**All about the ‘Io**

### Getting to know the ‘Io

The ‘io is a hawk **endemic** to Hawai‘i, meaning that it is found here and nowhere else in the world! This **graceful** bird-of-prey was listed as an **ENDANGERED** species in 1967 under the Federal Endangered Species Act because they were experiencing significant declines.

### What they Eat

‘Io feed on **rodents**, **insects** and **small birds**. One of the ways they **hunt** is by spotting their prey from a stationary position, then diving down to catch it.

### Home is Where the Forest Is

‘Io nest from **March** though **September**, and usually lay only one egg. The female sits on the **egg** for most of the **38 days** of **incubation**, while the male does the majority of the hunting. After the egg is hatched, the female only allows the male to visit when delivering food to the nest. The chick **leaves** its nest at **seven** or eight weeks of age.

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### ‘Io Flier

**Assembly Instructions**

1. Cut out all pieces around solid colored edges and dotted lines. Experienced sissor users can cut only along solid colored edges for a more detailed flier.

2. Fold the body in half length-wise along dotted line. Put a popsicle stick in the crease of the body and glue it all the way to the edge of head end of the body. The popsicle stick provides rigidity as well as weight so the flier can fly properly. **DO NOT** glue the wing tabs or tail tabs (attached to body piece) together.

3. Fold wing tabs down along dotted lines to create a platform to glue the wings to. Glue wings to platform.

4. Fold tail tabs down along dotted lines to create a platform to glue the tail to. Glue tail to platform.

5. Fold head in half (colored side facing out) and glue over the front end of the body.

Adding a paper clip or extra weight to the head of the flier may improve flight. Have fun experimenting!