

The Great Willowbank Detective Game

Your mission in the reserve is to discover all the answers to the questions below. Can you find out all the animal information?

Use the map to help you find your way around the reserve and to make sure you don't miss any animals.

Good luck!

Head out of the reception building and turn left down the ramp.

Question 1-

Just by the jetty you will see some long dark swimming creatures.

What species are they? Where do they travel to for breeding?

Welcome to Wild New Zealand (exotic species)

Question 2-

What species of deer are wandering around in the paddock to your left?

Question 3-

As you continue walking you will spot two beautiful mute swans. What year were mute swans introduced to New Zealand?

Question 4-

Keep walking the pathway. Can you see any scruffy looking geese? How many can you see?

Question 5-

Enter the mai mai and look through the viewing windows.

What are the two breeds of ducks in the enclosure? How many ducks can you see?

Question 6-

Look carefully at the Emu. Answer the following questions:

How many toes on it's feet? Does mum or dad sit on the egg to incubate?

Question 7-

You are now walking in the Wallaby paddock. Keep an eye out for joeys. How many wallabies can you spot?

Question 8-

Have a walk through the red-tailed black cockatoo aviaries. What country do they come from?

Question 9-

Look out for the monkeys on their island. How many can you count?

What species of Monkey are they?

Why do you think there is a sign asking people NOT to feed them?

Question 10- Next is a large aviary with parrots called macaws in it. What are the 2 breed of macaws? What part of the world do macaws come from?

Question 11-

What colour eyes do the Ring-Tailed Lemurs have?

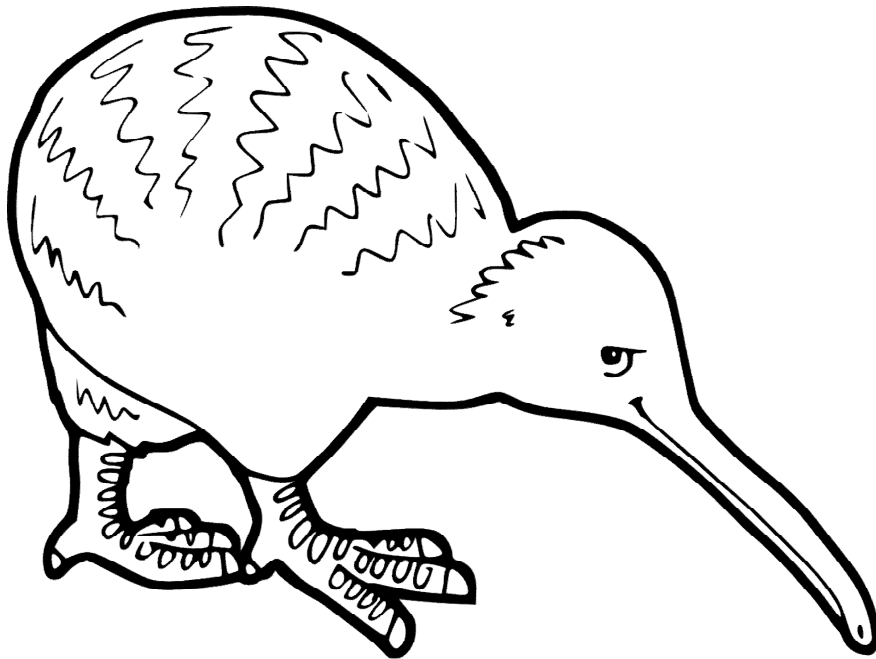
What kind of food do they like to eat in the wild?

Question 12- Keep walking until you find the Capybara. In the wild how many Capybara live together?

Question 13- Look for the Siamang Gibbons. Are they endangered?

If you look closely can you count how many fingers they have on each hand?

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You will now be entering the Heritage New Zealand area (farmyard) you will find a great display of animals from early settler days.

Question 14-

What breed of pigs can you see on your right? - they might be snoozing on their bed!

Question 15-

There is a special garden just past the tractor. Have a look around and write down what this garden might be used for?

Question 16-

Look for the Clydesdale horse. Her name is Sam. What did farmers use horses like Sam for in the 'olden days'?

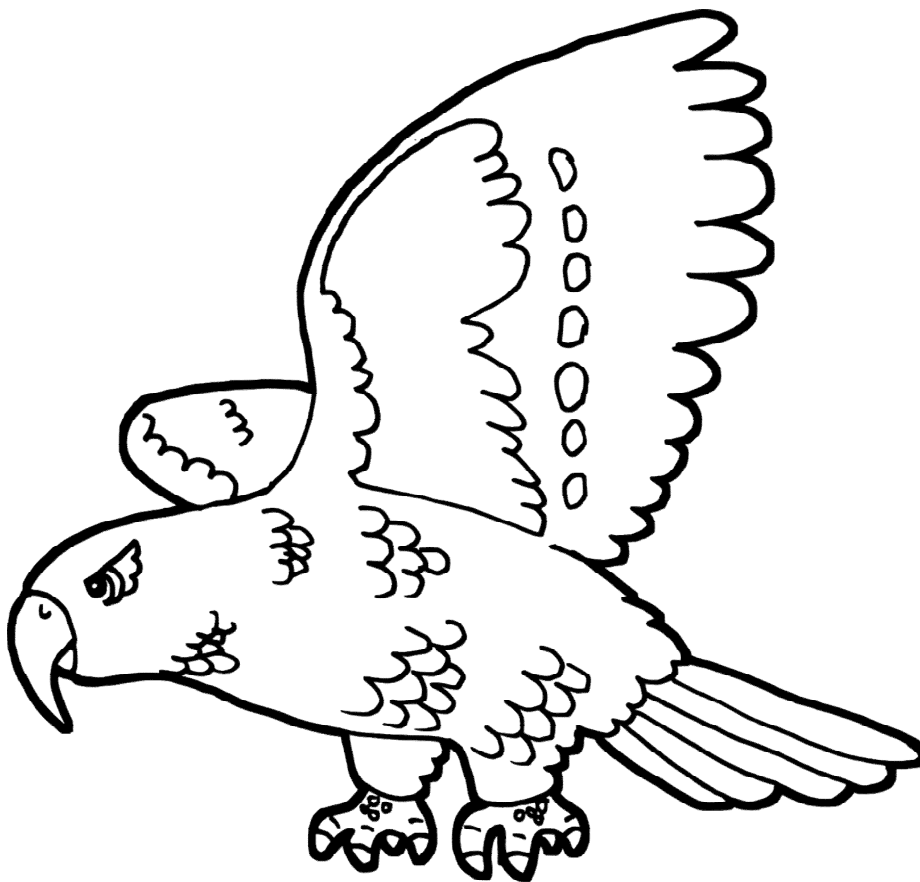
Question 17-

Just past Sam you will see some donkeys. Can you see what shape is on their backs?

Question 18-

Can you name three of the other kind of animals in the Farmyard area?

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After a short walk you are now entering the Natural New Zealand Section (native species)

Question 19-

As you walk through the Maori kainga (village) can you write down one interesting thing about it?

Question 20-

After the kainga you will find a brown bird that looks a bit like a kiwi with a short beak. What is the name of this bird?

Question 21-

When you enter the Kea home how many Kea can you see? What colour do they have under their wings?

Question 22-

In the Tuatara House find the Tuatara poster. What does their name mean in English?

Question 23-

Have a look in Kaupapa Kiwi (kiwi meeting house) - can you write down three predators of kiwi? Is a kiwi egg bigger or smaller than a chicken egg?

Question 24-

When you go into the Kiwi House remember to keep quiet and look carefully. How many kiwi can you see? Why do you think the Kiwi House is dark?

Question 25-

What is the name of the big grey bird with the long thin beak and white face you see near the pond after the kiwi house?

Question 26-

If you look really carefully you might spot a bird that looks like an owl. Can you find the name of this bird in Maori and in English?

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