**DIRECTIONS**

1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and wings. DO NOT cut off the squares between wings and on the body.

2. Cut along white dotted lines behind the head of the bird to remove the piece with the white “X.” Experienced scissors users can cut along the tan zig zag line behind of the bird’s head for a more detailed puppet.

3. Attach wings on body by matching up the squares between the wings and the body and glue/staple. Ensure that the top of the wings face the front of the bird (brown side with white spots).

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 you 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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**HAWAI’I ‘ELEPAIO FINGER PUPPET**

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**ALL ABOUT HAWAI’I ‘ELEPAIO**

**SING A LITTLE SONG**

The ‘elepaio’s call is a shrill whistle “Ee-le-PAI-o, ele-PAI-o” It also has a short song that starts out loud and becomes softer as it sings “whee-oo.”

**WHAT’S ON THE MENU?**

‘Elepaio search in every part of the forest for insects and spiders! They have a variety of feeding methods to catch their prey such a gleaning (plucking prey from foliage), and **hawk** (chasing their prey).

**HOME IS WHERE THE FOREST IS**

‘Elepaio are monogamous birds that remain together all year and often mate for life. Together, they choose a nesting area in closed-canopy of wet ‘ōhi’a and koa forest. Both male and female birds incubate the eggs for 18 days!

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