Spoon-billed sandpiper

Colouring guide

- Dark brown
- Light brown
- Elastic holes
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- Brown
- Red
- White

Match arrows on flaps

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You will need:

- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- About 50 cm of shirring elastic
- Colouring pens/pencils in red, light brown (or orange) and dark brown.

What to do:

- Use the diagram to colour in the mask.
- Carefully cut out your mask and the beak, along the thick lines marked with scissors. Do not cut along the dotted lines.
- Cut out the two eyes and push out the holes for the elastic, marked on each side of the mask. Ask an adult to help you with these.
- Fold the beak along the dotted lines, as shown in the diagram, matching the arrows on the flaps.
- Use sticky tape to stick the beak flaps together, and another piece to fix onto the cross marked on the mask. Once in place, flatten beak.
- Thread the elastic through the holes in the mask. Ask an adult to fit the mask to your head and tie a knot in each end of the elastic. Stick the elastic in place with sticky tape.

Information for activity leader:

Photocopy this template onto card for the best effect.

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This is one of the rarest wading birds in the world. It breeds in north-east Russia and migrates along the east Asia coast. The most likely time to see it here is in late April and May and in September.

It eats insects and other small creatures which it finds by sweeping its beak from side to side in soft wet mud or shallow water.

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