



## ***Draw New Zealand Birds: a step-by-step guide - Heather Arnold***

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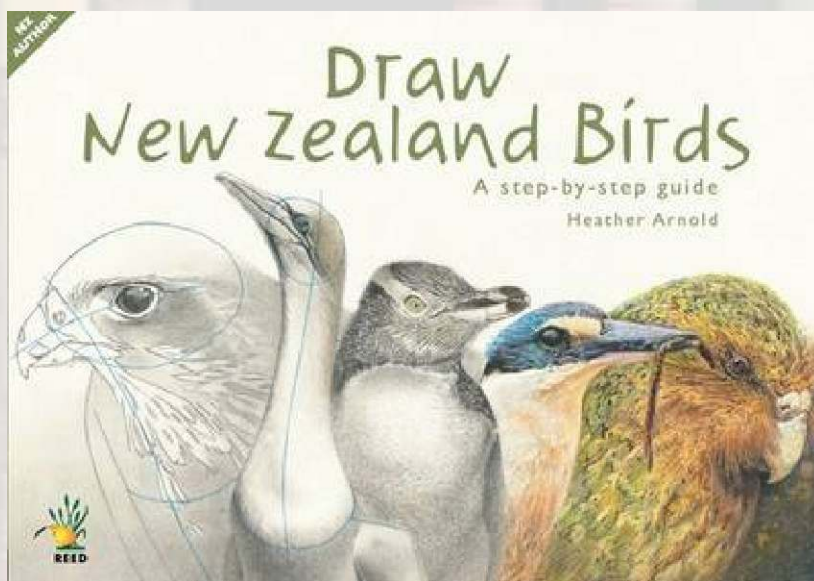
Heather Arnold says, "Part of an artist's journey is learning to see." She advises aspiring artists to be curious about the world around them - to look at shapes and objects, colours and how they merge, and to observe perspective.

The author gives a step-by-step guide to drawing and painting NZ birds. She focuses on nine birds and shows techniques to highlight the birds' unique characteristics. Illustrative examples are drawn from photographs by Geoff Moon and Rod Morris. Birds such as the kingfisher, the tui, the morepork and the kakapo come to life in meticulous detail.

The introductory pages cover materials, drawing skills, and a section on light. There's a wealth of tips on preparation, materials, and techniques. Artistic terminology is clearly explained. The easy-to-follow instructions progress from the initial outlines through to well-finished artwork. It's a concise, useful guide for young artists to help develop their creativity.

First published by Reed in 2007, *Draw New Zealand Birds* won the LIANZA Elsie Locke award for children's non-fiction in 2008 and a Storylines Notable Books Award.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.**



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