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Okarito brown kiwi (Rowi) - new.

Okarito Brown Kiwi (Rowi), *Apteryx rowi*, Tennyson, Palma, Robertson, Worthy & Gill, 2003; endemic 1993 Okarito, Westland

The Okarito Brown Kiwi was initially identified as a form of the Northern Brown Kiwi in 1993. Ten years later it was scientifically described. There are probably less than 300 birds remaining of this isolated species found near Okarito, Westland. Shepherd & Lambert (2008) discovered from DNA bone analysis that it was previously found along the west coast of the South Island and in the lower North Island.