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wings and fledge youngsters start to find their for about 80 days until the

The whio family hangs out

December

their mate stands guard

for around 35 days while

Females sit on their eggs

match and settle down

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You can help protect

a distance to keep them safe

Keep waterways and their surrounding

Volunteer with your local community

Give whio space – they may seem tame and

unafraid, but you should watch them from

Be careful not to disturb whio families during

Report any whio sightings to iNaturalist.nz Take your dog through an avian avoidance training programme. Learn more at

How well do you know whio?

Whio make a distinctive 'quacking' sound.

Whio are rarer than some species of kiwi.

4. What New Zealand bank note do whio feature on?

To find the answers, visit doc.govt.nz/whioforever

5. What does 'whio' mean in te reo Māori?

whio/blue ducks

environments clean

the breeding season

kiwiavoidancetraining.nz

trapping group

True or false?

True or false?

c) Marshes

a) \$5

b) \$10

c) \$20

3. What habitat do whio live in? Fast-flowing rivers b) Lakes and ponds

what a typical year looks like for these iconic ducks.

Dive into the white-water world of whio and learn

A year in the life of a whio

looking for a mate, find their

Time for romance - whio start

September

Movember-

vulnerable to predators

to moult, making them the nest, while adults start Teenagers fledge and leave

January

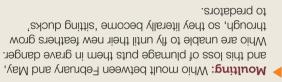


paradise, it's time to build a

After finding a piece of

August

Excitement - the ducklings



have all affected the waterways whio call home. urban development, pollution, and river diversions

People: The deforestation of land for farming and drown whio ducklings. flooded waterways can destroy their nests and

Weather: Although whio like fast-flowing rivers, and other birds. known to eat whio eggs, as have falcons, harriers edge. But weka, cats and dogs have also been steal eggs and take young ducklings from the river's danger to whio, as they attack females on the nest,

Predators: Stoats and ferrets present the greatest to survive and thrive. 3,000 birds, the endangered whio needs our help

With an estimated total population of less than

Adult males make a distinctive "fee-oh, fee-oh" Calls

Whio/

blue duck

feet in – New Zealand's fast-flowing rivers. in environments other ducks wouldn't dare dip their of amazing adaptations that have seen them survive ancient taonga (treasures). These rare birds have a host

Eyes

The whio/blue duck is one of Aotearoa Mew Zealand's Introducing whio

Whio are under threat

Learn more For further information on the whio/



blue duck and how you can help: f O

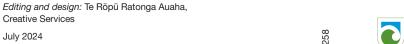
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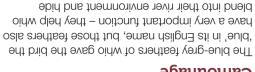






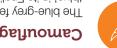


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from predators.











the water.



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when the bird is moving quickly downstream.

can fold down like an umbrella to reduce drag

hatched ducklings have large feet to help them

Whio are nimble movers, with large, webbed

aquatic invertebrates (insects and worms) from

like those of a baleen whale that help it suck up

rocks searching for food. The bill also has filters

bars, protecting the bill as the bird scrapes over

rubbery lips at the tip that work like bumper

The bill of a whio is like no other. It has black

forward, just like a human's, so they can see

females make a rattly growling noise.

Whio have very distinctive yellow eyes that face

call, which gave the bird its name, while adult

what's happening ahead.

feet that act like flippers in the water. Even newly

paddle against the fast current. These unique feet