



# Research and Write

The best writers do their research! Choose one bird and write down all you can about it. Then use your facts for these tasks.

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## Diary of a Manu

Write a diary for one week in the life of your bird! e.g. for kiwi:

Monday:                                    Tonight I ate three worms, a beetle and a centipede. Delicious!

Tuesday:                                    ...

Can you think of anything exciting that might happen? Draw it as a cartoon strip if you like.

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## Bird of the Year

Congratulations! You're up for bird of the year! Write a speech introducing yourself to the judges. Why should you win?

e.g. *Kia ora, I'm Tūi and I should be bird of the year! I'm so beautiful! I'm black with lovely blue-green shiny feathers and a white poi under my chin. I also have the nicest singing voice.*

*Shall I sing for you now?*

Act out your speech or film it! Even better, get together with three friends and act out the award ceremony! Three of you are birds, one is the judge. Who will win?



## It's a Bird's Life! with Mr W.

Write a TV interview between your bird and Mr W, who likes asking questions beginning or ending with 'w' (who? What? When? Where? Why? How?) Try to make it funny!

e.g. – Who are you?

- I'm Kererū and you just woke me up.

- I'm so sorry. Tell me, Kererū, what do you eat?

- Pūriri berries are my fave. Could you pass me one, please? I'm too tired to stretch...

Act it out or film it!



## Manu Book of World Records

Start with a simple, true fact about a bird... then make up an entry in a book of unbelievable bird world records!

e.g.

- The grey warbler has a fast wingbeat. On 11 February 2021, Roger Riroriro from Auckland beat his wings 3,000 times in 60 seconds. The next day, he needed a sleep-in.
- The New Zealand pigeon likes to eat pūriri berries. On 26 March 2021, Katie Kererū ate 204 pūriri berries in 12.5 seconds and grew so heavy, she fell out of her tree.



## Truth, Truth, Truth, Lie

Write three true things and one made-up thing about a bird. Can your friends guess which is the lie?

e.g. A kiwi is nocturnal. It flies at a top speed of five kilometres per hour. It eats worms and has no tail.

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