

# Companion Activity

## The Seabird Egg Book

### OVERVIEW:

Explore five seabird species - the Manu o Kū (White Tern), 'Ā (Red-footed Booby), Noio (Brown Noddy), 'Ua'u (Hawaiian Petrel), and Mōlī (Laysan Albatross). Seabirds live their life over the ocean, where do they go to lay their eggs? What do their eggs look like? How do they build their nests?

### SUGGESTED USE:

After reading the book as a class, have students work together to match the eggs with the seabird.

Before matching, have students compare aspects of each bird and write them on the board, creating a profile of each bird:

- Nests - which birds nest in a tree? In a burrow? On the ground?
- Bird sizes - Have them compare the sizes of each bird
- Eggs - what do they notice about the shapes, sizes, and colors of the eggs? Is there a characteristic that sets them apart from the others?
- What are interesting ways seabirds care for their eggs?

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- **Egg-cellent Choice Sheet**
- **Egg shape and answer key**
  - Print on cardstock or laminate for durability
- Velcro dots
- Scissors
- Tape

### CARE AT THE HAWAII WILDLIFE CENTER:

Hawai'i Wildlife Center (HWC) provides medical treatment and rehabilitation to sick and injured native birds and bats from throughout the Hawaiian Archipelago. The Hawai'i Wildlife Center Wildlife Hospital serves all Hawaiian Islands.

HWC's main hospital facility is on Hawai'i Island. HWC also has satellite capabilities on O'ahu and Lāna'i along with partnerships throughout the State. The O'ahu Seabird Aid and Manu o Kū soft release programs are partnership projects that operate under HWC's State and Federal rehabilitation permits.

The Hawai'i Wildlife Center serves all Hawaiian Islands. We treat and rehabilitate all native seabirds, shorebirds, waterbirds, birds of prey, forest birds, and the Hawaiian hoary bat. Of the 70+ taxa we care for, 90% are federally threatened, endangered, or of high conservation concern.



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# EGG-CELLENT

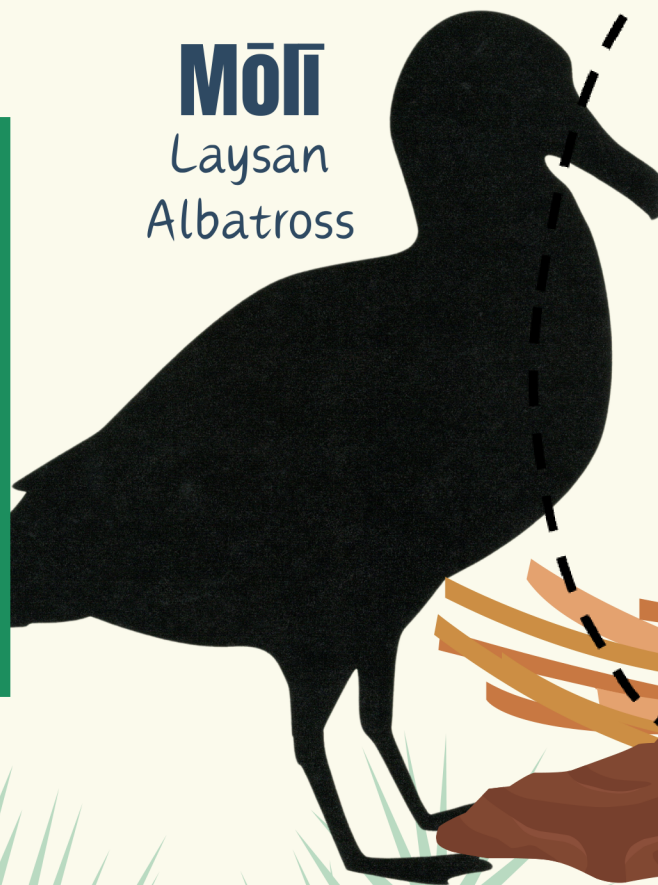
Match the egg to the correct seabird

## CHOICE!

**'Ua'u**  
Hawaiian  
Petrel



**Mōlī**  
Laysan  
Albatross



# Manu o Kū

White Tern



# 'Ā

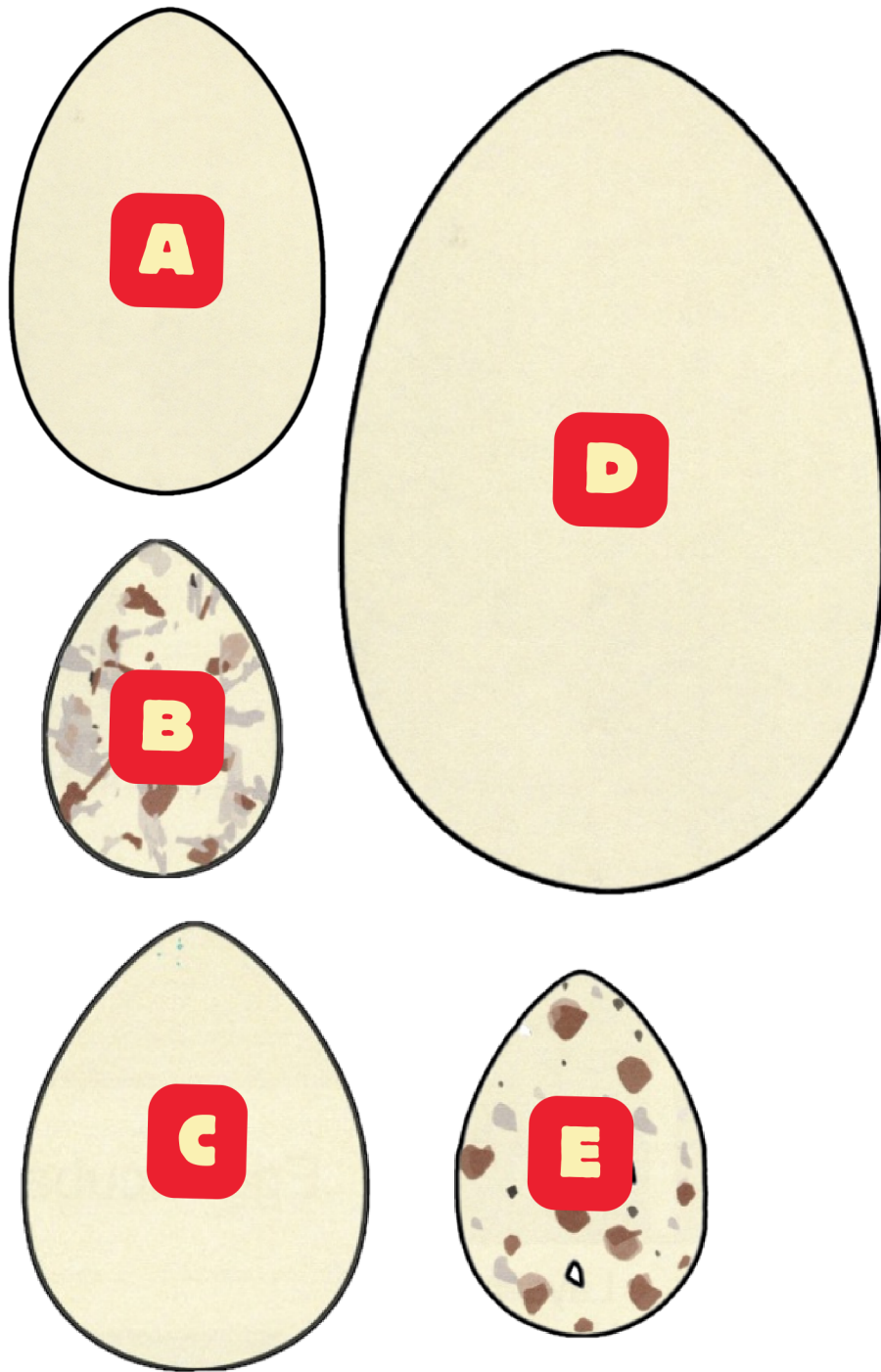
Red-footed  
Booby



# Noio Kōhā

Brown Noddy





## Eggs for Matching

- Cut out each egg
- Laminate or cover with tape

### Answer Key

**A**  
**B**  
**C**  
**D**  
**E**

**‘Ā**  
**Manu o Kū**  
**‘Ūa‘u**  
**Mōlī**  
**Noio kōhā**