Spotless crake/pūweto

This small, dark wetland bird (about half the size of a common blackbird) has distinctive red eyes. It is very secretive and not often seen. There are small populations sparsely scattered over New Zealand’s three main islands and many small offshore islands, but they are most common in the upper North Island.

To make the mask

- Colour in the pūweto / spotless crake.
- Cut out the head and head straps.
- Cut out the dotted circles in the eyes.
- Fold gently down the centre of the mask.
- Staple or sellotape the head straps to fit.