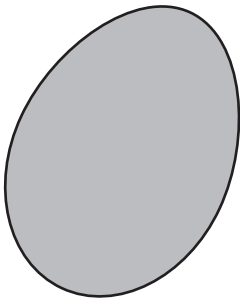


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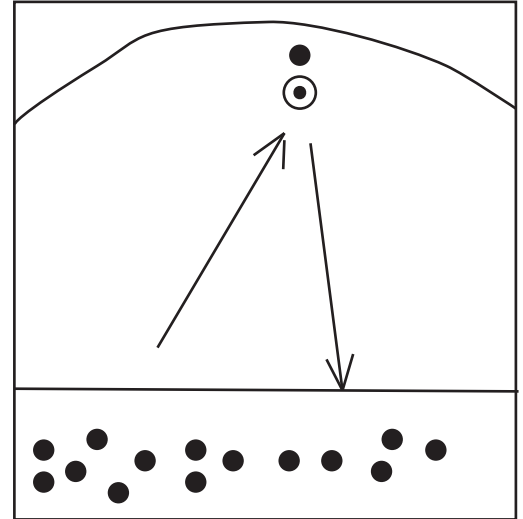


EGG-SNATCH INSTRUCTIONS

In this game, students are possums trying to snatch an egg from the kākā nest to eat!

GAME SET-UP:

- One student is the mother kākā sitting on the nest. Position this student at the top of the grassy hill, facing the kākā cage with a bird's nest sitting on the ground behind her.
- Place the fake egg inside the nest.
- The rest of the class stand at the bottom of the hill in a line as the possums in their home base.



GAME PLAY:

The mother kākā turns her back to the nest to symbolise going out to forage and the possums sneak up towards the nest.

At random intervals, the mother kākā lets out a “ka-KAAA!” call and turns around, to symbolise her coming back to the nest. All the possums must freeze. If she sees any moving she can call out their names and they must return to base.

THE CATCH:

Once a possum manages to steal the egg from the nest they must sneakily get it back home to base. Possums must work together to hide the egg from the mother kākā by passing it between them as they take it back to their base. They must still freeze whenever the mother kākā says “ka-KAAA!” and turns around. Every time she can take ONE guess at who is holding the egg, and if she gets it right they must return it to the nest and go back to base. The same rule applies - if she sees ANYONE moving, she can call their name and they must return to the base.

The possums win when the egg gets back to the possum home base without the mother kākā successfully guessing who is holding it!

The game is easier for the mother kākā if there are fewer possums, and harder for her if there are more possums, just like in real life. We can help kākā and other native birds by keeping predator numbers down.