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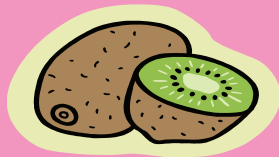
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Introduction

Did you know that a kiwi is not only a fruit but a bird? They are very cute and shy birds. Kiwi's are very fun to watch and listen to! This bird cannot fly. But it is New Zealand's country bird so they are on most of their coins and dollar bills. The purpose of this document is to inform you on the Kiwi bird.

Young

They lay one or two chalky white eggs in a hole bank. The male (father to be) sits on the eggs for 75 days or more until they break open or hatch. The Kiwi's stay chicks for 4-6 months. Then the next nine months are very hard for them. It has to watch out for it's enemies which they have a lot of. 90% of them die at this time.



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Description

The Kiwi has dull brown hair-like feathers all over their body. They are chicken size and they have a short neck and legs. Their beak is long and flexible and they do not have a tail.

Habitat and Food

The Kiwi eats earthworms, insects, berries and sometimes fallen fruit or eels. They do not migrate. They live in New Zealand's forests in small burrows that other animals make before them. But if they are really picky they make them themselves.

Conclusion

I learned that the Kiwi is an endangered species. They were once killed and used to make shoe polish. How sad! But I did learn a lot about the Kiwi bird and I think it is a very interesting bird. In the end, the Kiwi is a kind but shy bird and with that it is also cute.