

WHIO SURFING THE RAPIDS



Whio are only found in New Zealand and they are on the \$10 note.



A fleshy lip on the end of their bill protects it when they forage for aquatic insects among the rocks.



They are perfectly camouflaged - blue/grey in colour, they look just like a rock!



Whio live in one of the most challenging environments in the world - fast flowing rivers.



Whio are white-water specialists. They have big webbed feet for swimming in the rapids - even day-old chicks can negotiate the biggest white water.



They need clean water so if you see whio you know the river is healthy.

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They can't live in any old waterway - they need fast-flowing high quality water, plants along the bank and lots of underwater insects.



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