



Toroa at Taiaroa

A Social Science Programme for
Primary Students
at the **Royal Albatross Centre**

Student Work Sheets
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Getting to know the Royal Albatross

Northern Royal Albatross



What is your favourite bird?

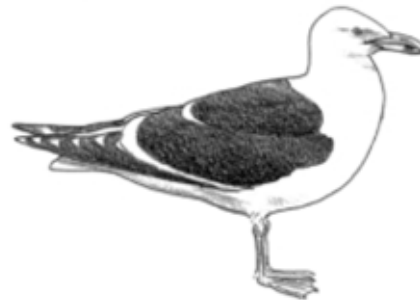
Draw it here:

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw their favourite bird.

Steward Island Shag



Black Backed Gull



How are the birds similar?

1. _____
2. _____

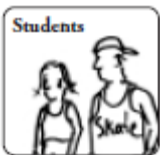
How are the birds different?

1. _____
2. _____

Can these people help make an albatross happy? How?





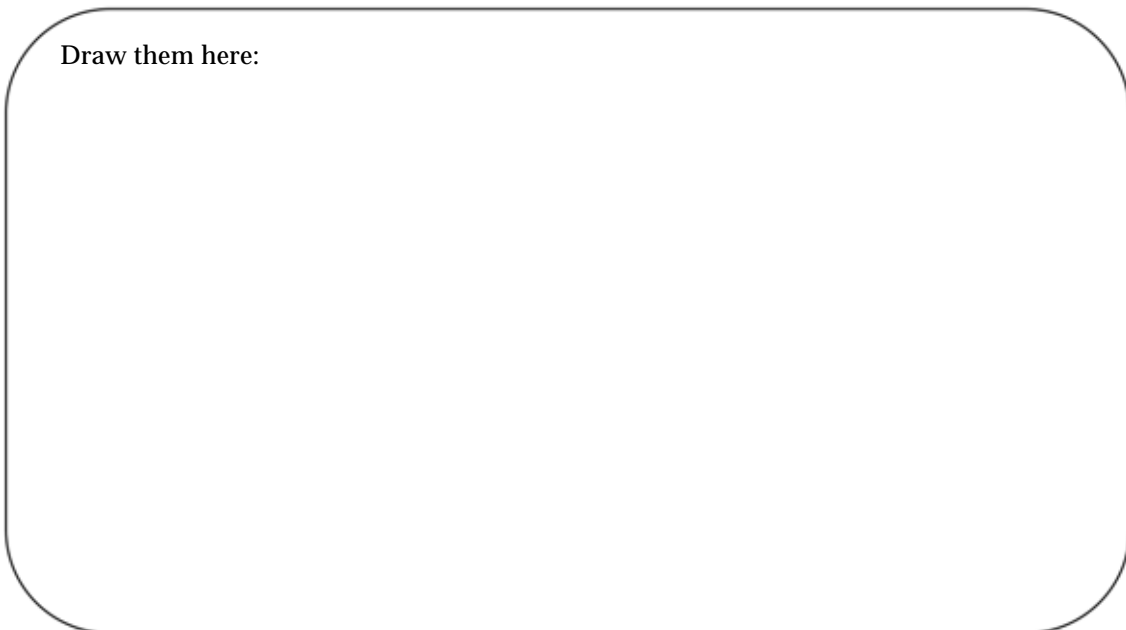


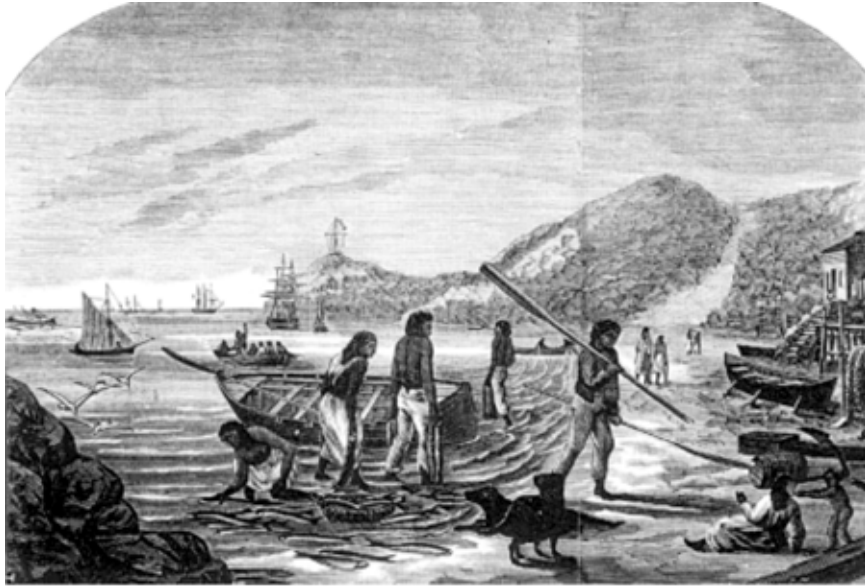




What are some things that could harm the albatross?

Draw them here:





Pukekura (Maori Pa Site - 1750 to mid 1800's)	
Features of Site Why was this site used for a Pa?	
Food & Water What did the Maori like to eat and where did they get their food?	
Shelter What structures were built on the headland? Where were the houses?	
Transport Where did the Maori travel to and how did they get there?	
Impact on Site How did the site change during this period?	



Taiaroa Head Signal Station (1920 to present)	
<p>Features of Site Why was a signal station important to this site?</p>	
<p>Food & Water What did the signal men eat and how did they get their food?</p>	
<p>Shelter Where did the signal men live and where were the pilot boats moored?</p>	
<p>Transport Describe what the role of the harbour pilot was.</p>	
<p>Impact on Site How did the site change during this period?</p>	



Fort Tairaroa (Defensive Reserve – 1885 to 1945)	
<p>Features of Site Why was this site chosen for a defense reserve?</p>	
<p>Food & Water What did the troops eat? Where did their food come from?</p>	
<p>Shelter What types of buildings were built on the headland?</p>	
<p>Transport How were the people, equipment and supplies transported to and from the site?</p>	
<p>Impact on Site How did the site change during this period?</p>	



Royal Albatross Colony (Wildlife Reserve – 1920 to present)	
<p>Features of Site Why have the albatrosses come here to breed?</p>	
<p>Food & Water What do albatrosses eat? Where is that food found?</p>	
<p>Shelter How do the albatross deal with the weather conditions?</p>	
<p>Transport Describe how the albatross fly and where they go.</p>	
<p>Impact on Site How as the site changed during this period?</p>	

Enhancement Facts / Questions

<p>Pukekura – Maori Pa Site</p>	<p>Taiaroa Head - Signal Station</p>	<p>Fort Taiaroa - Defensive Reserve</p>	<p>Royal Albatross Colony - Wildlife Reserve - Tourist Attraction</p>
<p>1750 →</p>	<p>mid 1800's →</p>	<p>1885 to 1945</p>	<p>1920 →</p>
<p>A pa, similar to a fort, provided Maori with a safe place during times of tribal warfare.</p> <p>Why would Pukekura be a good place for a pa?</p>	<p>The Harbour Pilot's job is to guide visiting ships safely into the harbour. The first harbour pilot lived at Taiaroa Head.</p> <p>Why is the beach at the base of the headland called "Pilot's Beach"?</p>	<p>When it was feared that the Russians might attack NZ, guns were put on the headland to protect the harbour entrance.</p> <p>Was the disappearing gun ever used?</p>	<p>The first record of an Albatross egg on the headland was in 1920. The first chick to survive didn't occur until 1937.</p> <p>Why did the eggs / chicks not survive in the early days?</p>
<p>Maori used the land and sea surrounding the headland, to gather food.</p> <p>What do you think the Maori liked to eat?</p>	<p>The lighthouse was built to warn ships of the dangerous sand bar at harbour entrance.</p> <p>Why are lighthouses not so important for present day shipping activities?</p>	<p>Soldiers and their families lived at Taiaroa Head during this period.</p> <p>What type of buildings were built at Taiaroa Head?</p>	<p>Albatross only come to land to breed, spending most of their life at sea.</p> <p>Why do you think they choose to breed at Taiaroa Head?</p>