First it was the drought making it a very hard job for Kiwi Chicks to find food and water, now it’s too much water you just can’t win at this time of the year.

The little Kiwi Chick we received just after Christmas was very de- hydrated and at .219 grams was very close to dying, lucky the land owner found him just in time.

Now hi weight is .475 grams and he is ready to be returned back to the area but we better wait for some better weather.

It wasn’t many years ago that any Kiwi chick was held until they reached a weight of 1200 grams, now days there are so many people doing so much work on predator control that some areas are safe to release a chick when they reach .500 grams which just shows what can be achieved when we all work together.

Like any Wild Kiwi or Bird the sooner they can be released the better for them.

The little Morepork (Ruru) that I released back at Tangitarori School was a real Education day for the School.

The Children were part of the rescue and also took part in the release, it was a chance to talk with them about how important Conservation is and why, there is no doubt about it the Country schools are right behind looking after nature.

With all the wet weather we have received a run of Harrier Hawks; they get very wet and lose their water protected coating very quick, the dry hot weather made finding food very hard so now they are taking big risks gathering food while they can and getting into all sorts of trouble.

We have had a good start to the New Year with most of the Birds being released after a few days, to date we have released 7 Harrier Hawks, 6 Moreporks, 8 Native Pigeons, 6 Tui’s and 4 Kingfishers, plus quite a few Sea Birds.

At this time we have 5 new Hawks and 2 Kingfishers, by the time this goes to print I guess this number will be well up, just because of the foul weather.

If you ring the Recovery Centre about a Bird and only get the answer phone please leave a contact number so we can get back to you, we could be outside working in the Aviary’s or with a group.

If you find any Bird in trouble just keep them warm and quite, please don’t try and feed them or give them water, most Birds will go 24 hours after being hurt without food or water, once they calm down then they will start eating.

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