

Cassowary is the third tallest and second heaviest living bird. It has been known to kill humans with slashing blows of its feet, which have long dagger-like nails on the innermost toe. Its females are bigger than males and more brightly coloured. It has a naked blue head protected by a bony helmet.



Weka is also known as woodhen. This flightless bird is native to New Zealand. It is brown in colour and about the size of a chicken. It mainly feeds on invertebrates and fruits. It uses its large reddish-brown beak as a weapon when cornered.



## FIND OUT

1. Which among the following lays the largest egg of any living bird?

a. Weka       b. Emu       c. Ostrich       d. Kiwi

2. What does a kiwi have at the end of its bill?

a. Nostrils       b. Eyes       c. Nose       d. Ears

3. Which flightless bird has a bony helmet on its head?

a. Emu       b. Cassowary       c. Kakapo       d. Rhea

4. How many species of rhea exist today?

a. 3       b. 2       c. 5       d. 6

5. What is the another name for the Kakapo?

a. Woodhen       b. Owl parrot       c. Crow parrot       d. Wood crow