



An Auckland Game Works production

- *Run, jump, swim and fly.*
- *Rescue all the kiwis on each level.*
- *Spell 'AOTEAROA' or collect 50 New Zealand souvenirs for an extra life.*
- *Hold your breath for 10 seconds underwater.*
- *Fly on balloons, or steal a biplane or helicopter from your enemies.*
- *Travel the length of beautiful 'Aotearoa' New Zealand.*
- *Default Controls: Cursor Keys to move, Z to Jump, X to Shoot.*

The Game

The Kiwi's Tale is an action platformer featuring heavy doses of kiwiana and New Zealand references.

Story



Nik the Kiwi and his mates are relaxing on Stewart Island one sunny day. All is going well.

Suddenly a UFO controlled by a mad Alien sheep comes along and abducts Nik's Kiwi mates! It seems that the sheep are envious of Kiwis being the icon of New Zealand and want revenge.

And so Nik sets off to rescue his kiwi mates, travelling through New Zealand to rescue them.

Default Controls

Walk/Fly/Swim Left	Cursor or Gamepad Left
Walk/Fly/Swim Right	Cursor or Gamepad Right
Look/Fly/Swim Up	Cursor or Gamepad Up
Look/Fly/Swim Down	Cursor or Gamepad Down
Jump/Exit Vehicle	Z or Gamepad Button 1 (Hold Down at the same time to climb off vehicle rather than jump)
Shoot	X or Gamepad Button 2
Menu	Escape or Gamepad Button 3

Keyboard controls can be changed in the configuration menu.

Enemies



During your quest you will be accosted by all manner of creatures, with nothing but your Bow and Arrow to defend yourself.

- **Snails** - Slow but slimy
- **Pukeko** - Aggressive bird that will charge the player
- **Hedgehog** - Spiked and deadly, watch out!
- **Sheep** - Equipped with a SPNKR Rocket Launcher
- **Bats** - Deadly flying mammal. Watch out for the spikes they drop!
- **Kiwifruit Monster** - A vicious genetically engineered fruit
- **Shark** - Lethal underwater creature
- **Stingray** - Defensive undersea beast

Pick Ups



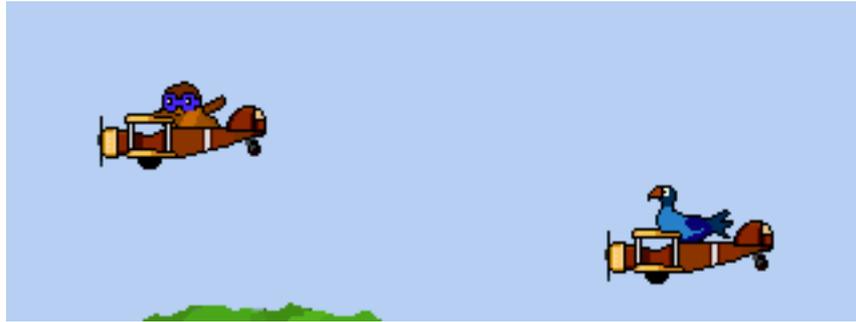
Enemies drop items when defeated.

- **Greenstone (Ponamu)** – Stone often carved for Necklaces.
- **Buzzy Bee** - Popular toy for New Zealand tots.
- **L&P (Lemon and Paeroa) Bottle** - A soft drink that's world famous in New Zealand.
- **Rugby Ball** - New Zealand's favourite pastime.
- **Tomato Sauce Bottle** - You'll always be a Kiwi if you love our Watties sauce.
- **Jandals** - Not quite Sandals, not quite Japanese footwear, these are commonly worn at New Zealand beaches all year around.
- **Lord of the Rings Oscars** – Extremely common in New Zealand, most residents have one.

Collecting 50 of the above items will score you an extra life!

- **AOTEAROA Letters** - The Maori name for New Zealand, literally “Land of the Long White Cloud”. If you get collect all the letters to spell AOTEROA you will gain an extra life and a short spell of invincibility. Some of the letters are hidden in secret spots so take time to explore the levels.
- **SPNKR Rocket Launcher** - Stands for Sheep Powered Nuclear Killer Rocket, these are the deadliest weapons in the game. Unfortunately they only last for one life or one level, which ever ends first, so make sure you hold onto them.

Vehicles



Most of the game Nik will be on foot however sometimes you may need to find a vehicle to get through a level.

- **Balloon** – The most common vehicle in the game. You can grab the string and float or ride on top of the balloon. Different colours indicate how many pops before the balloon bursts.
- **Biplane** – You can steal a plane from the Pukekos that fly them. These planes can travel can rapidly travel across the level but be careful not to crash!
- **Helicopter** – These Helicopters are piloted by the Sheep but stealth and cunning can get you your own. The Helicopters can accelerate up and down rapidly, making them useful in combat.

Levels

- **Stewart Island** - The smallest of the three main islands of New Zealand. Famous for its isolation, small population and abundance of native flora and fauna. You'll need to cross Foveaux Strait to reach the South Island.
- **Dunedin** - The most Scottish of the New Zealand cities, and the only one with a Castle. You'll need to rescue the Kiwis that have been contained here.
- **Queenstown** - Called the “Adventure Capital of New Zealand” Queenstown is famous for its thrillseeking activities. If you want to jump off something, ski or snowboard down something, jump out of something or whatever then this might be the place.
- **Mount Cook** - New Zealand's highest mountain. This is where the late Sir Edmund Hilary prepared for his climb up Everest.
- **Punakaiki** - Located on the wild West Coast of the South Island, Punakaiki is most well known for the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. There are also many caves around the area.
- **Kaikoura** - Kaikoura in Maori means meal of crayfish (kai being the Maori word for food). This small town by the sea also is known for whale watching though there is only one whale to be found in this level.
- **Taniwha** - Sea serpent of Maori legend. Be careful.
- **Cook Strait** - The body of water that seperates the South Island from the North Island. You'll need to cross it on your quest to rescue your Kiwi friends.
- **Taranaki** - Features a stunning backdrop that was used as Mt Fuji in *The Last Samurai*. An extremely grueling climb is required here.
- **Taupo** - The site of New Zealand's largest lake. The Sheep have an underground base here.
- **Mt Ruapehu** - New Zealand's most active volcano. Watch out for the spikes!
- **Waimoto Caves** - A vast, underground cavern.
- **Tokoroa** - Located in the Waikato region, Tokoroa is surrounded by many dairy farms and forest plantations.
- **Sky Tower** - The tallest structure in New Zealand. Be extra careful when climbing it!
- **UFO** - The alien sheep is hovering above the top of the Sky Tower. Watch out!

References



- **Tui Billboards** - Found throughout the country. These are one of the highlights of New Zealand.... Yeah Right!
- **AA Road Signs** - Lost? Look for these signs.

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