

Make your own Pacific Golden Plover that flies

The Pacific Golden Plover or Kuriri is perhaps the most beautiful of all the Arctic migrants to visit New Zealand. But where these birds come from and where they go nobody knows. In 2019 experts plan to put satellite tracking tags on 10 PGP and follow their journey as they fly from New Zealand, probably via Japan, to their nesting place in Siberia or Alaska. You can follow the progress of these tagged birds by clicking on the link found on the Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre homepage at shorebirds.org.nz. To make your very flying PGP, like the one below, just follow the instructions on the other side of the sheet.

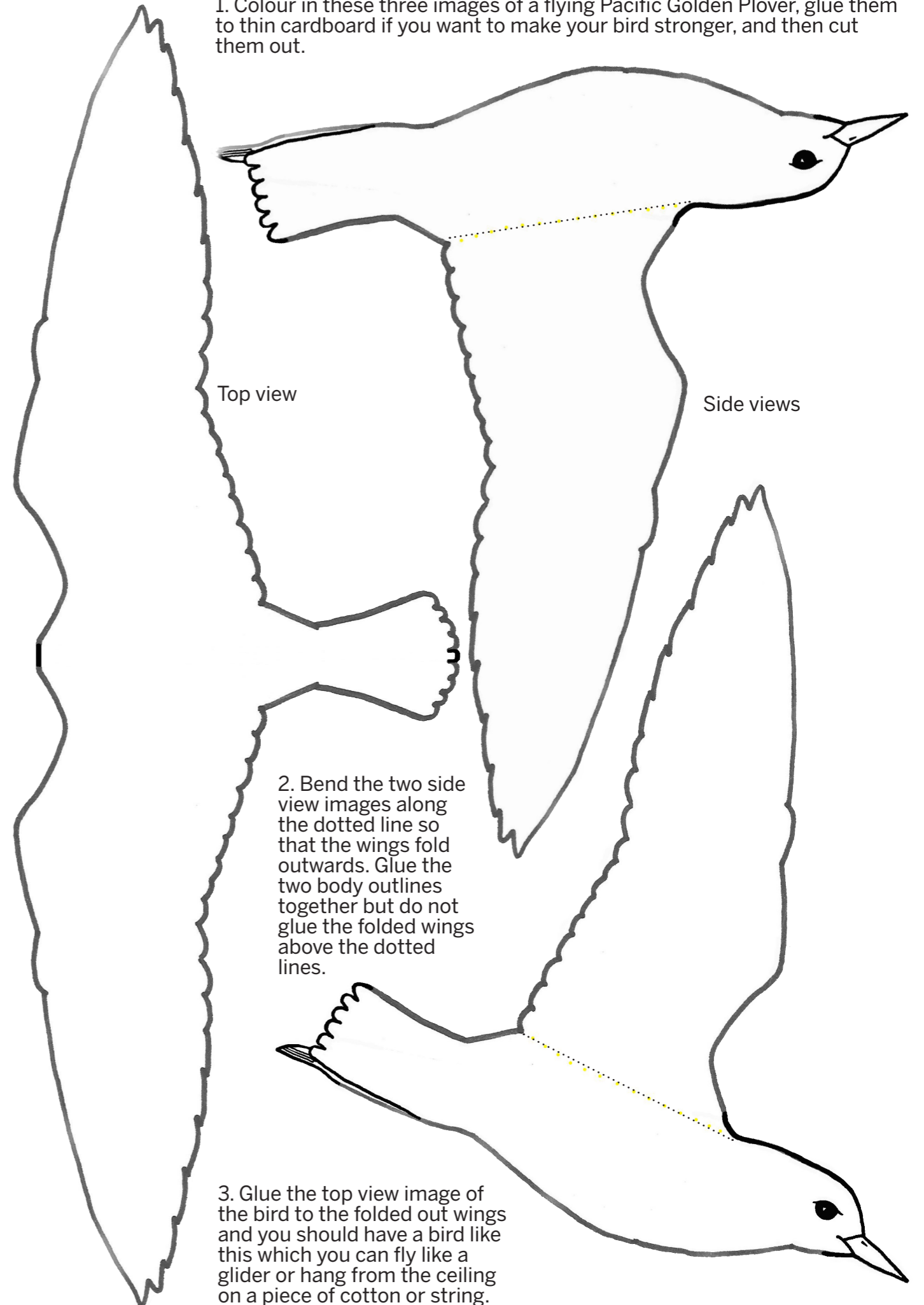


When you start assembling the pieces be sure you only glue the two bodies together, leaving the wings free, then paste the coloured-in top view on to the wings.



Pūkorokoro Miranda
Shorebird Centre

1. Colour in these three images of a flying Pacific Golden Plover, glue them to thin cardboard if you want to make your bird stronger, and then cut them out.



2. Bend the two side view images along the dotted line so that the wings fold outwards. Glue the two body outlines together but do not glue the folded wings above the dotted lines.

3. Glue the top view image of the bird to the folded out wings and you should have a bird like this which you can fly like a glider or hang from the ceiling on a piece of cotton or string.