

Whio - Blue Duck



Blue Duck, *Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos*, collected no data, New Zealand. Purchased 1939.

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Here are some fun facts about the Blue Duck (Whio)

See these facts and more from the Department of Conservation [HERE](#)

- Whio are only found in New Zealand
- Whio are on the \$10 note.
- Whio live in one of the most challenging environments in the world - a fast flowing river!
- They have a lip on the end of their bill to protect their bill when feeding for aquatic insects amongst the rocks.
- They are perfectly camouflaged - they are blue/grey in colour and look just like a rock!
- They have big webbed feet for swimming in the rapids - even day old chicks can negotiate the biggest white water - born to surf!
- Whio are feisty - don't mess with them. They defend their territory from other whio and even other ducks on the river.
- So Whio cannot be kept with other species of ducks in captivity, because they fight too much.

#Listen to the sounds the Blue Duck make - as recorded by the Department of Conservation

http://www.chirs-gurney.com/pdf/LittleBlueDuck_BlueDuck.mp3

More links for information about the Blue Duck/Whio

- Fun facts and printable posters – Department of Conservation - <http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/whio-forever/fun-facts-posters/>
- Printable facts sheet from Kiwi House - <http://kiwihouse.org.nz/Portals/1/SFS06-Blue-Duck.pdf>
- Watch videos of the Blue Duck from Wildscreen Arkive - <http://www.arkive.org/blue-duck/hymenolaimus-malacorhynchos/>



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