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Kiwi, first known as Yang Tao, originated in China over 700 years ago. In 1906, the seeds were shipped to New Zealand and the fruit was renamed Chinese Gooseberry. For marketing reasons, the United States renamed the fruit after the kiwi bird because the brown skin of the fruit is similar to that of the feathers of the kiwi bird (New Zealand’s national bird).