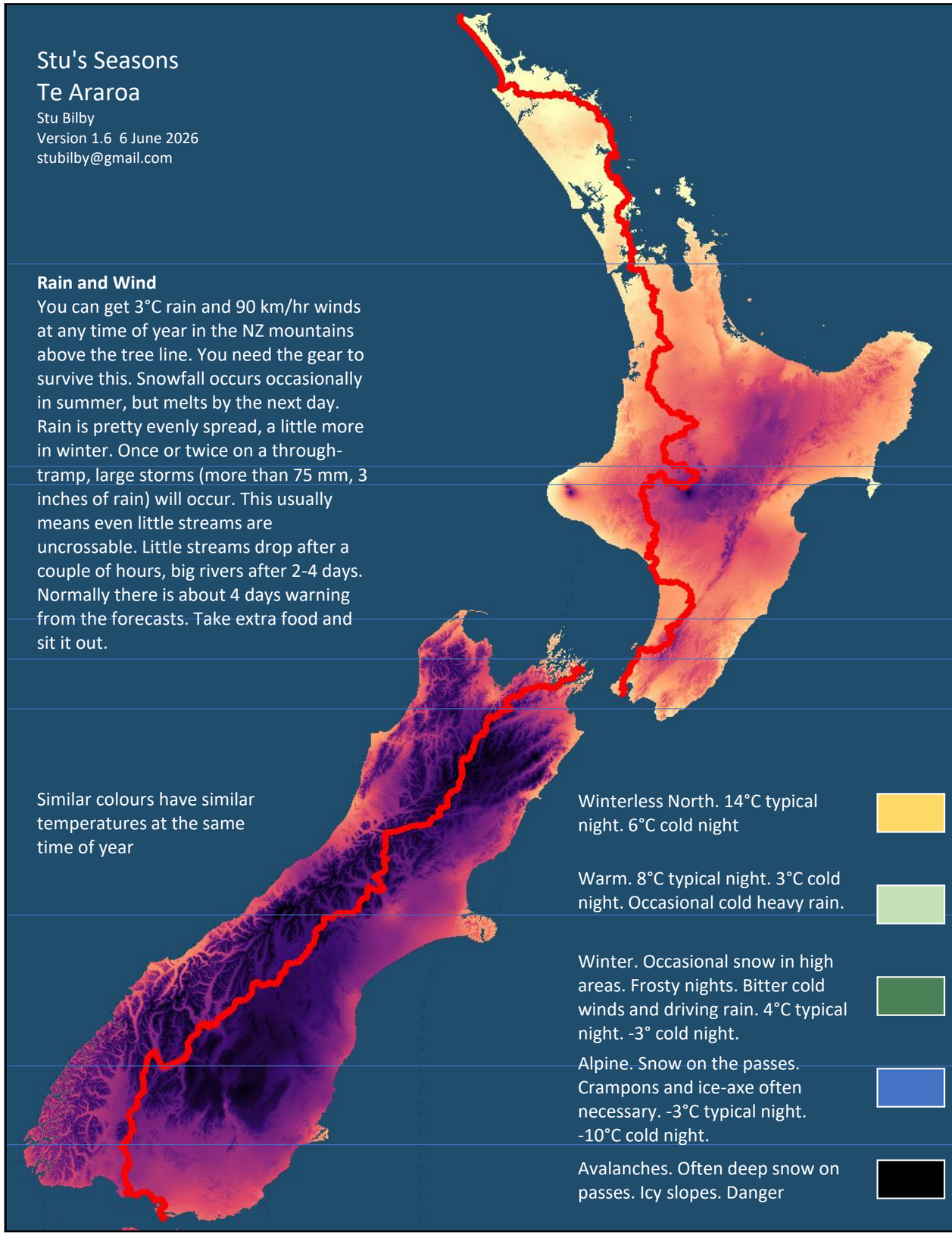
# Stu's Seasons
# Te Araroa

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**Rain and Wind**

You can get 3°C rain and 90 km/hr winds at any time of year in the NZ mountains above the tree line. You need the gear to survive this. Snowfall occurs occasionally in summer, but melts by the next day. Rain is pretty evenly spread, a little more in winter. Once or twice on a through-tramp, large storms (more than 75 mm, 3 inches of rain) will occur. This usually means even little streams are uncrossable. Little streams drop after a couple of hours, big rivers after 2-4 days. Normally there is about 4 days warning from the forecasts. Take extra food and sit it out.



Similar colours have similar temperatures at the same time of year

Winterless North. 14°C typical night. 6°C cold night

Warm. 8°C typical night. 3°C cold night. Occasional cold heavy rain.

Winter. Occasional snow in high areas. Frosty nights. Bitter cold winds and driving rain. 4°C typical night. -3° cold night.

Alpine. Snow on the passes. Crampons and ice-axe often necessary. -3°C typical night. -10°C cold night.

Avalanches. Often deep snow on passes. Icy slopes. Danger

