# Draw New Zealand Birds A step-by-step guide



of the light

North Island Kaka holding a fruit

Step I Study the shape of the kaka and see how it fits within a rectangle.

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Step 3 Refine the shape of the kaka's

body, feet and wings. The neck has a

gentle curve to join the head to the

Centreline Draw a The head is round circle tilted over to for the eye the right and position The neck above and Add a widens at left of the trianglethe base beak shabed beak The fruit is being The wings . held with are high The chest the foot on the is round body The kaka has two toes in The left A long and the front and foot is on narrow tail is behind the body two toes on the tree stump and and in front of the back of the right each foot the wings is ub near the mouth

Step 2 Find the centreline. Draw an oval for the head and body. Join with the short neck. Use guidelines to position the wings and feet. The feet are on an angle, sloping up to the right.

Direction Lightly draw of the light the feather shapes on the kaka's eve and shadow of body the mouth Vary the line thickness Add a few dots and lines to indicate the wing feathers Draw the dark areas of the feathers Step 4 Lightly draw the feather detail

and shadow lines on the kaka's body. Draw in the dark areas of the feathers, eve and beak. Note the direction of the sunlight.

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> Add shading

tree stumb

to shadow

areas Note: most of the kaka is in shadow (there is detail in the shadows). The highlight is on the tob of the head and back Add the kaka's shadow.This will anchor the Kaka to the

Step 5 Add shading to the kaka. Leave the light areas white. Vary the tone (drawn with the side of the pencil) and detail (point of pencil). Draw the lines in the same direction as the feathers. Finally, add some detail on the tree stump using the side and point of the

Draw lightly at first to establish the shapes. Check that the shapes, size, proportions and position are correct. The blue lines are guidelines and can be rubbed out later.

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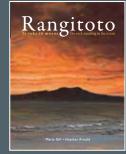
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