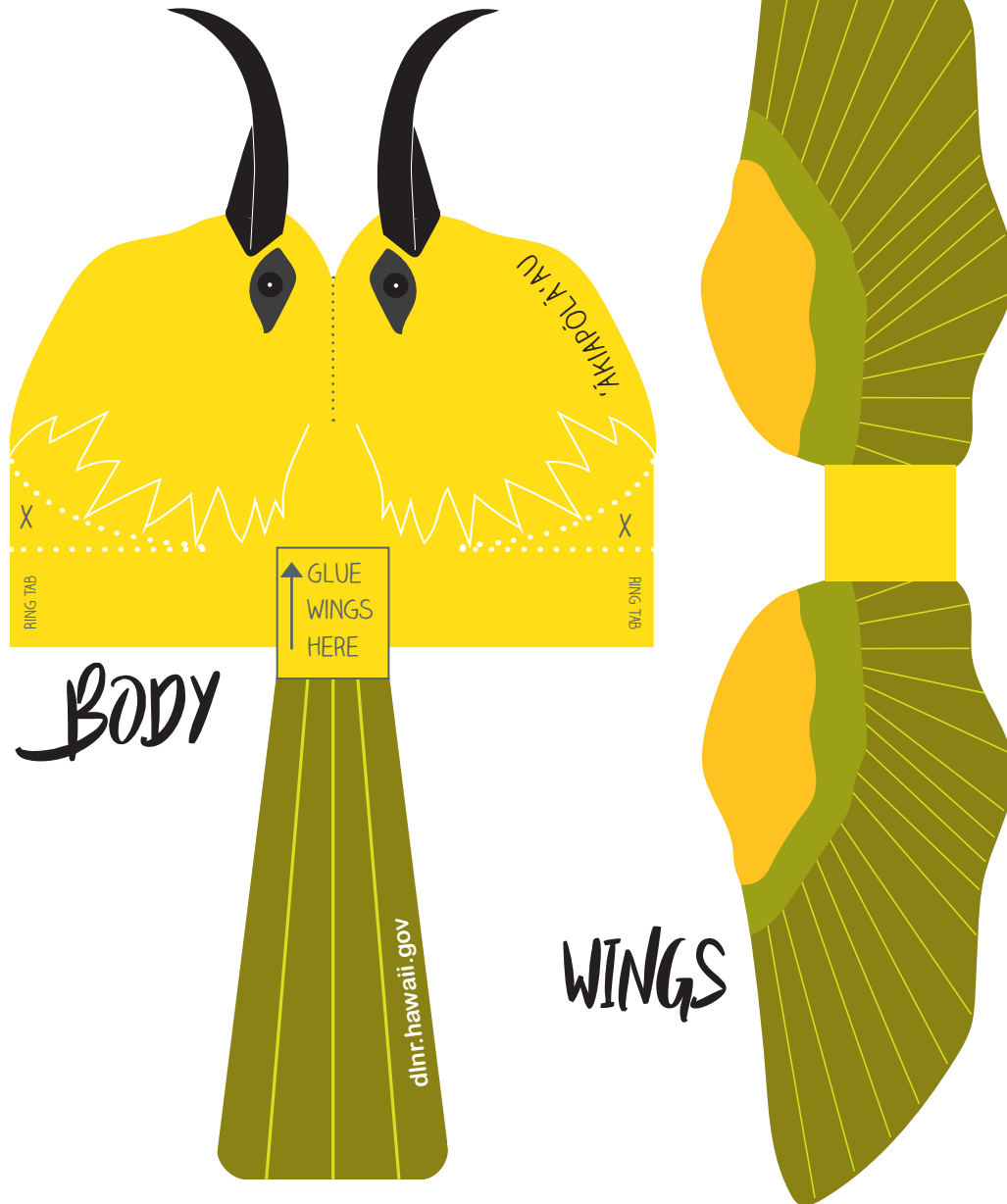


'ĀKIAPŌLĀ'ĀU FINGER PUPPET



ALL ABOUT 'ĀKIAPŌLĀ'ĀU

SING A LITTLE SONG

'Ākiapōlā'āu have a rapid warba-warba, an upsurred whistle “cheedle-ee warble”, and a short “sweet”. Male 'Ākiapōlā'āu have two songs they sing often one is a 'pit-er-ieu,” and the other is a longer song with a rising clear whistle at the end.

HAWAIIAN WOODPECKER

Often you will find 'Ākiapōlā'āu in Koa trees! They feed on **insect** larvae hidden within the branches and under the bark of trees! Just like a wood pecker they **HAMMER** the bark for insects. They use their long curved bill to find the insect larvae then use their lower shorter bill to pull them out and crush them.

HOME IS WHERE THE FOREST IS

'Ākiapōlā'āu were once abundant and commonly found in koa and 'ōhi'a forests or māmane and naio woodlands. Today, there are much fewer 'Ākiapōlā'āu due to grazing animals destroying their home. These endangered birds can still be found in small patches of healthy forest.

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES (WOW YOUR FRIENDS WITH HOW MUCH YOU KNOW!)

DIRECTIONS

1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and wings. **DO NOT** cut off the tabs (square) between wings and on the body.
2. Cut along white dotted lines behind the head of the bird to remove the piece with the grey “X.” Experienced scissors users can cut along the white zig zag line behind the bird's head for a more detailed puppet.
3. Attach wings to body by matching up the square tabs between the wings and the body. Ensure that the top of the wings face the front of the bird.
4. Fold along dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the beak. Glue beak together using a glue stick. Staple or tape the bottom edge of the head (neck area) to keep sides together. Be sure to just fasten the edge as your finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.
5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.

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