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# NATURE PROPHET





LET'S FIND OUT WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT....

# BIRDS

1 BIRDS ARE COVERED WITH...

- A. Scales
- B. Fur
- C. Feathers
- D. Skin

2 AND HAVE ...

- A. Arms
- B. Wings

3 BIRDS LAY...

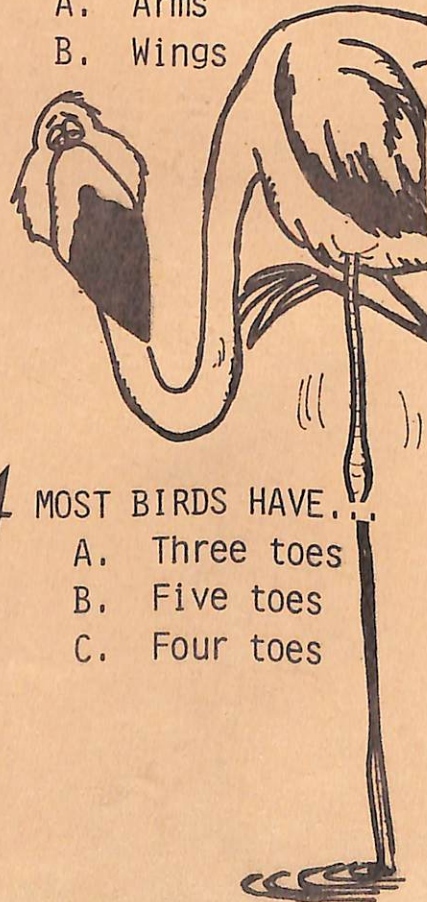
- A. Eggs without shells
- B. Soft shelled eggs
- C. Live birth
- D. Hard shelled eggs

4 MOST BIRDS HAVE...

- A. Three toes
- B. Five toes
- C. Four toes

5 AND ALSO HAVE...

- A. Heavy bones
- B. Hollow bones
- C. No bones



6 BIRDS ARE...

- A. Cold blooded
- B. Blue blooded
- C. Warm blooded
- D. Without blood

7 THEY USE THEIR ? TO HELP THEM EAT.

- A. Snout
- B. Mouth
- C. Lips
- D. Beak/Bill

8 ...AND THEY HAVE...

- A. Large strong teeth.
- B. Sharp teeth.
- C. Small but strong teeth.
- D. No teeth.

9 ...AND MOST BIRDS HAVE THEIR BABIES

- A. In a pouch
- B. In the sea
- C. In mid air
- D. In a nest

10 FEMALE BIRDS CAN...

- A. Lay eggs
- B. Have babies in a pouch
- C. Carry their young on their back



WHAT IS YOUR SCORE OUT OF

10?

YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWERS  
ON PAGE 5.



# bird baths



Birds enjoy bird baths.  
Why don't you set up your  
own bird bath in the garden?



BUT BEWARE:

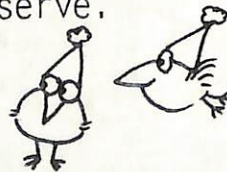
Make sure your bath is  
in a safe place where  
cats cannot sneak up  
on the birds.

WRITE DOWN:

Who uses it and how they enjoy  
themselves.

See which birds bath together  
or chase/scare off others.  
Various birds bathe  
differently.

DESCRIBE as you observe.



FIND OUT WHAT IT WOULD  
BE LIKE TO EAT LIKE A  
BIRD....No Hands!

Hold your hands behind  
your back and try to eat  
a variety of foods  
e.g. sandwiches, fruit,  
sunflower seeds.

What was the easiest food to eat?

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Why? -----

Did you have to use your tongue?

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Observe some of the local birds feeding in the school yard or  
at home.

Encourage more birds to the area by setting up bird feeders.  
(See the next page.)

# bird feeders

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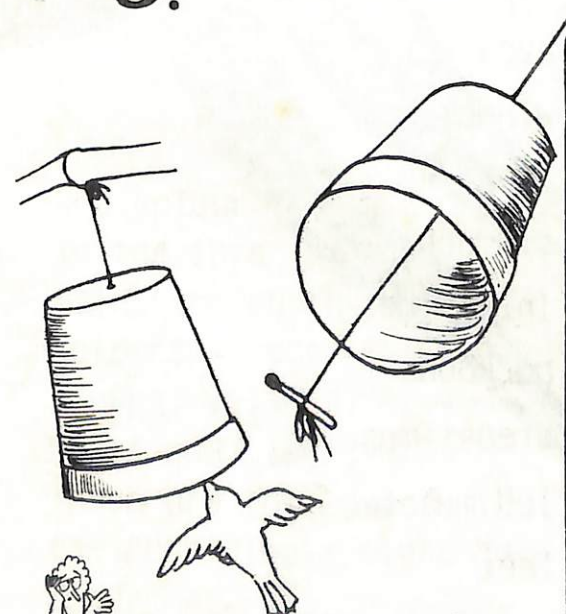
Put unsalted peanuts in a net bag (oranges  
are often sold in these bags). Hang this  
on a tree. Alternatively string peanuts  
(still in their shells) on a string and  
hang from a tree.

2.

Thread a piece of string through the  
bottom of a yogurt container. Tie a  
match to the end so the string won't  
slip out. Fill the container with a  
mixture of breadcrumbs, currants, cooked  
potato and oatmeal. Pour some melted fat  
over this mixture and let it set. This  
can be hung upside down from a tree.

3.

Hang out bones, fat and bacon rind.



Thankyou Melbourne Zoo  
Education Service for  
this activity.

1. C

2. B

3. D

4. C

5. B

6. C

7. D

8. D

9. D

10. A

from page 2.

ANSWERS



When the Aboriginals drew animals  
they often showed the skeleton  
and inside workings.

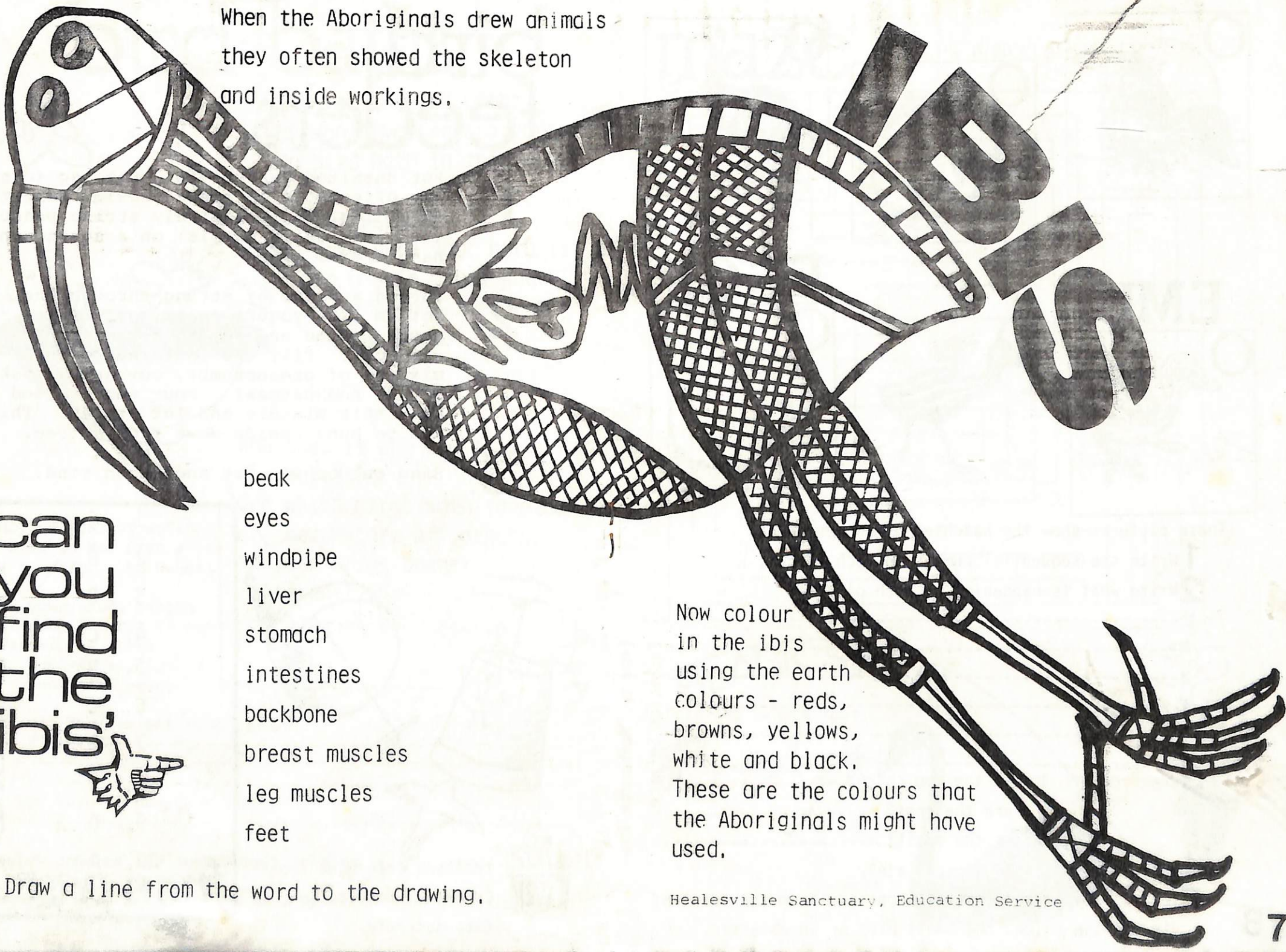
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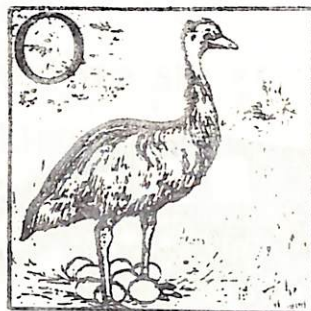
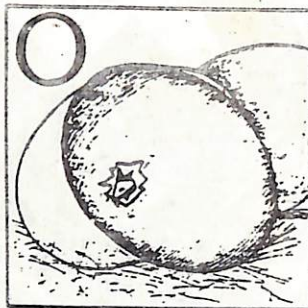
beak  
eyes  
windpipe  
liver  
stomach  
intestines  
backbone  
breast muscles  
leg muscles  
feet

Now colour  
in the ibis  
using the earth  
colours - reds,  
browns, yellows,  
white and black.  
These are the colours that  
the Aboriginals might have  
used.

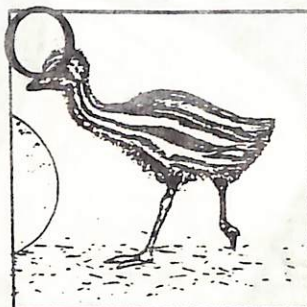
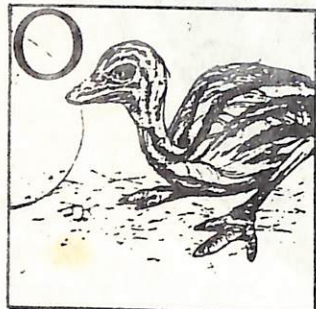
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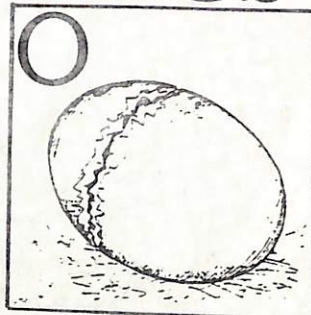




## EMU



## EGGS



These pictures show the hatching of an emu chick.

1 Write the sequential number in each circle.

2 Write what is happening in each picture.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

3 What colour 1 is the emu chick? \_\_\_\_\_

2 are the eggs? \_\_\_\_\_

3 is the adult? \_\_\_\_\_

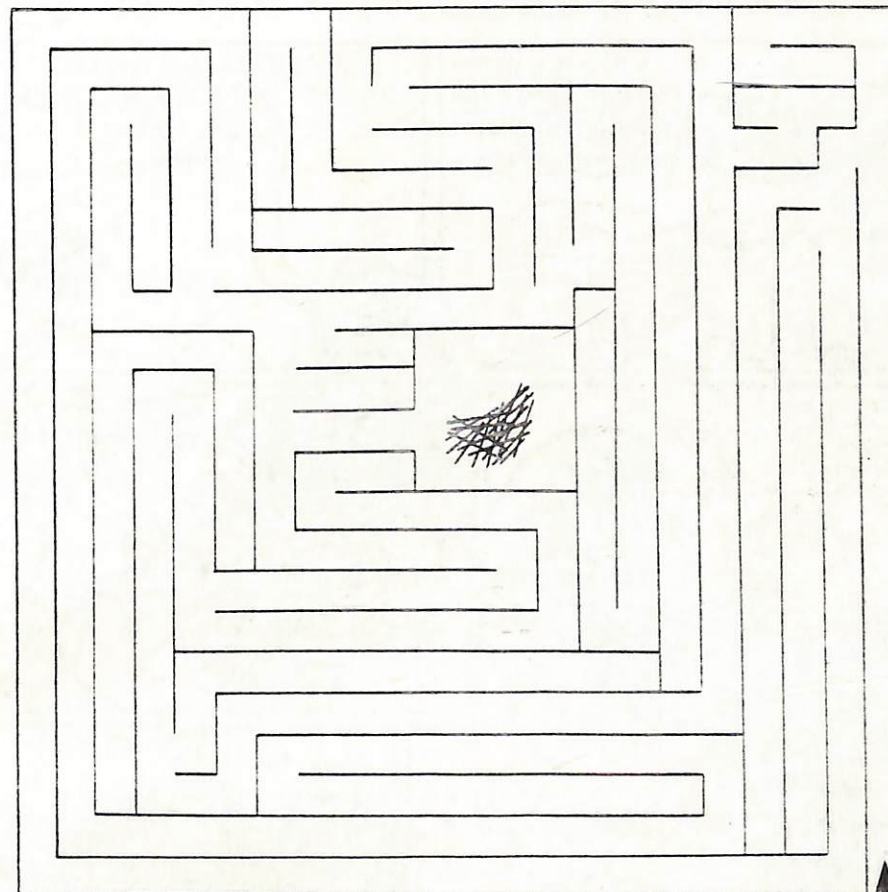
4 Colour each picture appropriately.

5 Tell a story about what is happening from the point of view of the chick, the adult bird or an observer.

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## maze

HELP THE BIRD FIND ITS NEST!!!!



## BLACK SWAN

Circle the Swan's foot.

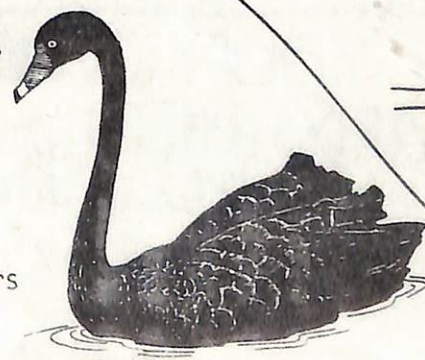


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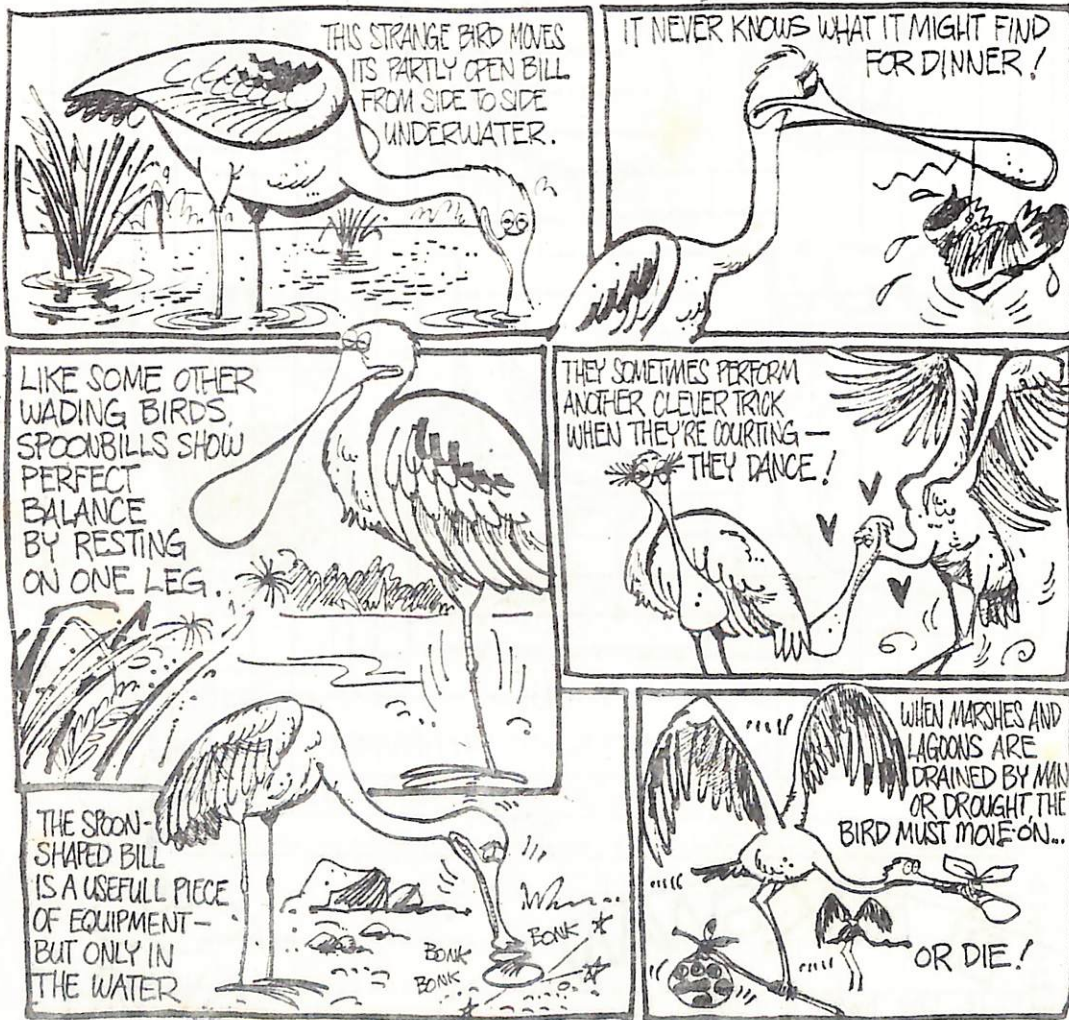
fur

feathers

scales







## CREATE YOUR OWN IMAGINARY BIRD

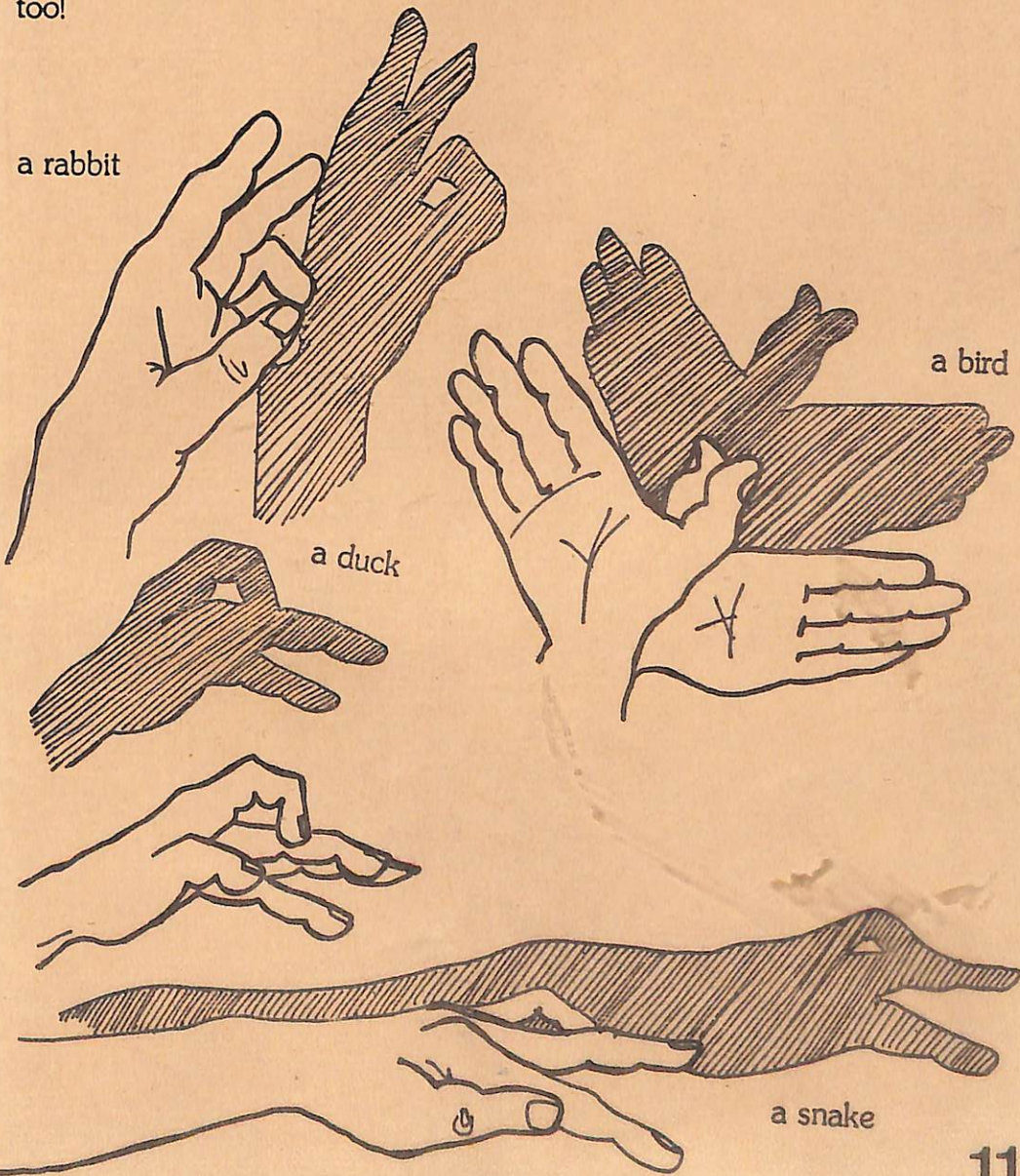
by using scrap materials.

Remember to include all the necessary features.

- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| ie. feathers | beak      |
| two legs     | lays eggs |
| wings        | ear holes |

## LET YOUR FINGERS BECOME...

All you need is bright sunlight, a plain wall, a little skill, and a lot of imagination. Keep your eyes on the shadow rather than on your hand, and you can create a variety of animals. You can make them fly, wiggle, and walk too!

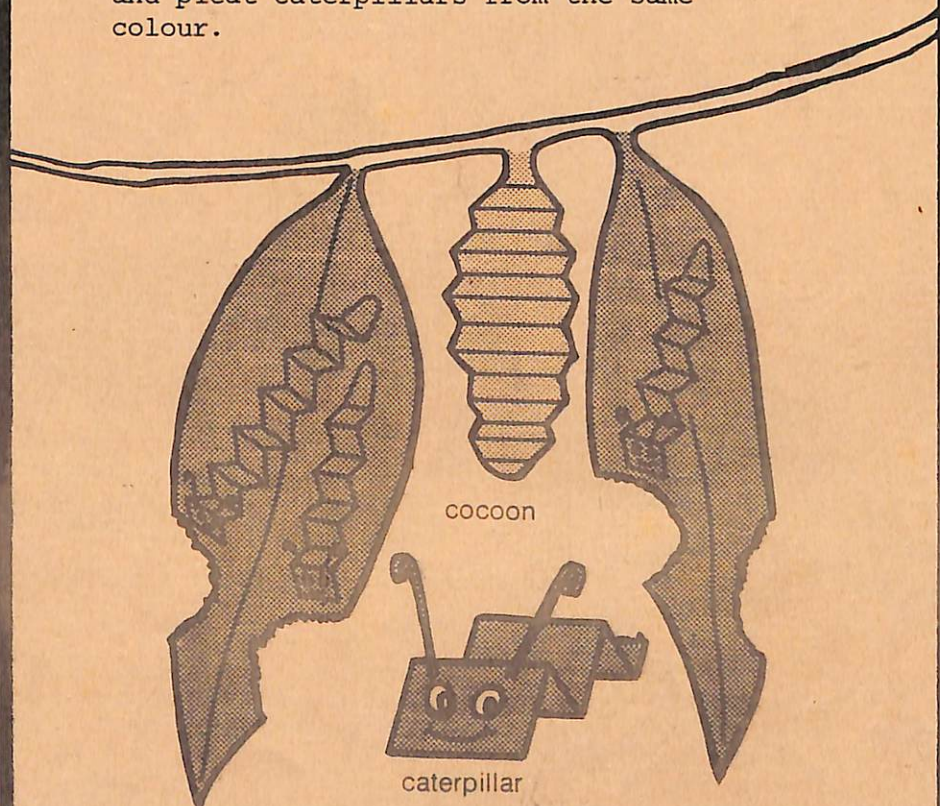




# CATERPILLARS

Butterflies lay eggs on the plants that the caterpillar can eat and on which they can hide.

Cut out leaf shapes from painted paper and pleat caterpillars from the same colour.



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