

kiwi

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Some people call
New Zealanders
"kiwi's"!



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Introduction

Do you love the fruit kiwi? If you do you'll like the kiwi bird just as much. The kiwi bird is an endangered species because in 1906 they made shoe polish out of the bird. Kiwi's have poor eyesight. The purpose of this presentation is to inform you about the kiwi bird.

Description

This bird has stiff, shaggy, brown feathers on top of a stalky body. They are about the size of a chicken or a large hen. These birds have short necks and legs, but have a long bill that is very flexible. They have no tail and tiny wings. They also have holes in their bills that are about 6 inches long, unlike any other bird.

Habitat & Food

The kiwi bird lives in the wet forests of New Zealand. They live in holes of banks. This bird does not migrate. The kiwi eats earthworms, insects, eels, frogs, and fallen fruits and berries.

Young

The female kiwi bird lays 2 large white chalk powdered eggs in a hole of a bank. The male kiwi sits on the eggs 75-85 days. 80% of the kiwi make it but 90% die later in life. The new born kiwi stay chicks for about 6 months and are often eaten in the first 9 months of their life. After cars were invented they also got hit by cars a lot.

Kiwi's are shy and usually run away from people!

Conclusion

You've just learned about the kiwi bird. The Kiwi is a very loved foreign bird. One thing I learned about the kiwi bird is that kiwi's can not fly. Save the kiwi!