



Kiwi are arriving in Upper Hutt!

Between 2006-2009, 26 kiwi were released into the Remutaka Forest Park in Lower Hutt. Since then, the kiwi population has grown to over 200 kiwi, enabling them to move further north closer to Upper Hutt!


The kiwi have now been heard on the border of Whiteman's Valley in Upper Hutt. This brings concerns as the kiwi start to move closer to developed areas.

Learn more about recommendations we have for residents of Upper Hutt to ensure kiwi safety!



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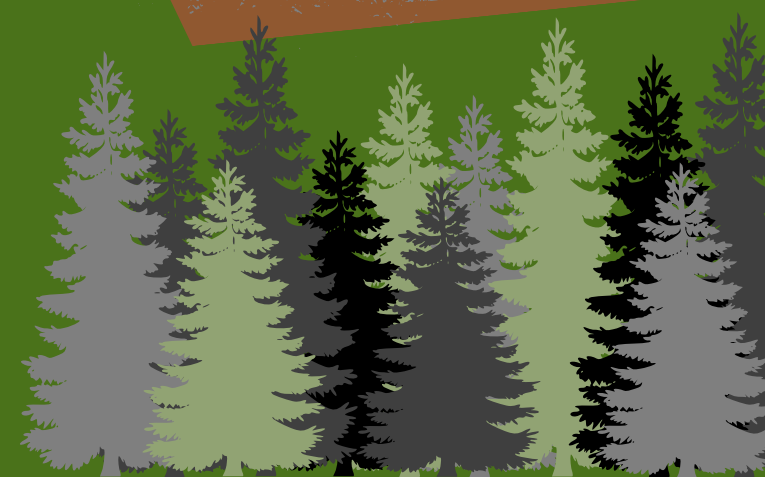
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KIWI COMING TO UPPER HUTT?

Here's what you can do to help make Upper Hutt safe for kiwi



⚠️ THREATS !

The major threats to young kiwi are dogs, stoats, possums, and cats. Ferrets are worse than stoats but are not yet present in Upper Hutt. Vehicles are also a threat. Until they reach 1kg, kiwi chicks aren't able to defend themselves. In adulthood, the kiwi are still vulnerable to dogs since they can easily break a kiwi's fragile breastbone in their jaws.



TRAPPING

With the threat of possums and stoats being a concern for kiwi chicks and eggs, trapping efforts will play a big role in the survival of the kiwi.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Kiwi have a unique scent that is enticing to dogs, making kiwi especially vulnerable. Although the kiwi is a nocturnal animal, dogs can smell a kiwi even when it burrows during the day.

To help keep kiwi safe, we advise you to:

- Put your dog through kiwi avoidance training
- Keep your dog on a lead when near kiwi habitat
- Keep your dog inside at night when kiwi are active



KIWI AVOIDANCE TRAINING

Kiwi avoidance training is a great way to protect kiwi from dogs.

- Use of vibration collars to create a negative association to kiwi (electric shock only used if necessary)
- Involves scent, sight, and sound with kiwi props to teach the dog to think for itself
- 15-minute sessions with a year-long certificate
- Effective and safe for your dog

To schedule a session, email PestFreeUpperHutt@gmail.com

