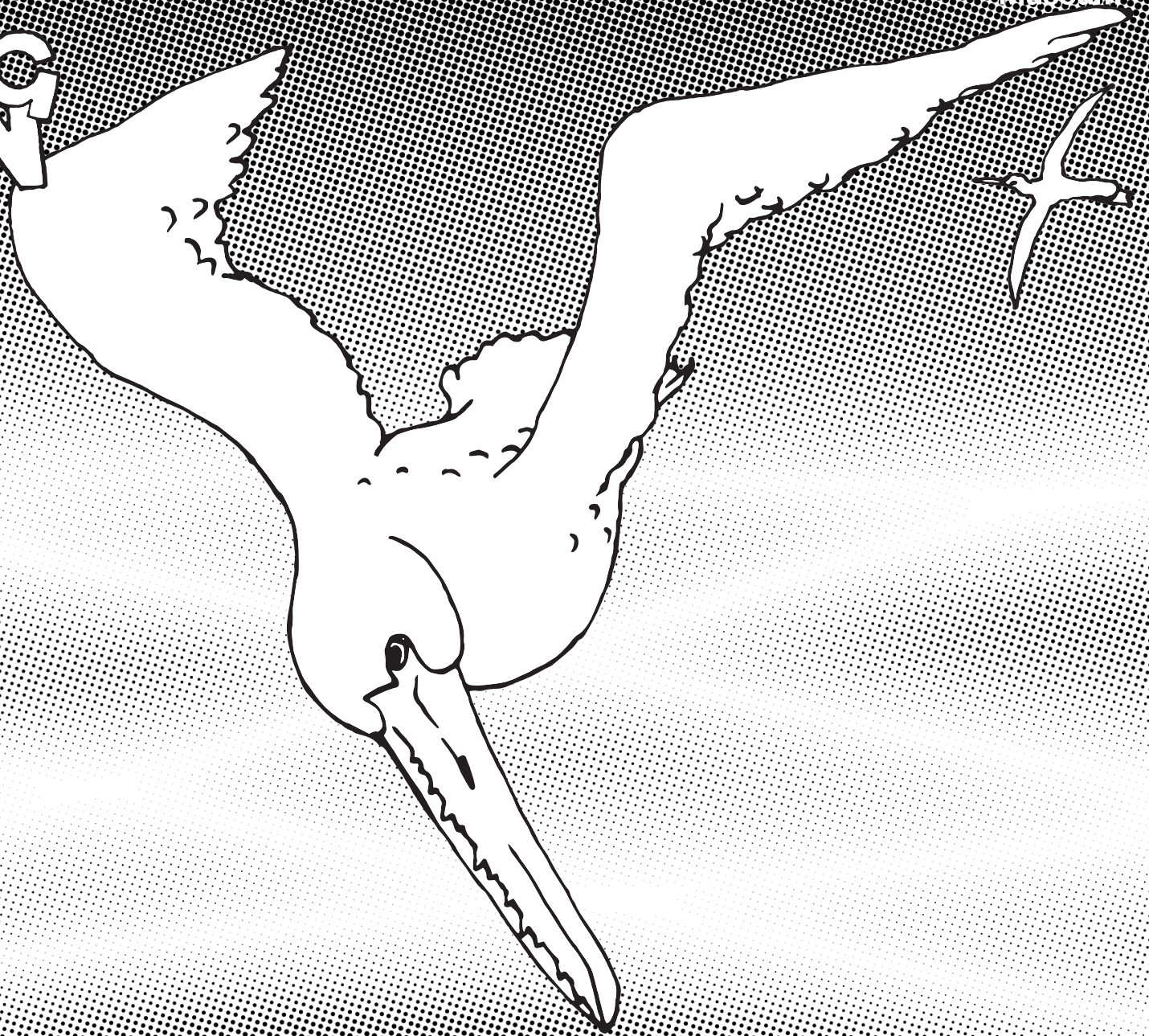


ZEALANDIA'S TOP FOSSIL

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PALEOART COLOURING COMPETITION



Name: _____

Age: _____

Ruth's Bony-toothed Bird *Protodontopteryx ruthae*

ZEALANDIA'S TOP FOSSIL PALEOART DRAWING COMPETITION

Palaeontologists use fossils to work out what the skeletons and muscles of these ancient animals looked like. However they can't usually tell what their skin or feathers were like. Illustrations of extinct animals or restorations are known as paleo art and artists have to use their imaginations when colouring them. Were these animals camouflaged to hide? Were they bright to attract mates? Show us what you imagine. You could win a prize!

Name:

Age:

Email:

Telephone:

There are 10 animals to choose from. You can enter as many drawings as you like. Two prizes will be awarded, one in each of the following categories: 10 years and under, and 11 to 15 years. Email your entries to info@canterburymuseum.com or drop it in the box in the Museum foyer. Emailed files should be JPEGs and bigger than 1MB but smaller than 10MB and include your contact details (email address and telephone number).

NAMES

Ruth's Bony-toothed Bird
Protodontopteryx ruthae

AGE / LOCATION

62 million years ago
Waipara

DESCRIPTION

These birds belong to an extinct family called pelagornithids (bony-toothed bird). The fossil found at Waipara is the oldest bony-toothed bird ever found. Until this skeleton was described, pelagornithids were thought to have evolved in the Northern Hemisphere.

VITAL STATISTICS

Height
30 cm

Weight
1 kg

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries can be submitted until 5.00 pm on Sunday 16 August 2020. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.
2. Entries can be submitted via email to info@canterburymuseum.com. The entrant's name, age, telephone number and email address must be included in the email. Entries can also be posted in the box in the Museum foyer with the entrant's name, age, telephone number and email address.
3. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: 10 years and under and 11 to 15 years.
4. The children of Canterbury Museum staff are not eligible to enter the competition.
5. Prizes are non-transferable and are not redeemable for cash.
6. Canterbury Museum has sole discretion to determine the winners and will not enter into any discussion or correspondence.

EXHIBITION ON UNTIL 16 AUGUST 2020

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MEET the monster birds.
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