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Help celebrate 75 years since the rediscovery of the takahē by entering the **colouring competition** overleaf. Can you match the picture with the story below?

1948 - Takahē rediscovered by Dr Orbell and his mates. There was lots to learn about takahē so over the coming years researchers visited the Murchison Mountains to find out as much as they could about these iconic birds. Deer were found to eat tussock grasses, the main takahē food.



1960/70s - 'Elywn's Dream' to hand-raise takahē at Pukaha Mount Bruce had limited success. Helicopters used to control deer. Fertiliser applied to tussocks to improve growth after deer browsing.

1980s - Takahē research improved by using radio-transmitters and tracking aerials to locate birds, along with specially trained takahē detection dogs.

1985 - Burwood Takahē Centre started successfully captive-breeding of takahē using puppets.



Takahē moved to offshore islands in the North Island:
1984 to Maud Island; **1987** to Mana Island;
1989 to Kapiti Island; **1991** to Tiritiri Matangi Island;
1990s – Hand-raised takahē released into Murchison and Stuart Mountains.
2006 – First breeding pair arrived to Maungatautari.

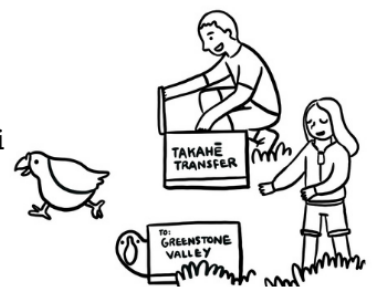


2000s - Recognised that parent-reared takahē (not human-raised) are better breeders in the wild. **2010** - Takahē populations on island sanctuaries expanded allowing more takahē to raise own chicks. **2011** - Last hand-raising at Burwood Takahē Centre; started takahē 'farming' with mum & dad takahē raising own chicks.

RETURNING TAKAHĒ TO THE WILD

2018 - Takahē returned to the mainland on Heaphy Track, Kahurangi National Park. Once again New Zealanders can see takahē in the wild!

2023 - Takahē population reaches 500 birds. Takahē returned to the wild in the Greenstone Valley, Whakatipu Basin near Queenstown.



Colouring Competition entries due:

Sunday 28th April 2024, 5pm.

Drop off entries to our Visitor Centre @99 Tari Road,

Pukeatua

Or email a copy to

info@sanctuarymountain.co.nz

BE IN TO WIN 1 OF 3 AWESOME PRIZE PACKS!

Creative Colourer Details:

NAME: _____

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