

# Draw New Zealand Birds

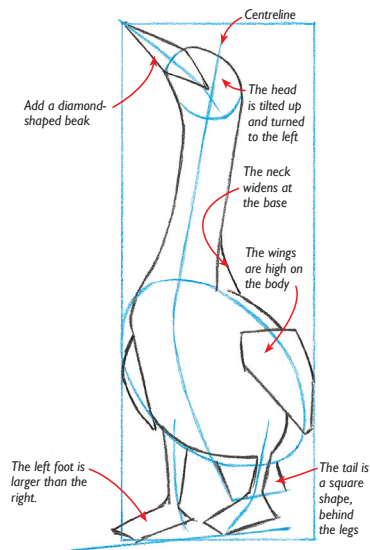
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A step-by-step guide

## Australasian Gannet/Takapu

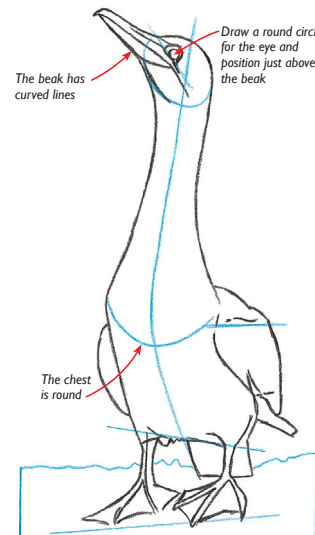


**Step 1** Study the shape of the Gannet and see how it fits within a rectangle.

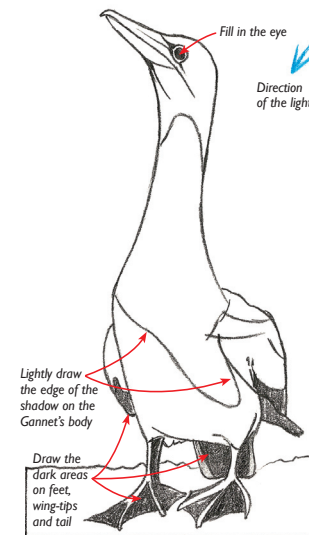


**Step 2** Find the centreline, draw an oval for the head and body. Join with the long neck. Use guidelines to position the wings and feet. The feet are on a slight angle, sloping down to the left.

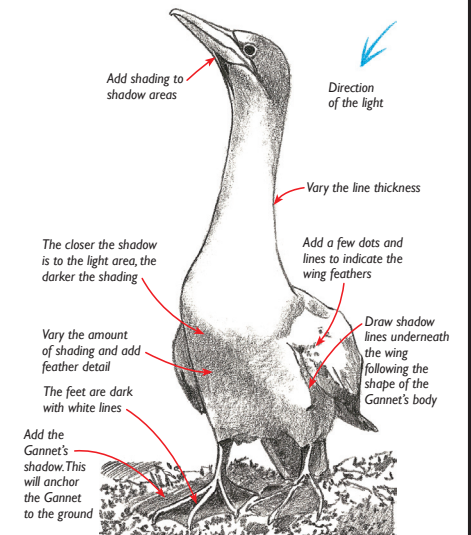
*Draw lightly at first to establish the shapes. Check that the shapes, size, proportions and position are correct. The blue lines are guidelines and can be rubbed out later.*



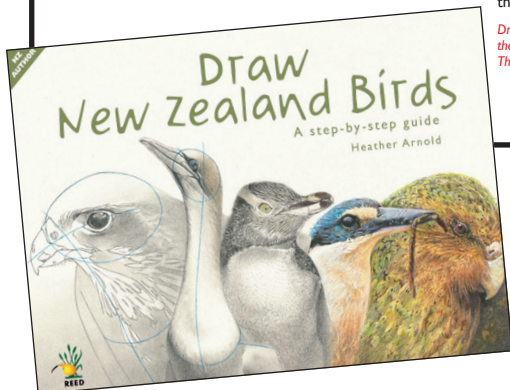
**Step 3** Refine the shape of the Gannet's body, feet and wings. The neck has a gentle curve to join the head to the body.



**Step 4** Lightly draw the feather detail and shadow lines on the Gannet's body. Draw in the dark areas on the feet, wing-tips and tail. Note the direction of the sunlight.



**Step 5** Add shading to the Gannet. Leave the light areas, white. Vary the tone (drawn with the side of the pencil) and detail (point of pencil). Draw the lines in the same direction as the feathers. Finally, add some detail on the ground for rocks and twigs using the side and point of the pencil.



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