



What Is a Kiwi?

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What kind of animal is this?

Can you guess?

It is a bird!

The bird is a kiwi.



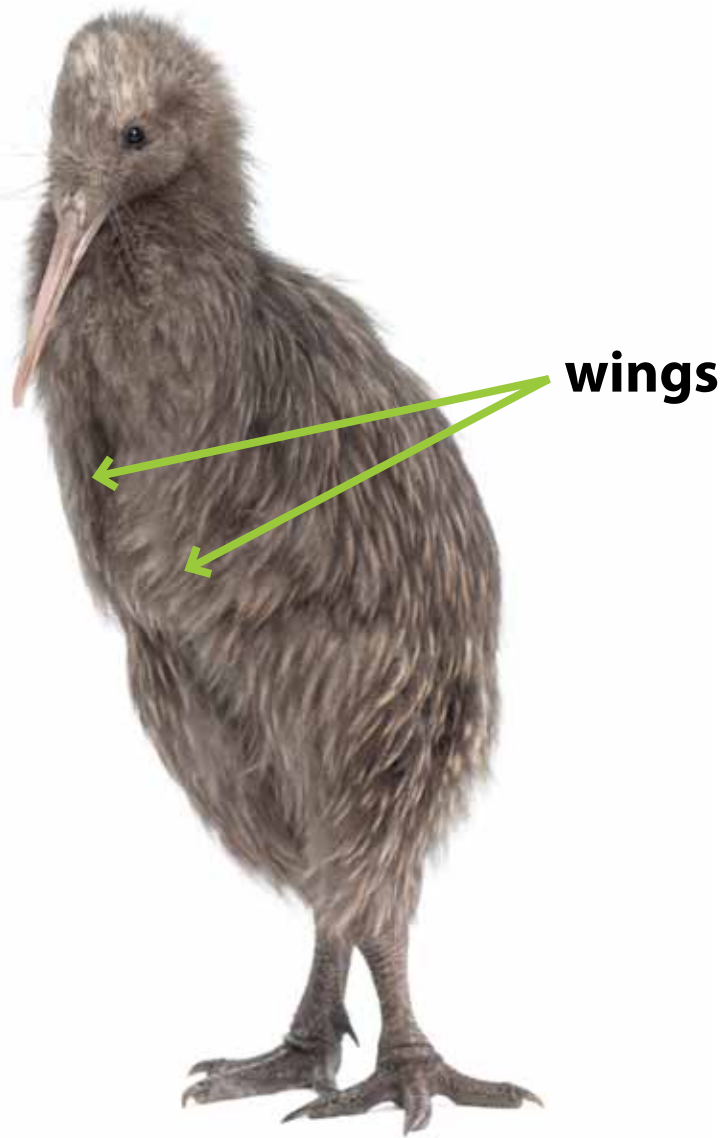
A kiwi is like other birds in some ways.

But it is different, too.

It does not have a tail.

Do you see the kiwi's **feathers**?

They look like hair!



Most birds can fly.

A kiwi stays on the **ground**.

Do you know why?

Its wings are very small.

You cannot even see them.



claws

Now look at the kiwi's feet.

They are different, too!

A kiwi has **claws** like a cat.

It can run very fast.

It can run faster than you!



A kiwi has a very long **beak**.

The beak has two holes at the end of it.

The holes are like a nose.

They help the kiwi find bugs and worms.

The kiwi uses its beak to dig them up.



Most birds **hunt** in the day.

A kiwi hunts at night.

Most birds live in trees.

A kiwi lives in a hole in the ground.

The kiwi is a very special bird!

Glossary

beak: the hard part of a bird's mouth

claws: sharp curved nails on the foot of an animal

feathers: what covers the body of a bird

ground: the place you walk on; the place where plants and animals live

hunt: to try to find

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