

ACTIVITIES FOR BOOKS

OPERATION NEST EGG QUIZ

1. How many species of kiwi are there?
5
2. Can someone name all five?
North Island Brown, Little Spotted, Great Spotted, Tokoeka, Rowi
3. What are the four Tokoeka called?
Haast, Stewart Island, Northern Fiordland, Southern Fiordland
4. Name five qualities that make a kiwi more like a mammal.
Has 2 ovaries, flightless, skin tough as leather, heavy bones contain marrow, lower body temperature, uses sense of smell to find food, builds burrows, feathers are shaggy and hair-like, has whiskers on its face
5. Name three qualities that make kiwi unique.
Only bird in world to have nostrils at the end of their bill, have strong muscular legs and can run as fast as humans, born with all their feathers and with eyes open, the bill keeps growing until kiwi is an adult
6. When did people realize that there were not so many kiwi?
15 years ago
7. Why do kiwi call out?
To defend their territory and call to mate
8. What were the main problems facing kiwi?
Predators and loss of habitat
9. Name the six predators.
Possums, stoat, ferret, weasel, dog and cat
10. What is the difference between a pest and predator?
Predators hunt and kill prey, pests compete for the same food
11. Which predator is the biggest killer of kiwi?
stoat
12. How many chicks out of 20 make it to adulthood?
one
13. Who looks after the egg in the nest?
Male kiwi
14. How many ovaries has a female kiwi? *2*
15. Why does the Ranger take the kiwi egg?
To ensure its survival to adulthood

16. Where does he take it?
To a kiwi centre
17. Name two kiwi centres.
Auckland Zoo, Kiwi Encounter, Westshore Wildlife Reserve, Willowbank Wildlife Reserve
18. What machine do they put the egg in?
An incubator
19. How long does an egg incubate for?
70 - 80 days
20. What does the chick live off for the first 3-10 days?
Egg yolk it has absorbed when it was in the egg
21. What do they feed the chick in the kiwi crèche?
Ox heart puree
22. When do they send the kiwi chick to its next place?
About three weeks old
23. Where do they send it?
To a kiwi creche
24. Name a kiwi crèche near you.
Motuora Island, Rainbow Springs,
25. Why is this place so safe?
No predators and pests
26. How long do they stay there for?
Until they reach 1.2 kg (about 6 months old)
27. What do they use to capture the kiwi?
A sniffer dog and a tracking device
28. Where do they take it to? *Back to where it came from or a new sanctuary*
29. Name some people/organizations that are involved in Operation Nest Egg.
Auckland Zoo, Kiwi Encounter, Department of Conservation, Landcare, Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi Trust...
30. Name the author of the book.
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