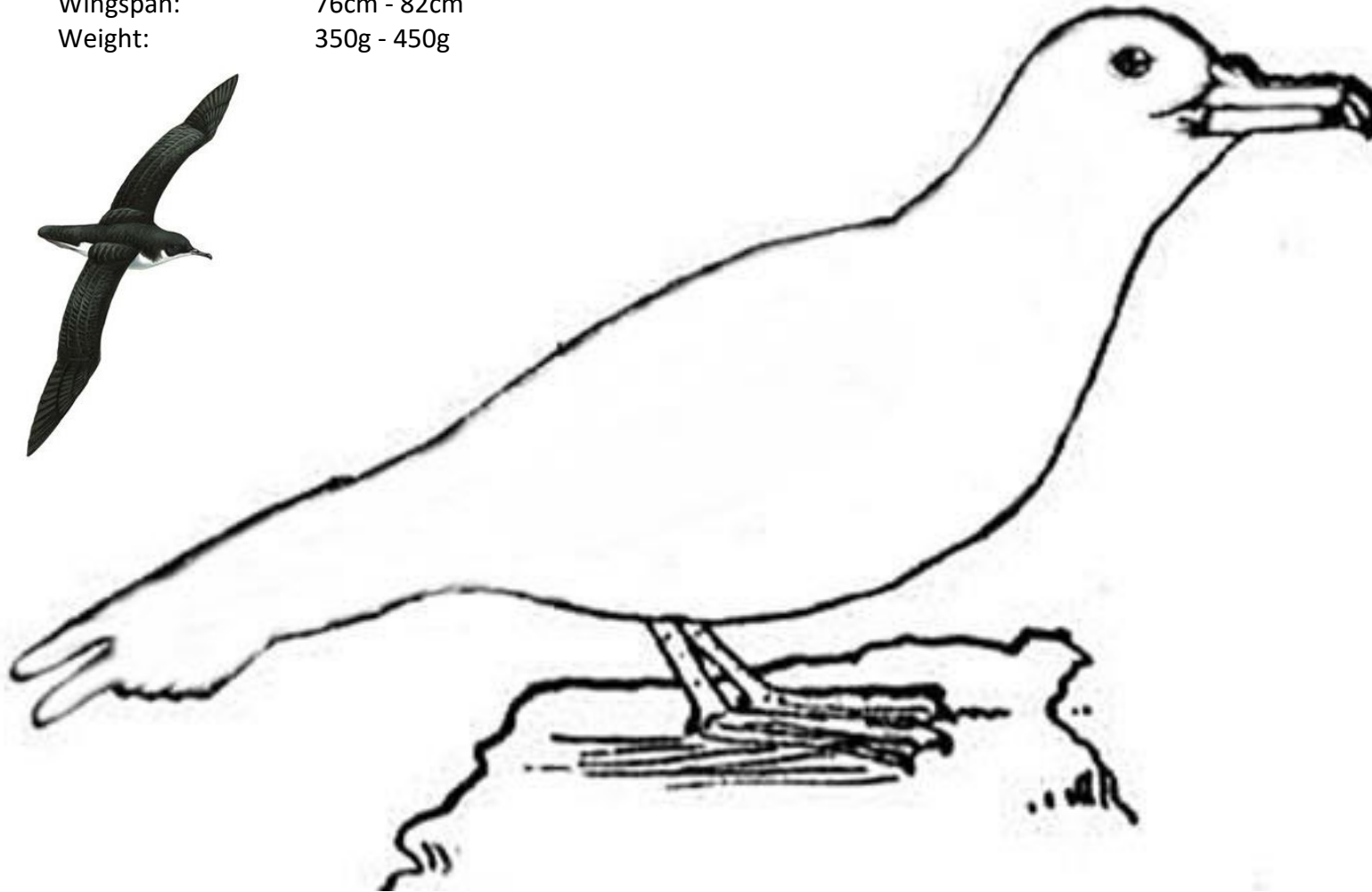


Education Programme

Manx Shearwater

Scientific name:	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>
Manx name:	Scraayl
Length:	30cm - 38cm from tip of beak to tip of tail
Wingspan:	76cm - 82cm
Weight:	350g - 450g



Manx Shearwaters are migratory birds, flying all the way from Argentina in South America. They are seen around the shores of the Isle of Man in spring and summer. They nest on the Calf of Man in burrows. In the early evening they can be seen in large numbers just off the coast, waiting until dark so they can return safely to their burrows. They are a small bird and are easily eaten by Great Black-backed Gulls. Manx Shearwaters eat fish. They like Herrings, Sardines and Sprats. When the nesting season has finished in July and the chicks are fully grown, Manx Shearwaters fly back to Argentina.



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