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Animal Fact Sheet

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North Island Brown Kiwi

Apteryx mantelli

The kiwi lays an egg so large that the bird has to stop eating to accommodate it — up to about a fifth of the female's own body weight, proportionally one of the biggest eggs of any bird, and in the …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Apterygidae
Habitat: Temperate and subtropical forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 25-40 years
Weight: 1.6–3.0 kg
Scientific name: Apteryx mantelli

Did you know?

- Despite being birds, kiwis have bone marrow similar to mammals and whisker-like facial feathers for sensing their environment in the dark.
- Its egg can be a fifth of the female's body weight — so large that in the last days she cannot eat, because there is no room for a stomach. It is the…

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