Meet Ali the ʻAlae ʻUla!

Learn How You Can Help Hawaiʻi's Firebringer

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ʻAlae ʻUla Cartoon
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Hi! I'm Ali the 'alae 'ula.
You may have seen me before.
I hang out in wetlands and lo'i.
See my red beak and frontal shield?
I got that from the God Maui.
I took fire from Maui when humans first arrived in Hawaii.
Maui branded me this red color as a punishment.
But my shield also protects me from plants!
So friends, I need your help.



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Hi, I'm Ali the ʻAlae ʻUla!

I am a special waterbird that lives only in Hawaiʻi. My English name is the Hawaiian Common Gallinule, and my scientific name is *Gallinula galeata sandvicensis*.

I live in wetlands. You might see me at Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge or at other nature preserves on Oʻahu and Kauaʻi!

According to moʻolelo, the ʻalae ʻula birds knew the secret of fire but they would not share the secret with humans. Maui forced us to give him the secret! He created fire and rubbed the heads of all ʻalae ʻula birds with a burning stick. Ever since then, we have had red frontal shields!

Ali Needs Your Help...





All photos in this activity book are by Hob Osterlund.

There are only 712 ʻalae ʻula in the world! We are endangered, and we need your help!

You can help me and other waterbirds by completing this activity book and sharing what you learn with your family and friends.

Want other ideas? Always walk your dogs on leashes and keep your cats indoors! You can also volunteer to restore wetlands. And help your parents look out for me when driving!

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Learn to Draw an ‘Alae ‘Ula!

What color is the body? What color is the frontal shield? How about the legs?



Step 1: Draw the head.



Step 2: Draw the body.



Step 3: Draw the wing.



Step 4: Draw the tail.



Step 5: Draw a bended leg.



Step 6: Draw another bended leg.



Step 7: Add marking above beak.



Step 8: Your drawing is complete!

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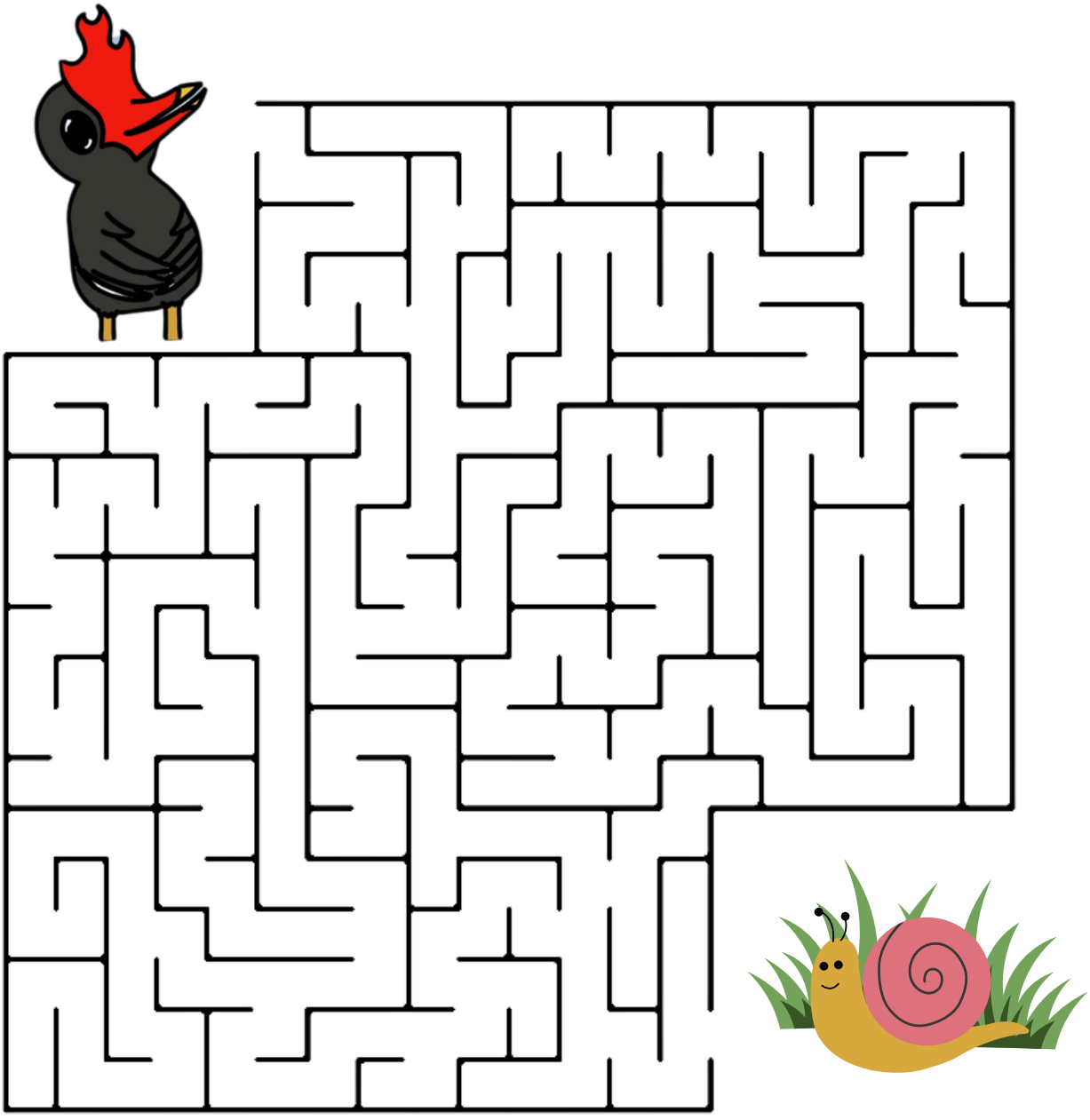
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Draw Your ʻAlae ʻUla Here!

Can you combine your drawing with the moʻolelo about Maui and the firebringer?

Can You Help Ali Find Lunch?

‘Alae ‘ula are opportunistic feeders! They like to eat bugs, algae, grass, plants, and seeds.



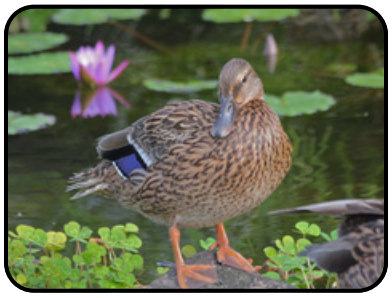
Wonderful Waterbirds!

Other waterbirds are my friends too! Can you correctly match their names and photos?

Hawaiian Common Gallinule	ʻalae keʻokeʻo
Hawaiian Stilt	koloa maoli
Hawaiian Coot	nēnē
Hawaiian Goose	ʻalaeʻula
Hawaiian Duck	aeʻo



My name is:



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My name is:

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Word Search

‘Alae ‘ula like to hide in dense vegetation. You can see them near golf courses, lo‘i kalo, ponds, and rivers. Can you spot the words?

P D I Z K V K K L B R A K B A
A M N L W G O F D E C R U Z L
J L U A B A M L G F B V L A A
G D V A L K B N U W Z O E C E
I A B H S T I G A N Y A A F U
Z O L W H R E T H O T A N E L
O V Q L B V E W J L Z E A I A
A F C E I R N E B A X F E N C
I O R E B N D G K K Q B M R D
S I L I O B U N D I V O V Q L
F Z R M A U I L D O O C K V H
Z D I I A W A H E L V T H H G
G T A T I B A H E C Q A Q M A
M E V U T Z N L D N Q U Z T E
Z O Z V N O O N V J I Q I K X

‘Alae ‘Ula
Gallinule
Firebringer
Habitat
Hawai‘i
Lo‘i Kalo
Kuleana
Maui
Mo‘olelo
Volunteer
Waterbird
Wetland

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS GRANTED TO:

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PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT JOINT VENTURE HEREBY CERTIFIES THIS INDIVIDUAL AS AN OFFICIAL ‘ALAE ‘ULA AMBASSADOR WHO WILL HELP TO CELEBRATE, HONOR, AND PROTECT THIS ENDANGERED WATERBIRD.

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SIGN YOUR NAME HERE DATE OF COMPLETION

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