

News: Kiwi Bird

- Recently, two Kiwi hatchlings were found three miles west of Wellington in Makara (New Zealand) a suburb where kiwis had disappeared for over a century due to urban dangers.

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- The Kiwi is a **flightless bird endemic to New Zealand**.
- This is known for its eccentric traits such as being **nocturnal, flightless, and having mouse-like whiskers and dinosaur-like legs**.
- Kiwi eggs are one of the **largest in proportion to body size (up to 20% of the female's weight) of any order of bird in the world**.
- Unique adaptations of kiwi, such as **short and stout legs and using their nostrils at the end of their long beak to detect prey before they see it**.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Status: **Vulnerable**.
- Distribution: **Kiwi is especially found in the Australian Continent**.