

THE WHIO YEAR



APRIL – JULY

Time for romance – whio start looking for a mate, find their match and settle down



AUGUST

Time to find a piece of paradise, build a nest and breed.



SEPTEMBER

Female whio sit on their eggs for around 35 days while their mate stands guard.



OCTOBER

Excitement the ducklings are hatching.



NOV – DEC

The whio family hang out for about 80 days from birth to fledgling when the young whio start to find their wings.



JANUARY

Teenage whio fledge and leave the nest. Adult whio are now vulnerable as they start to moult.



FEBRUARY

Time to release WHIONE (captive breed) fledglings back into the wild.



MARCH

*WHIO AWARENESS MONTH
Time to let people know about whio – lots of whio activity including Whio Family fun days at Auckland Zoo.*

