Kupu huna

Let's have some fun with this bird-word bonanza. Can you find them all?

17 kororā



🔋 beak 🔀 tarāpunga

8 colony **18** shore

4 eggs 14 surf

5 feather 15 tern

6 fish 16 wings

7 flight

8 kawau tikitiki 18 migrate

9 island 19 moult

10 nest 20 dive





Brilliant Seabirds

Weekdays 8-19 July 10am-2:30pm \$5 per child

Join us during the July School Holidays for a day of creativity and discovery at our exciting new exhibition, *Sentinel!*

Head to maritimemuseum.co.nz for more info





July 2024

#15: Brilliant Seabirds

Squawk! We are all about our new exhibition *Sentinel: Seabirds of Aotearoa*. Fly on down to see what's happening at the New Zealand Maritime Museum.







Petrel Patrol

Have you ever heard of Petrel Patrol? It's a super cool group of people who help seabirds who sometimes get into trouble.

Tītī (Cook's petrel) are amazing birds that fly all the way across the ocean, but when they come back to land, they can get confused by the city lights. Sometimes they crash into buildings or get stuck on the ground and can't fly away. That's where the Petrel Patrol steps in! They search for these lost birds at dawn, pick them up gently, and take them to a safe place, like BirdCare, which is a wild bird hospital. Then, they release the petrels back into the wild where they can continue their adventures.





What do I do if I find an injured bird?

- Keep it in a quiet, warm location e.g. box with a towel in it.
- Take it to your nearest DOC-permitted rehabilitation centre (like BirdCare) or a vet or contact SPCA if you are unsure.
- Don't handle the bird unnecessarily, they don't like cuddles or stroking. It's best to be very quiet too.
- Leave it to the experts to release the bird. They know where the bird will have the best chance of success.

You can find out more about their work at protectourpetrels.com.

Photo by Edin Whitehead, illustrations by Sarah Laing.





Puzzle prints

Can you match the footprint to the bird who made it?





red-billed gull













Moana competition

We got some fin-tastic stories for our moana competition. And the winner is **Jake (5y)** who has written a poem and drawn a picture!



Road to the Ocean

Off to the seaside Car packed to the top I am so excited I don't want to stop

Stereo blasting rock n roll We pass mountains and trees I can't wait to get there To feel the ocean breeze

The road to the ocean Keeps me in suspense I wonder what this trip will bring? Will the crabs become my friends?

The ocean makes me happy And the drive takes a while That when I finally get there I have the biggest smile!

Runners up!



Ava (4y) drew the beautiful

drawn a happy crab at the bottom



Amazing Albatross Have you heard about Royal

Cam? It's a 24-hour live video where you can watch baby albatrosses grow up in their nest during the breeding season! The two chicks you might see hatched in January 2024 and are expected to fledge in September.

https://tinyurl.com/y7j2fphf

Royal Cam! Check out Royal Cam and try drawing a picture of an

albatross chick. You might draw a fluffy chick still learning to fly, or an adult whose wingspan reaches nearly

3 metres! Send us your pic and be in to win a Tukutuku Toi Mini Kit, by Whatu Creative. We have two to give away.



by emailing us at maritimemuseum.co

or Facebook:



Curious Collections

Hidden deep in the museum's collection, amazing egg collection. Frances (b.1879, d.1964) collected most of these eggs herself. Each egg is different, with its colours and patterns, showing off the incredible variety of birds that live in Aotearoa and the Pacific. The an emu. The little dark speckly eggs belong to different types of gulls. Her unique collection is like a peek into the secret world of birds.



Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be called bagels!

Why don't pelicans
ever pay for dinner?
Because their bill is

What is a favourite type of lettuce?

What do you call a cold penguin?

How do you get in touch with a penguin?



What do albatross wear at the beach?

make a decision?