

A Rare Kiwi Hatches in Captivity

A North Island brown kiwi hatched at the National Zoological Park in Washington. The bird is doing well and now weighs nearly 481,94 grams. When the number of kiwis in the wild dropped dangerously over the past few years, scientists in New Zealand began an in-depth study of the birds to save them. So, until recently, researchers just didn't know enough about these unique birds to help them have young in captivity. Kiwis are flightless, nocturnal birds that sleep during the day in underground burrows. Unlike most birds, kiwis don't see well. But, their amazing sense of hearing allows them to locate bugs and worms hidden underground. New Zealanders consider the kiwi their national mascot. Which was named first, the bird or the fruit? The kiwi bird because they named them for the sound of the male's call.

I hope that scientists can fast discover more information about kiwis and then help them as fast as they can. It is important that kiwi don't die out. I think kiwi is very interesting animal and very rare. The most attract me the fact that they live in burrows.

1. causal (adj) – relating to a cause or causes
2. depressive episode (n) – a particular bout of depression
3. panic attack (n) – a brief feeling of intense anxiety
4. inconsolable (adj) – cannot be consoled
5. incidence (n) – how often something happens
6. incessantly (adj) – continuously
7. transitional (adj) – relating to change
8. solace (n) - something that comforts you when you are unhappy
9. burgeoning (adj) – growing
10. contemplate (v) - to spend time considering
11. treat (v) - to behave towards (someone) or deal with (something) in a particular way

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