

# 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.*

