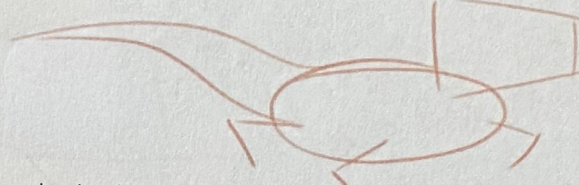


Draw a tuatara

(*Sphenodon* species) with Gavin Mouldey

Here's one of New Zealand's most famous nocturnal natives. Sometimes these ancient reptiles also come out during the day, to get a spot of sun...



- 1 Start by looking at photos of tuatara. With a pencil, lightly draw the basic shapes that make up its body.



- 2 Go back over the shapes, adding details, but keeping them light.



- 3 With a pen, carefully draw over your pencil lines, adding more details, like scales. Add an environment for your tuatara to live in. Lastly, rub out the pencil lines.



Colour
in Gavin's
tuatara

About your illustrator

Gavin Mouldey visited Nga Manu Nature Reserve in Waikanae to meet this tuatara - it posed almost perfectly still for over an hour, occasionally glancing down at his sketchbook. You too can meet beautiful native creatures at Nga Manu. See www.ngamanu.co.nz