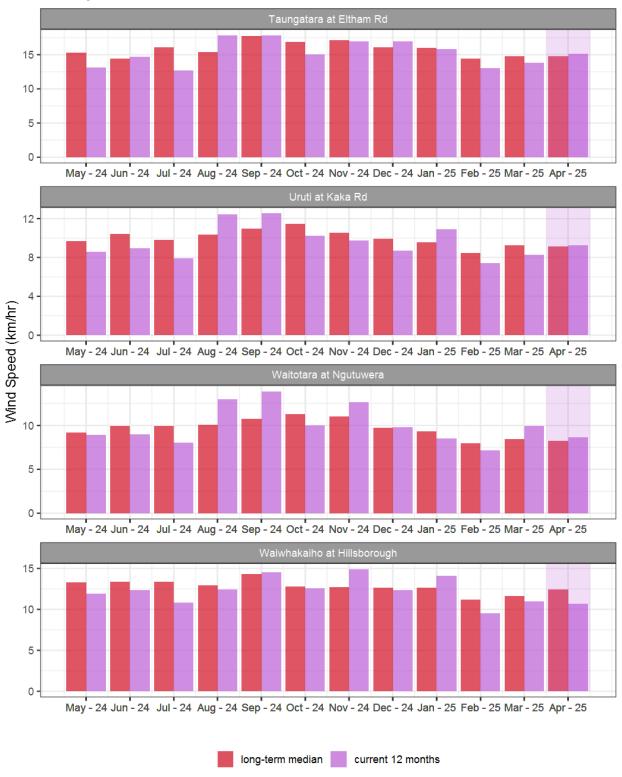


Figure 7.2: Monthly mean wind speed (km/hr) for selected sites, relative to the mean of all previously recorded months.

7.4 Wind roses for April 2025

Average wind speed

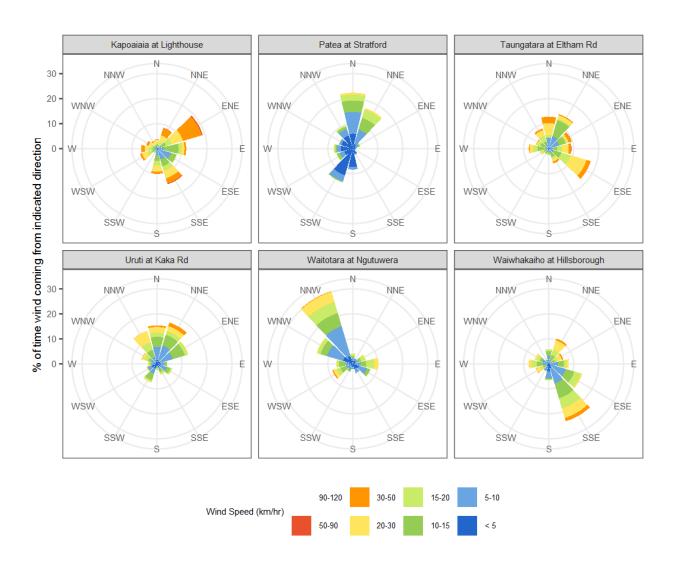


Figure 7.3: Wind roses for April for average wind speed (km/hr).

Maximum gust strength

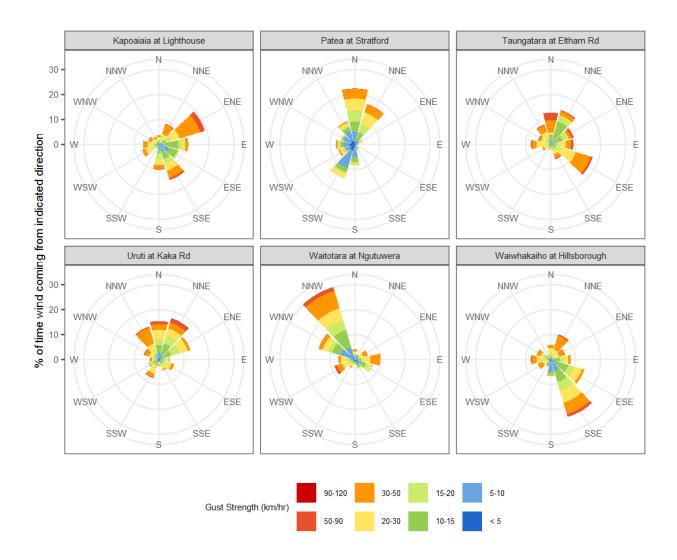


Figure 7.4: Wind roses for April for maximum wind gust (km/hr).

Summary of month's conditions

Rainfall

On average April rainfall was 177.2mm, 20% more than usual, ranging from 29% less rain than usual at Waitotara at Rimunui Station, and 107% more than usual at Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill.

Year-to-date rainfall is lowest at Waitotara at Hawken Rd with 45% less rainfall than normal, Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill has had the highest year-to-date rainfall with 6% less than normal. On average year-to-date rainfall has been 27% less rain than normal across all rain gauges. Compared to typical full year totals, on average sites have already received 19% of a typical year's rainfall, with the highest value at Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill, 23% of normal, whereas Kotare sits at 14% of the typical year's total.

River Flow

Mean river flows for April were 17.4% lower than typical values, low flows were 6.8% lower, and high flows 17% greater than typical values. The maximum river flow recorded in April was 309.6m³/sec at Waiwhakaiho at Vickers Rd on 4 April.

River Water Temperature

Mean river (non-mountain) water temperatures were 14.8° C, an average of 0.8° C warmer than long-term April values. Nighttime-low water temperatures were on average 0.7° C warmer than historic lows, and day-time high temperatures were on average 0.6° C warmer than historic highs. The maximum river water temperature recorded in April was 20.6° C at Patea at McColls Bridge on 1 April.

Air Temperature

The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 15.7°C, which is 1.5°C warmer than long-term April averages. Low air temperatures for April were on average 0.9°C warmer than the April average for previous years. Day-time high temperatures were on average 1°C warmer than historic highs. The maximum air temperature recorded in April was 25.1°C at Inglewood at Oxidation Ponds on 1 April.

Soil Moisture

The average soil moisture for April across sites in Taranaki region was 26.5%. Soil moistures were on average 3% drier than typical April values. On average, low soil moistures were 1.8% wetter than previous lows, and the highs were on average 6.4% drier than previous values for April.

Soil Temperature

April soil temperatures were generally 0.8°C warmer than long-term averages. Average nighttime low soil temperatures were 1.2°C warmer than recorded lows, and upper day-time soil temperatures were on average 0.2°C warmer than long-term April highs. The

maximum soil temperature recorded in April was 20.9°C at Waitotara at Rimunui Station, on 5 April.

Wind Speed (average and 10 minute gust)

April average wind speeds were 12.4km/hr, with average gust strength of 38.1km/hr, these were 0.2km/hr stronger, and 0.6km/hr weaker than the long-term average. Average calm weather wind speeds were 0.3km/hr stronger than recorded lows, and windy conditions were on average 1.9km/hr stronger than long-term April highs. The maximum wind gust recorded in April was 101.5km/hr at Uruti at Kaka Rd on 17 April.

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