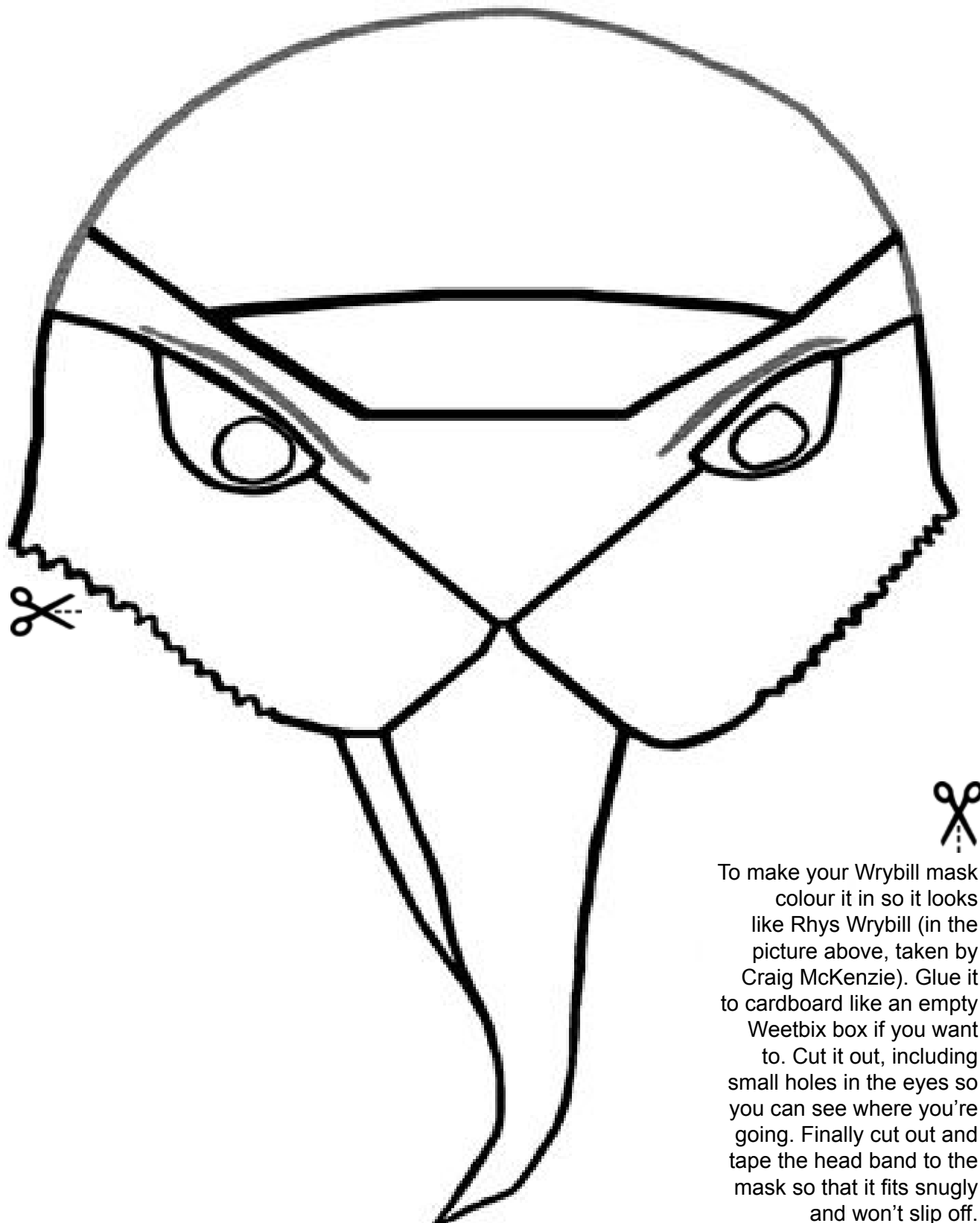


Wrybill/Ngutu pare

Wrybills are found only New Zealand. These tiny birds weighing 58g (the same as a packet of biscuits) spend their summers raising chicks on the South Island's braided rivers. Then in late Summer they fly across the Cook Strait to the North Island to overwinter on the tidal mudflats at places like Pukorokoro-Miranda. Their unique bill, which curves to the right, is perfect for scooping up food from under river rocks or the surface of the mud at low tide.



To make your Wrybill mask colour it in so it looks like Rhys Wrybill (in the picture above, taken by Craig McKenzie). Glue it to cardboard like an empty Weetbix box if you want to. Cut it out, including small holes in the eyes so you can see where you're going. Finally cut out and tape the head band to the mask so that it fits snugly and won't slip off.

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