

Help us protect kiwi

Kiwi are very easily crushed. Their chests do not have sternums, and their chest muscles are weak. They also have a very strong smell, which makes them interesting to dogs and easy to track.

The biggest threat to adult kiwi is from dogs.

That makes you, a responsible dog owner, critically important in the battle to protect kiwi.



Further Information:

Department of Conservation

www.doc.govt.nz

Kiwis for Kiwi

www.kiwisforkiwi.org

Kiwi Coast

www.kiwicoast.org.nz



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Saving our kiwi



www.wdc.govt.nz/Dogs

Thank you for your being a responsible dog owner and taking steps to protect Northland's kiwi. You are an important ally in this work.

Here are some simple things you can do as a dog owner, to help to protect kiwi:

- **Enjoy off-leash fun:** Dogs should only be off-leash at approved areas, check www.wdc.govt.nz/DogRules for locations.
- **Leash up in non-approved areas:** Keep your dog on a leash if you are not in one of the approved off-leash areas.
- **Secure your property:** Make sure your dog stays in an enclosed area on your property to prevent wandering.
- **Kiwi aversion training:** Sign up working or hunting dogs for kiwi aversion training to teach them that kiwi are off-limits. Contact your local DOC office for details.
- **Rehome responsibly:** If you can no longer care for your pet, find them a new home or take them to the SPCA or an animal management facility.
- **Register your dogs:** Ensure your dogs are registered.
- **Desex your dog:** Have your dogs desexed if you don't plan to breed them.

These actions can help reduce wandering by dogs, and reduce the harm to kiwi, improve dog health and make it simpler to re-unite you if your dog does stray.

About Northland brown kiwi

These ground-dwelling, flightless birds prefer damp gullies in native forest and dense shrubland. They are also found in forestry blocks, rough pastures, and around wetlands. You might even find them on the edges of our roads.

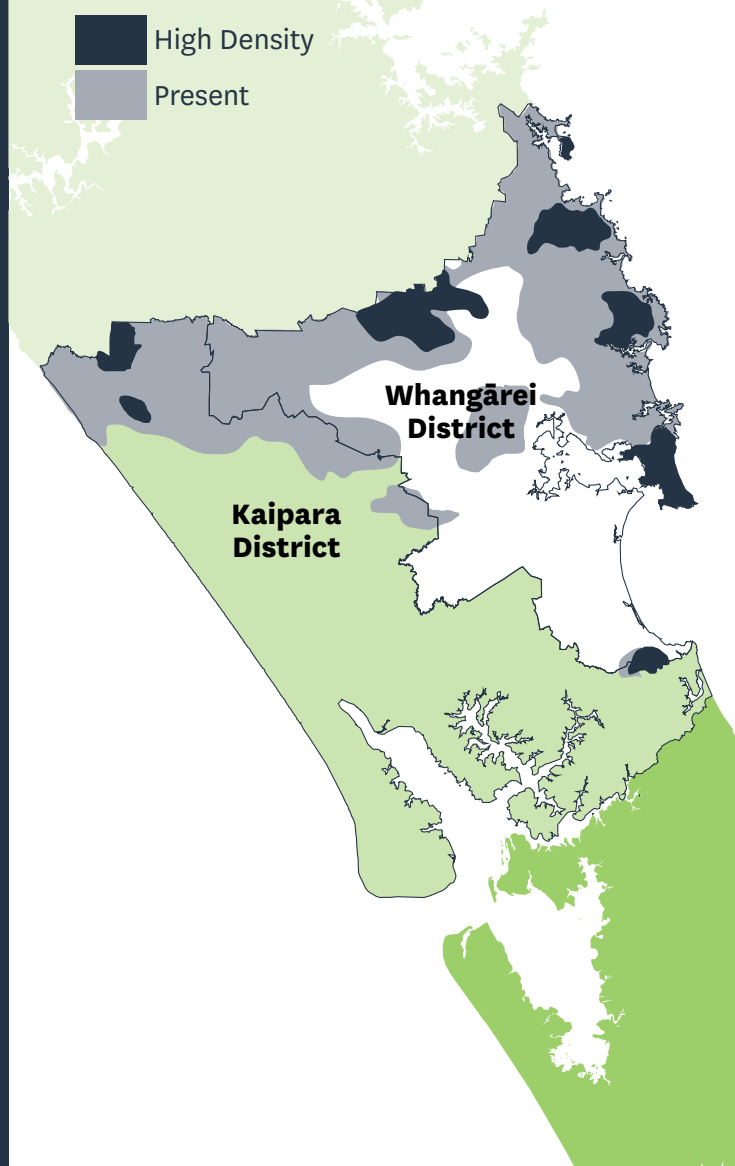
Kiwi populations in Northland have declined greatly due to predation. The good news is that thanks to predator control by communities, managed populations of Northland brown kiwi are increasing.

You can check out all the good work being done in your area and how you can get involved on the Kiwi Coast website www.kiwicoast.org.nz or by contacting your local DOC office.

Pet-free subdivisions are becoming more common in Northland, particularly in the Whangarei District. Dog- and cat-free subdivisions are created primarily to help protect kiwi and other native animals.

If you think pet-free conditions in such areas are not being complied with, identify the likely property and contact Amourguard or council.

Kiwi Distribution



If you see a stray or wandering dog, please report it straight away on **0800 WDC INFO**