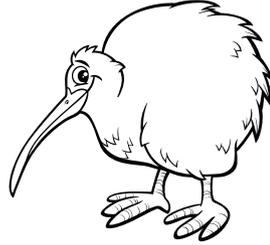


Kiwis

Name: _____

Kiwi Facts

- The kiwi is a nocturnal, flightless bird found in New Zealand.
- The kiwi has a thick covering of shaggy, hairlike, grey-brown feathers.
- Kiwis have very small wings (4-5 cm long) that are completely hidden under the plumage. They have no external tails.
- Kiwis have poor eyesight, but a keen sense of smell. They are the only known bird to have external nostrils at the end of their beak.
- Kiwis are the national bird of New Zealand.
- Kiwis mate for life. Some pairs have been together for 30 years.
- A kiwi's egg is very large compared with the size of its body. It's egg is almost as big as those of the emu.



Do you know any more facts about kiwis?

Flightless Birds

Flightless birds are birds which lack the ability to fly, relying instead on their ability to run or swim.

List as many flightless birds as you can.

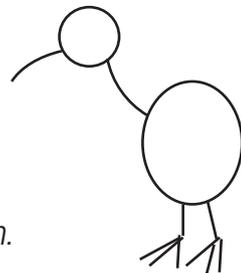
Draw a diagram of a kiwi and its egg, and an emu and its egg.

Discuss the relative size of the eggs compared to the size of the birds.

Cartoon Kiwi

Create your own kiwi cartoon character.

You could start by drawing two circles, then develop the cartoon.



Give your kiwi a name, then create a short series of cartoon adventures for your kiwi cartoon character.

Writing a Persuasive Text

Kiwis are in danger from introduced predators and loss of habitat. Ninety five percent of kiwi chicks die before they are six months old.

Research some background information about one of these dangers.

Write a short persuasive text about what we can do to help protect the kiwi.

Have a firm opinion that you want your reader to accept.

Offer evidence to support your opinion.

Number Crunchers

There are a pair of kiwis called 'Fred' and 'Chup'.

Over a period of three years, the female 'Chup', laid five eggs.

Weight of each egg:

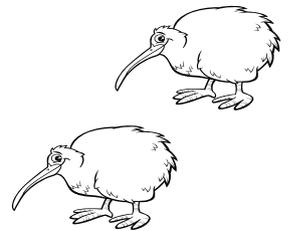
egg 1 - 580 g

egg 2 - 610 g

egg 3 - 590g

egg 4 - 575g

egg 5 - 605 g



If Chup weighs 3.1 kg, was the total weight of all five eggs more than her weight?

If Fred weighs 2.8 kg, did the eggs weigh more than him?