

Why do Rowi Kiwi have such long beaks?

The reason has to do with how they eat. While the kiwi's eyesight isn't great, its sense of smell and touch are exceptional.

This helps kiwi locate food beneath the soil and in leaf litter. Rowi kiwi walk along and tap the ground with their beak, poking the soil and sniffing loudly.

Once they find a snack they push their beak deep into the ground!

Have a go at using some long chopsticks to sift around in some leaf litter and see if you can find a snack fit for a kiwi.



1. Recycle an old ice cream container for this activity. Place some fake insects in the bottom - don't have any? That's fine! Use stones or something similar instead.

2. Cover your insects with some leaves from the bush, outside in your garden or from your local park.



3. Grab a set of chopsticks or two metal straws to represent the kiwi's long beaks.

4. Now, have a go at tapping around like a kiwi, then poking around through the leaf litter to find a yummy Rowi kiwi snack!