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WAIMĀRAMA KIDS

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THE RETURN OF THE KIWI

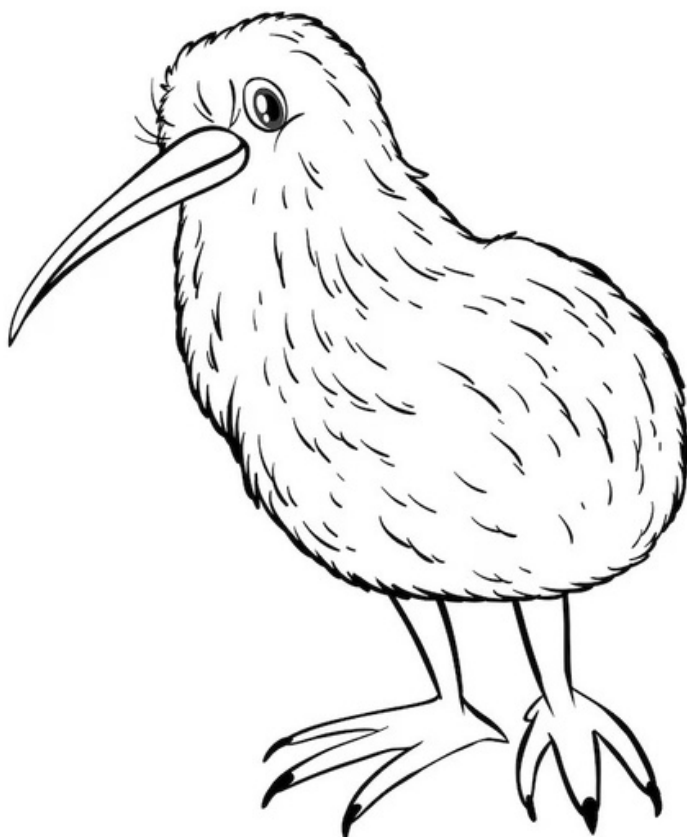
COME AND MEET THE NEWEST RESIDENT OF THE SANCTUARY!

Kia ora Junior Rangers! My name is Kiri, and I'm a Little Spotted Kiwi. My friends call me Kiwi Pukupuku - this is because I have such a cute round puku, or tummy. I'm not actually spotted, but my soft feathers are dappled brownny-grey and white, which makes me look rather marvellous!

I love it here in the Sanctuary- there is so much room to explore, and I was excited when I realised that 39 of my friends from Kapiti Island had joined me on my journey to our new home! Moving is exciting isn't it? But also a bit stressful! Luckily for me and my friends, the humans at the sanctuary have been looking after us so well, and we already feel at home.

Here at the Sanctuary we can forage for our kai in safety under the beautiful night sky. And during the day, we love to burrow deep down in a safe and cosy burrow. We love it here, and enjoy hearing your happy voices as you too enjoy our home!

See you around! Kiri xx



AMAZING FACTS ABOUT THE KIWI PUKUPUKU



OUR SMALLEST KIWI

The kiwi pukupuku is New Zealand's smallest kiwi, weighing between 1kg and 1.5kg... that's about the same as a bottle of water. They are about the size of a bantam hen, with a length of 35-45 cm.



SLEEP ALL DAY, PARTY ALL NIGHT

The kiwi pukupuku is nocturnal, which means that it is active when the sun goes down. Lots of other creatures in the sanctuary are also nocturnal... ruru (Morepork), tuatara, wētā, glow worms, and lots of other insects and invertebrates.



FLYING KIWIS

The kiwis in the sanctuary came by boat, plane, car and foot! It was a big journey, all the way from Kāpiti Island (off the West Coast of the North Island). 40 kiwi pukupuku made the trip, 20 boys and 20 girls.



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Kiwis are OMNIVORES. This means they eat food from animals (they love worms, grubs, and spiders), and also food from plants (berries, seeds, and leaves are all delicious!)

I WONDER...?



THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST... WHAT DO YOU WONDER?

- What role does the Kiwi play in a healthy forest ecosystem?
- Kiwi's can't fly, but they do have wings! They are very small wings and not really good for anything. Why do you think they have wings if they don't need them?
- What do you think the sanctuary staff needed to do to prepare for the Kiwi's arrival?

JUNIOR RANGERS IN ACTION!

Kiwis are a taonga species in Aotearoa, a true national icon. What can we do to make them feel welcome in our Sanctuary?

- Research New Zealand's different kiwi species. Find more information at <https://savethekiwi.nz/about-kiwi/kiwi-species/>.
- Can you make a poster that shows all five species?
- Which species live within Te Tai Ihu (the top of the south)?

Send in your pictures to info@brooksanctuary.org.nz to feature in our next newsletter!