

**K** is for kiwifruit. Kiwis started in the Chang Kiang Valley of China where they were considered a delicacy by the Khans who liked the fruit's flavor and green color. People in other countries learned about the fruit (called the "Chinese Gooseberry" to people who lived outside China) in the 1800s. The first experimental gooseberry plants were sent to New Zealand and the U.S. in 1904. Later, in the 1960s the fruit was renamed "kiwifruit" because it looked similar to the national bird of New Zealand, the kiwi bird which is a brown, fuzzy, funny-looking, round bird.

