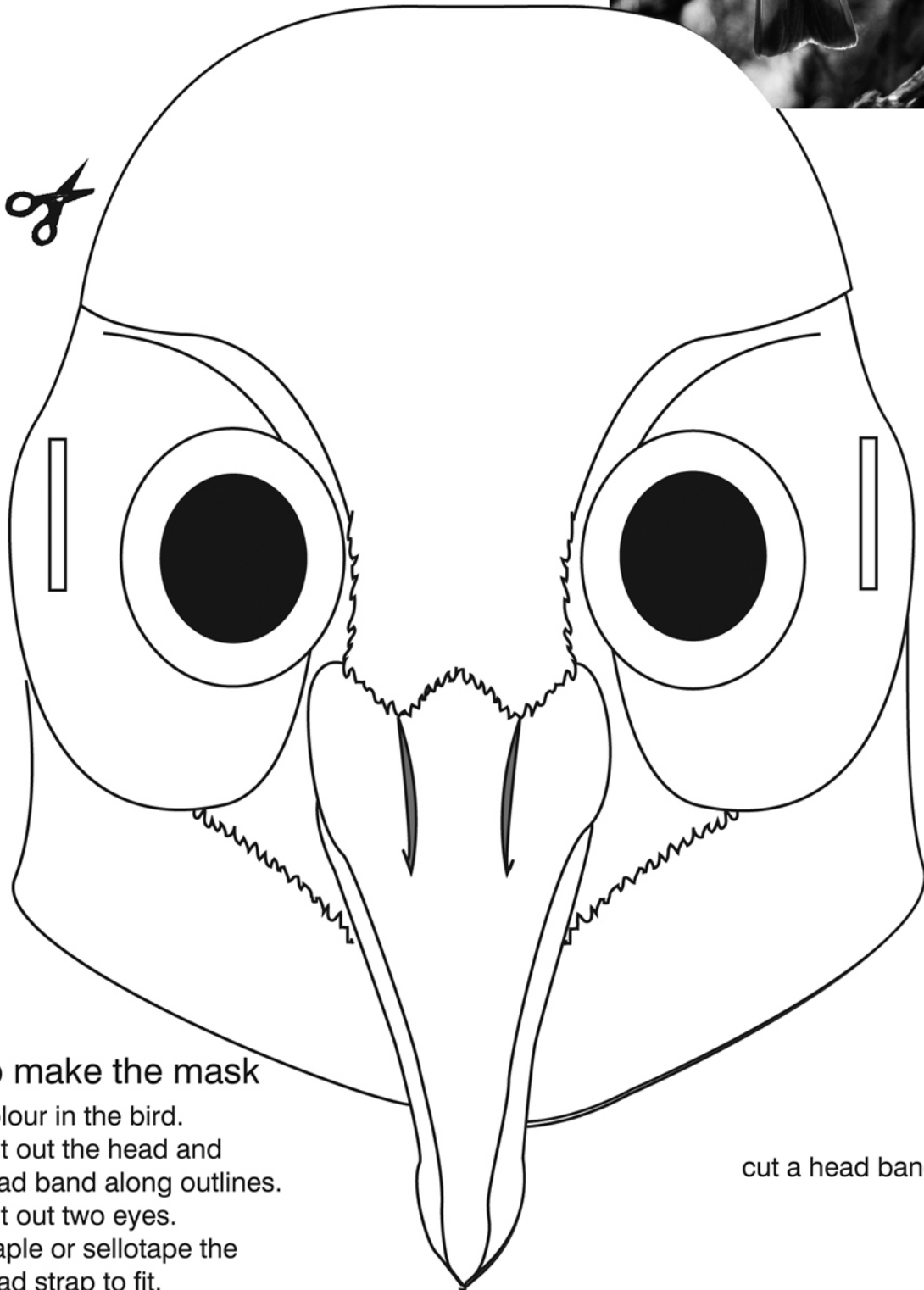


# New Zealand Wood Pigeon/ Kererū

New Zealand's native pigeon eats large fruits, such as those of karaka and taraire and spreads these plants across the country. The loss of the kererū would be a disaster for our native forests.

The kererū has shiny green and bronze feathers with a white front. It has big black eyes with a red rim and a red beak.

These heavy birds are very noisy in flight so keep an ear and an eye out for these birds. Kererū occur throughout mainland New Zealand, and on Stewart Island and many offshore islands.



## To make the mask

- Colour in the bird.
- Cut out the head and head band along outlines.
- Cut out two eyes.
- Staple or sellotape the head strap to fit.

cut a head band

