

6. Extreme Form

Southern Brown Kiwi (*Apteryx australis*)

Attribute - Extremely sensitive nose of all birds

It has tiny wings, but cannot fly. It is the only bird in the world with nostrils at the end of its beak. Its sense of smell is second to none. It lays largest egg in relation to its body size in any bird. The kiwi is about the size of a domestic chicken, while the egg is about the size of an emu's egg! The egg may be up to 1/5 of the body weight of the mother bird. It has no tail feathers, but does have whiskers, like a cat. It has marrow in its bones, just like a human. Very unusually, females have two ovaries, most birds have only one.

6.8 Most Sensitive Nose

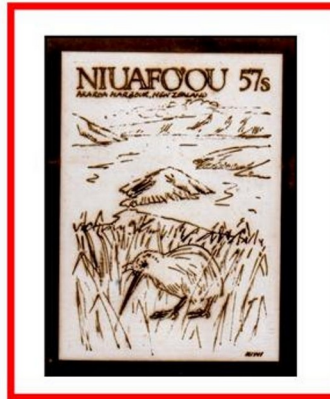
EXTREME BIRDS

Geographical Distribution - New Zealand

SOUTHERN BROWN KIWI
(*Apteryx australis*)

Making of a Postage Stamp
Displayed here are 7 different stages
of printing of this stamp.

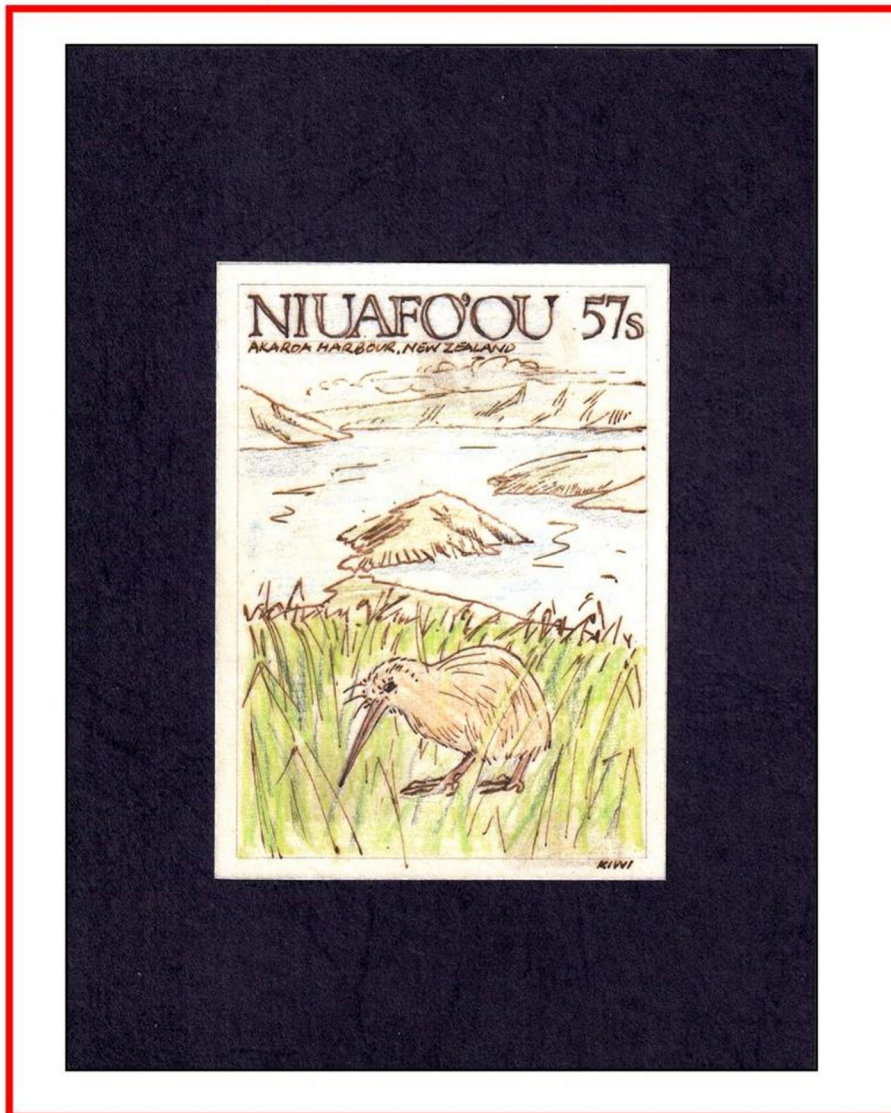
1988. Issued by NIUAFO'OU
(An island of Polynesia)



**THE SECOND STAGE
INITIAL ARTWORK PROOF**

(ORIGINAL-MOUNTED ON BLACK CARD)

This is done, when the initial artwork is received. The printers did Just One Unique proof, right from the initial artwork only to see how it would look like at size of a stamp.



THE FIRST STAGE

INITIAL ARTWORK - ORIGINAL PROOF (ORIGINAL-MOUNTED ON BLACK CARD)

This is done when an artist was asked to come up with a design showing a Kiwi Bird.

It was done in a nice small hand painting in full color and is in size of 6"x4", for onward submission to printers.