

# TIDY KIWI DOES THE RIGHT THING

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Kiwi (North Island Brown)



Huhu Grub



Ruru (Morepork)



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It was just starting to get dark when the Tidy Kiwi woke up. He was feeling a little hungry and began looking for some huhu grubs.

“Kia ora Tidy Kiwi,” said Ruru from a nearby Kowhai tree. “Please can you help me? I was feeling a bit hungry so when I found some fish and chips left on a seat in the park, I ate them but I got this newspaper stuck in my claws and I can’t fly properly. Do you think you can use your long beak to untangle it?”

“Certainly Ruru,” says the Tidy Kiwi and he untangles the paper telling Ruru that he will put it in his hollow so no other animal can be hurt until he can find a proper place for it.

The Tidy Kiwi remembers how hungry he is and starts looking for huhu grubs again then he hears a scuttling sound and sees Tuatara.

“Kia ora Tidy Kiwi,” says Tuatara. “Please can you help me? I have the tear-tab from a fizzy drink can which was left on the path, caught in my foot. Please can you use your long beak to take it out?”

“Certainly Tuatara,” says the Tidy Kiwi and he takes the tear-tab out of Tuatara’s foot telling Tuatara that he will put it in his hollow so no other animal can be hurt until he can find a proper place for it.

The Tidy Kiwi remembers how hungry he is and starts looking for huhu grubs again down by the stream.

“Kia ora Tidy Kiwi,” says Koura “Please can you help me? I have crawled into a glass bottle left in the stream and I am stuck”. Please can you use your long beak to get me out?”

“Certainly Koura,” says the Tidy Kiwi and he pulls Koura out of the bottle, telling Koura that he will put it in his hollow so no other animal can be hurt until he can find a proper place for it.

The Tidy Kiwi remembered how hungry he was and started looking for huhu grubs again.

# TIDY KIWI DOES THE RIGHT THING (Pg 2)

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Tuatara



Koura (Freshwater Crayfish)



Weta



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“Kia ora Tidy Kiwi,” said Weta “Please can you help me? My feelers are all stuck together with pieces of polystyrene from a used coffee cup. Please can you use your long beak to remove these?”

“Certainly Weta,” says the Tidy Kiwi and he picks the polystyrene off Weta’s feelers telling him that he will put these in his hollow so no other animal can be hurt until he can find a proper place for them.

The Tidy Kiwi remembers how hungry he is and starts looking for huhu grubs again. Then all the animals the Tidy Kiwi had helped gather around him and ask what he is going to do with the newspaper, the tear-tab, the glass bottle and the polystyrene in his hollow. The Tidy Kiwi asks his friends to follow him along the path and they come to a clearing in the bush with three bins.

“These are special bins,” says the Tidy Kiwi “for different types of rubbish - some are where we put things that can be recycled and there is one for those things that cannot be recycled. Do you animals know what should be put in each bin?”

“No,” answered Ruru, Tuatara, Koura and Weta.

“Well,” said the Tidy Kiwi, “I am going to show you. The newspaper that got caught in Ruru’s claw can be recycled so must go in the paper recycling bin. The tear-tab that was caught in Tuatara’s foot can be recycled so goes in the metal recycling bin. The glass bottle that Koura was caught in can be recycled and goes in the glass recycling bin. The polystyrene that stuck on Weta’s feelers can not be recycled so must go into the landfill bin.”

“Isn’t it a shame,” the Tidy Kiwi added. “If the humans had put their rubbish in the right bins to begin with, then we wouldn’t have had all these problems.”

The animals agreed that the Tidy Kiwi was right and thanked him for all his help.

“Now,” said the Tidy Kiwi. “What about some delicious huhu grubs!”