



## 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.

- New Zealand's **Capital Kiwi Project** is a community-led initiative that aims to restore a **large-scale wild kiwi population**.
- **About:**
  - 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.
- **Features:**
  - **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**.

