

A Quiz for Bird Lovers

The answers are at the bottom of the page. Do not look at them until you have tried to answer all the questions.

PART I—FOR THE TINIES:

1. What bird has a white tuft on its throat?
2. Can a weka fly?
3. Is the starling a New Zealand native bird?
4. Do seagulls build their nests in trees?
5. What is the smallest New Zealand native bird?

PART II—FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN:

6. Which of the following birds are natives of New Zealand? Bellbird, shining cuckoo, sparrow, whitehead, blackbird, tui, weka.
7. What are the most usual Maori names of the following birds? Silvereye, rifleman, morepork.

8. What are the English names of the following birds? Riroriro, putangitangi, kereru.
9. Does the male or female huia have a curved beak?
10. Which of the following statements are true and which are false?
 - (a) The pukeko is only a spring visitor to New Zealand.
 - (b) When a pied fantail mates with a black fantail the offspring are a hybrid or mixture between the two species.
 - (c) The silvereye is indigenous to New Zealand, and the tui is endemic to New Zealand.

The above quiz was sent in quite a while ago by Sylvia Carter and Jocelyn Young, both 14. Would anyone else like to send one in—on birds or trees?

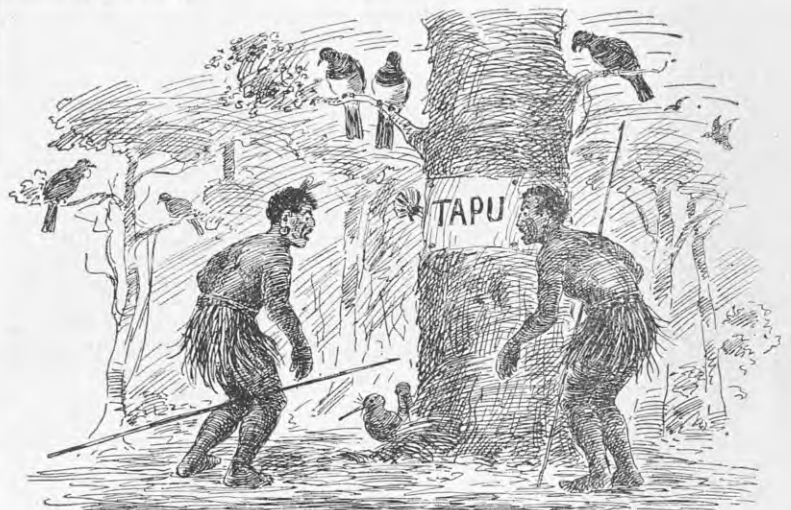
ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ ABOVE

Part I.

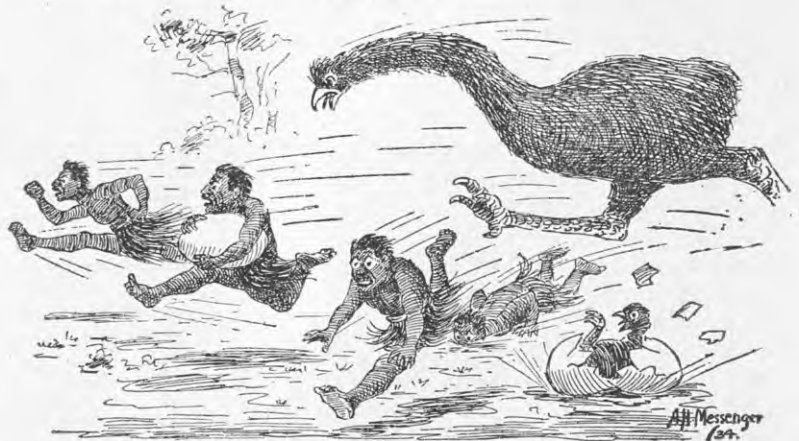
1. The tui.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.
5. The rifleman.

Part II.

6. Bellbird, shining cuckoo, whitehead, tui, weka.
7. Tauhou, titipounamu, ruru.
8. Grey warbler, paradise duck, N.Z. wood pigeon.
9. Female.
10. (a) False.
- (b) False (the offspring are pure pied or pure black, sometimes both in one brood).
- (c) True (an indigenous bird is one native to the country but also native to other countries, and an endemic bird is one which is found only in one country).



In old time New Zealand, Bird Protection wasn't nearly the problem it is nowadays; Partly because of wise Tapu Laws.



And partly because some of the birds were well able to look after themselves.

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