

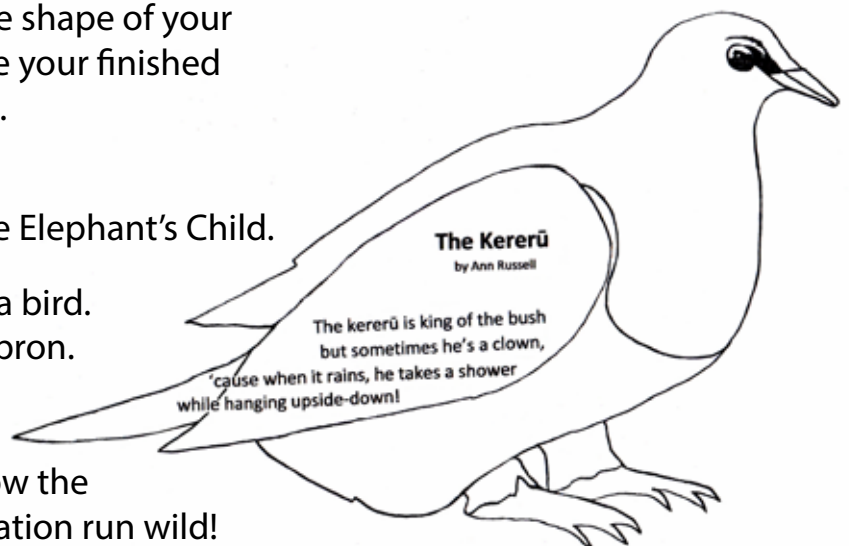
Be Creative



Be creative. Have fun and show what you feel about the importance of the wonderful kererū and our backyard birds.

Choose an activity from the suggestions below.

- **Show and tell:** Have you had an interesting experience with a bird? Do you have a favourite bird? Draw or paint a picture about it, then show it to everyone. Say why you like this bird and tell your story.
- **A group could make a collage:** collect pictures of the kererū, New Zealand native birds, back-yard birds or a mixture of them all. Present them as a collage in an interesting way.
- **Make a poster:** design a poster showing the importance of the kererū or backyard birds. Give it a simple border, a title, a picture and a message.
- **Write a shaped poem about a bird:**
 - > Choose your favourite bird, eg. the kererū.
 - > Draw, copy or download and print your bird onto an A4 sheet. Make sure it's big so you can write your poem in it, a title and your name.
 - > Write down some key words to kick-start your ideas for your poem
eg. king of the forest, clown, shower, upside-down
 - > Write and re-write your poem until you get it right.
 - > Finally, write your poem into the shape of your bird. Alternatively, print or paste your finished poem onto a picture of the bird.
See the example right.
- **Read Rudyard Kipling's story,** The Elephant's Child.
- **Write an interesting story** about a bird.
Eg. How the kererū got its cook's apron.
How the tui got the tuft of white feathers on its neck. How the pūkeko got its white under-tail. How the kiwi lost its wings. Let your imagination run wild!



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