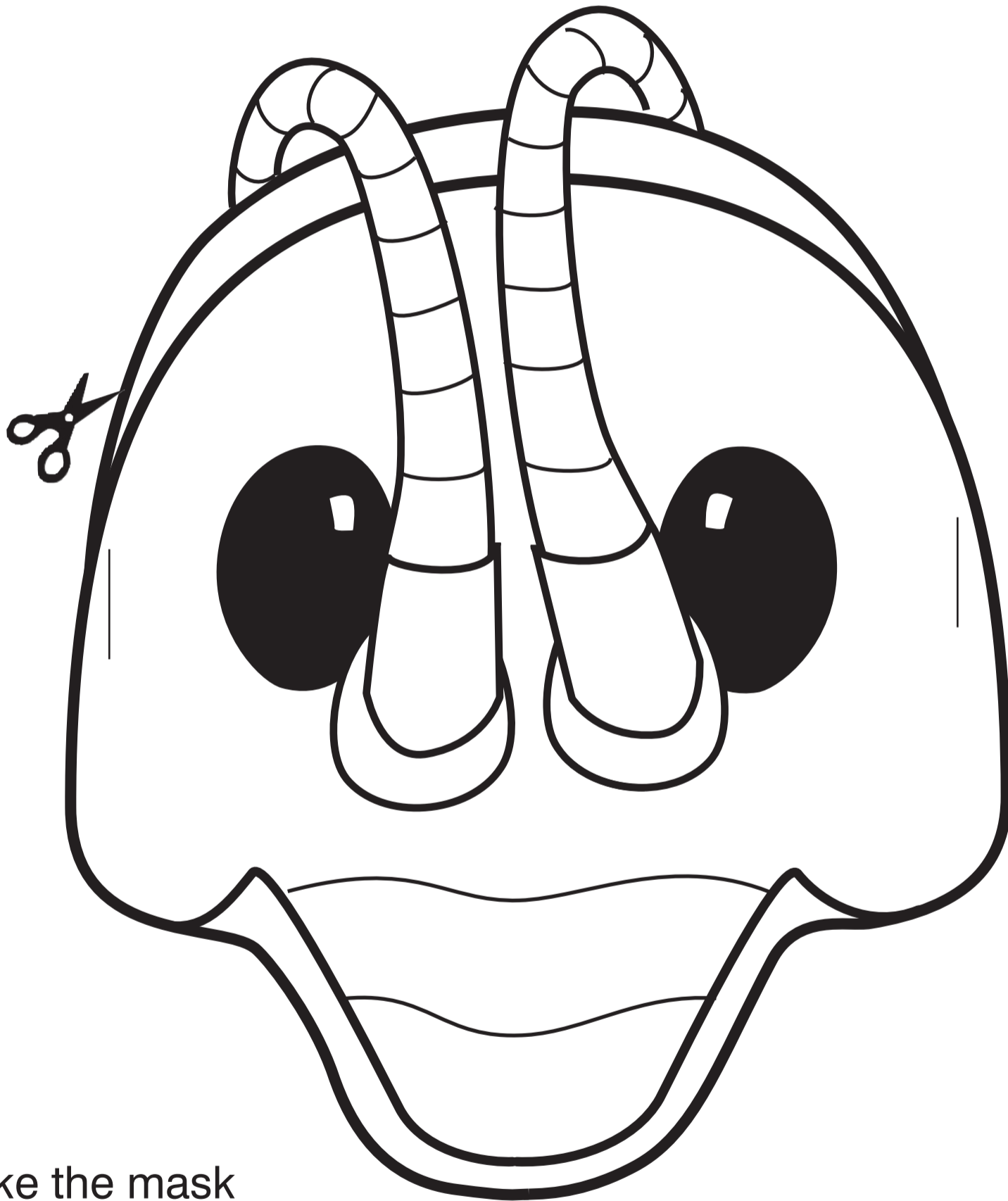
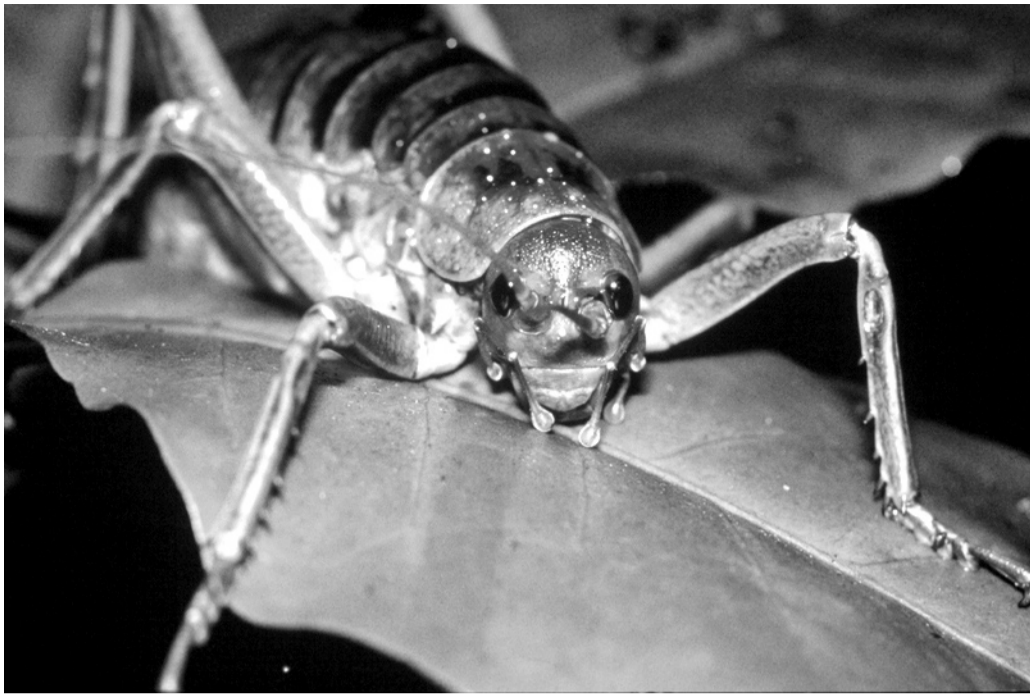


Wētā

Wētā are incredible looking creatures. With their big bodies, spiny legs, and curved tusks, they are one of New Zealand's most recognisable creepy-crawlies. Wētā are nocturnal, which means they come out at night. There are different kinds; tree wētā, ground wētā, cave wētā, giant wētā and three kinds of tusked wētā. Some live in forests or caves, some dig holes under stones, in rotten logs or burrow in trees.

The wetapunga of Little Barrier Island is the biggest – over 8 cm, which is nearly as big as a moro bar!



To make the mask

Colour in the wētā.
Cut out the head and head band along outlines.
Cut out two eyes.
Staple or sellotape the head strap to fit.

cut a head band



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