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Scribblers

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About the Scribblers course

The Scribbler course covers the fundamentals of art and principles of design to build a strong foundation in drawing, so members develop the confidence to explore their personal drawing style and find their own visual voice. The course aims to build a supportive, social environment which is uniquely enhanced by online sharing technologies like WhatsApp. It also fosters a curiosity about their local area with occasional open-air sessions. The Scribblers course is for members who share an enthusiasm for drawing, regardless of their skill level.

The six-week program

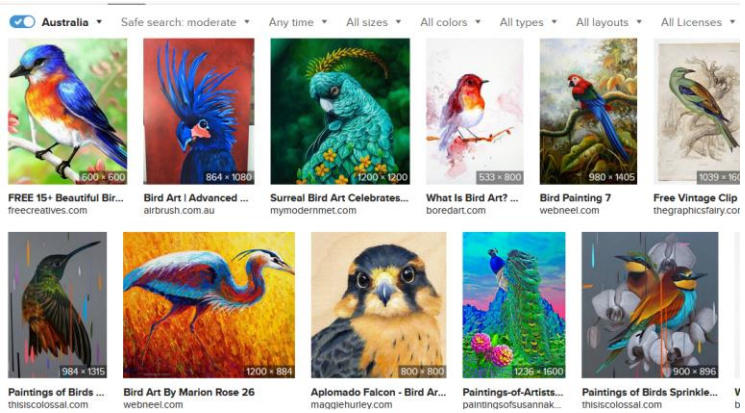
Session 1.	Bird art	local birds and contour drawing
Session 2:	Bird art	shape techniques
Session 3:	Buildings	perspective and measuring techniques
Session 4:	Building	features
Session 5:	Selfie art	contour drawing and look-hold-draw process
Session 6:	Selfie art	styles and grid drawing technique

Birds: Session 1 of 2

Bird art, local birds and blind contouring

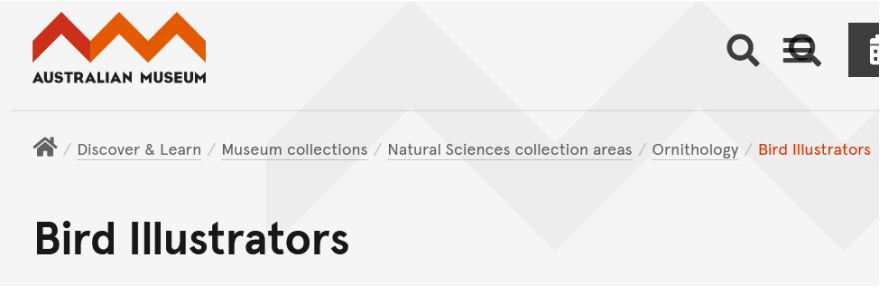
1. Study the work of bird artists.
2. Learn about the birds in the local area.
3. Introduction to contour techniques.
4. Start sharing via WhatsApp.

Bird Artists / bird art.

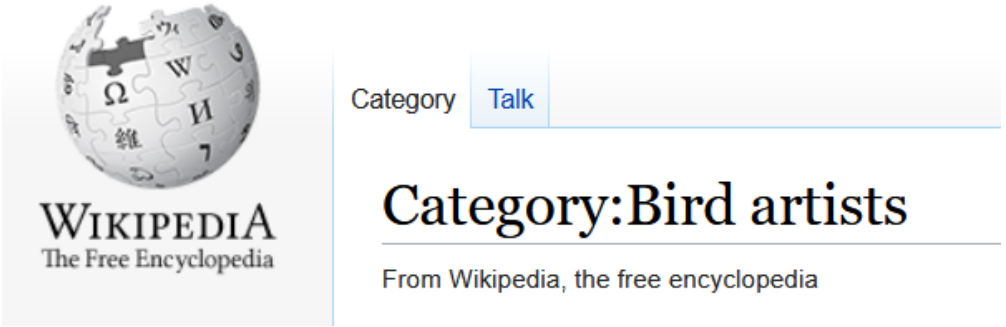


https://tinyurl.com/ckv8p5px

http://birdingart.com/pages/artists.html



https://australian.museum/learn/collections/natural-science/ornithology/ornithology-collection-bird-illustrators/



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bird_artists

Bird Artists / bird art.

https://www.deviantart.com/psdeluxe
PSDELUXE

Artist: Karl Martens
https://tinyurl.com/3sjbf9ve

Bird Artists / bird art.

“Broken” Oil on canvas, 50 x 90 cm Greg Postle Q’land
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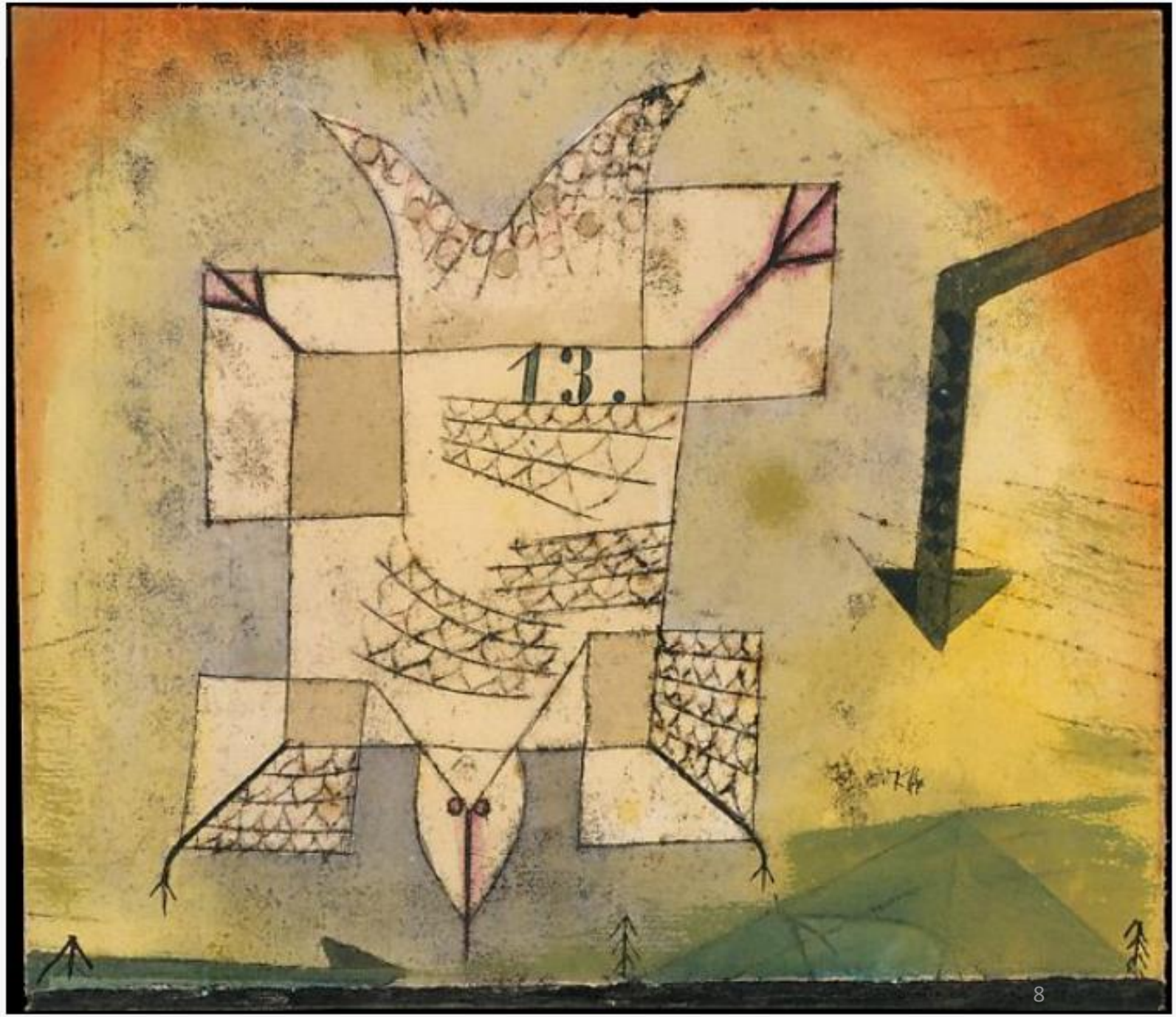
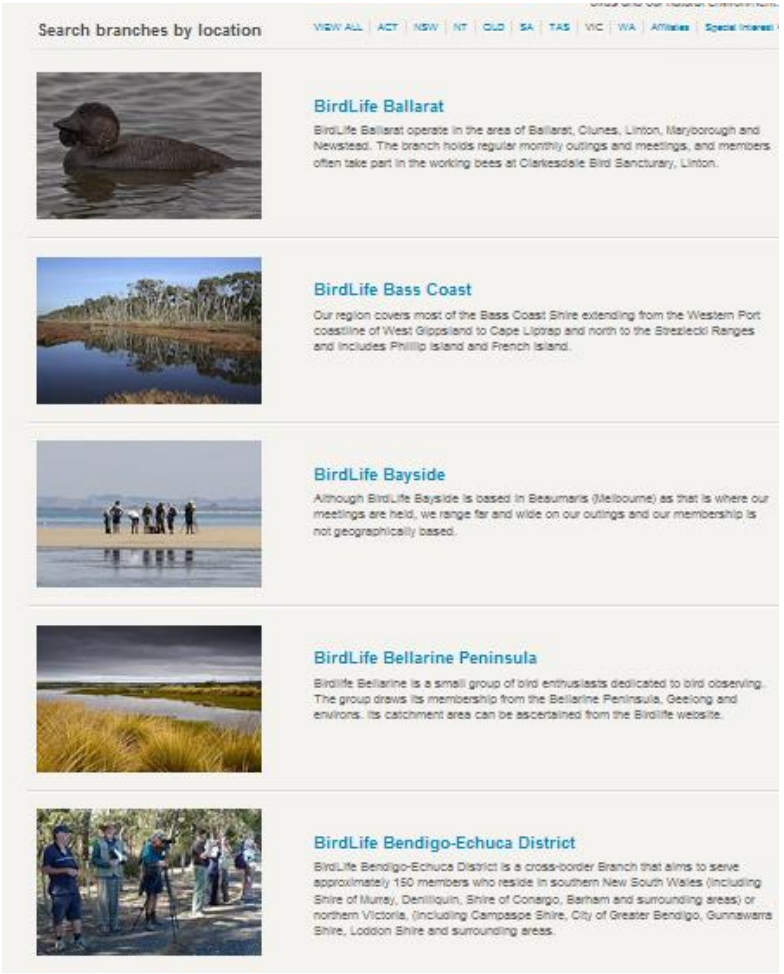


Falling Bird 1919
Paul Klee German, born Switzerland

Birds in your location

https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_birds_of_Victoria,_Australia



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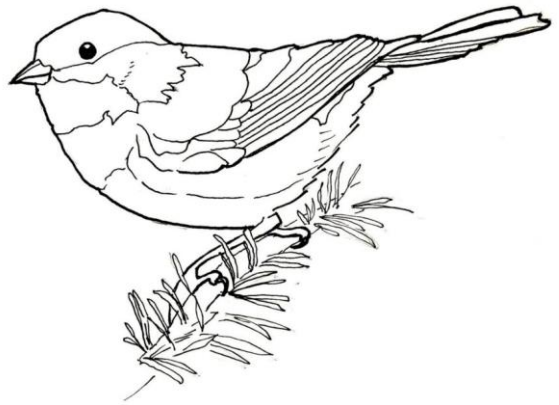
Contour Drawing (Outline Drawing)

Contour drawing is where the artist sketches a subject by drawing outlines.

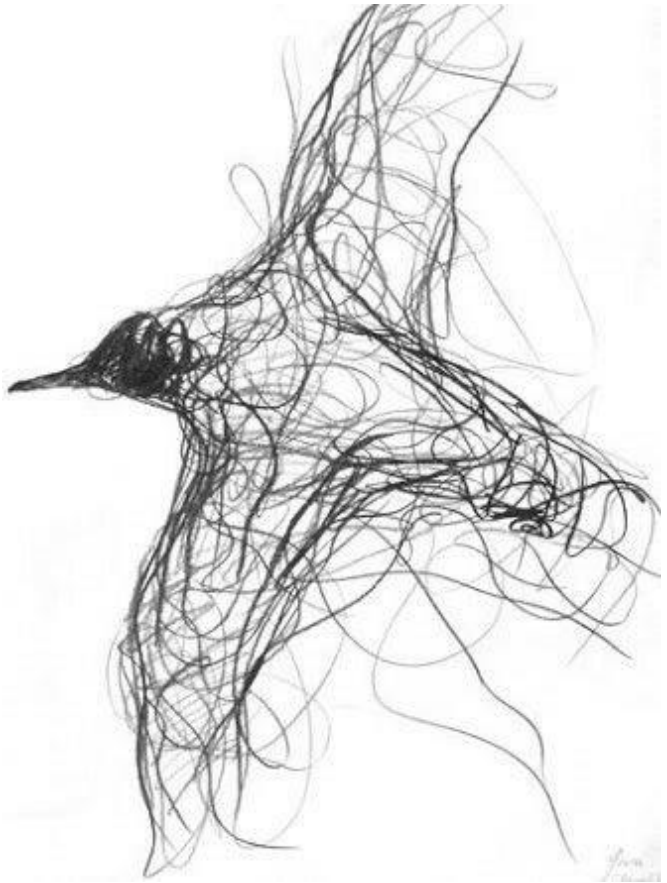


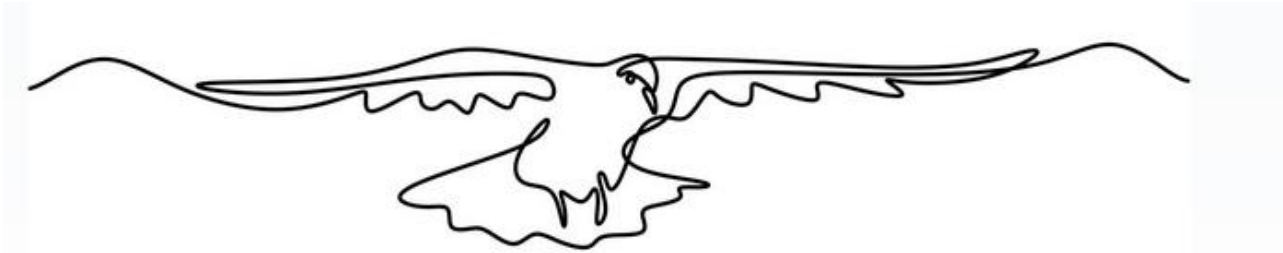
STRAVINSKY by Picasso

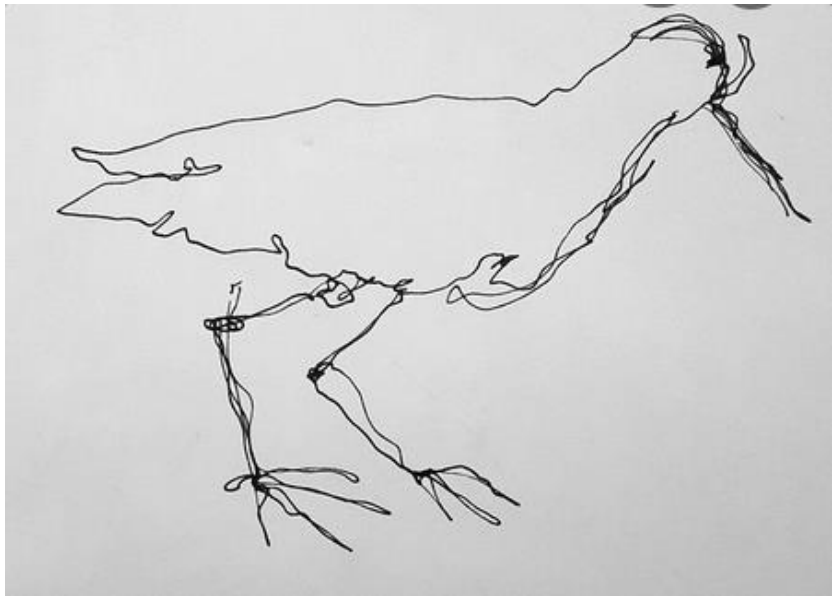
There are many variations of contour drawing.

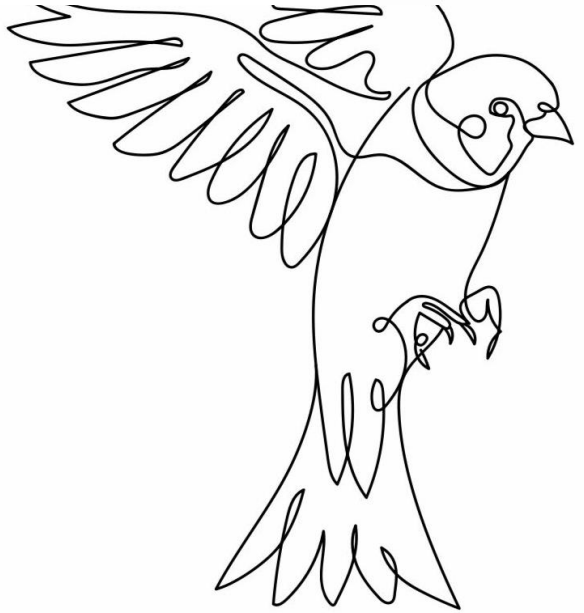
(See https://blog.prepscholar.com/contour-line-art for some variations)

Contour line drawing is **continuous line** drawing.
Look at both subject and the paper when drawing. (Not blind)
Draw with one continuous line. Don't take pencil off the paper.







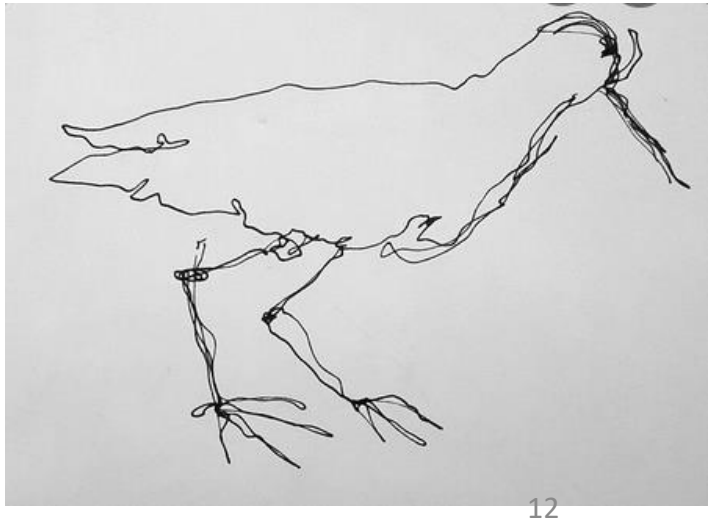


Melanie Goodes

Rachel Kettelkamp

“Blind Contour” drawing

- Look at the object you are drawing, not at where you are drawing.
- Aim is not accuracy, but to record angles and curves in a spontaneous way.
- Not an outline drawing. Move in and out of the subject.
- Follow contours, and never lift your pencil.
- Take 2-3 minutes for each drawing.



https://tinyurl.com/rzuf87w Scribblah

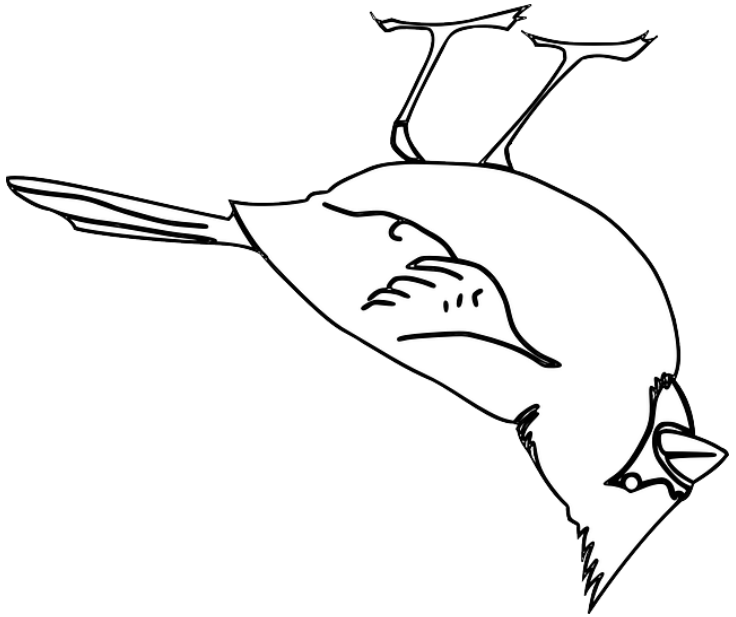
Practice: Blind Contour Drawing

1. You must not lift your pencil until you've finished your drawing.
2. Do not look at your paper at any point until your drawing is complete.
3. Focus attention on where you want to start.
4. Start drawing, follow the edges of your subject with your eyes and let your pencil follow. Focus on lines & shapes.
5. Keep going until the timer goes off (3-5 minutes)

https://tinyurl.com/m6h898nu Troy Soputro "Fairy Wren in Winter"

Practice: Contour lines in art

1. Draw an object that's upside down or
2. Draw the outline of an object with one continuous line (see Picasso)



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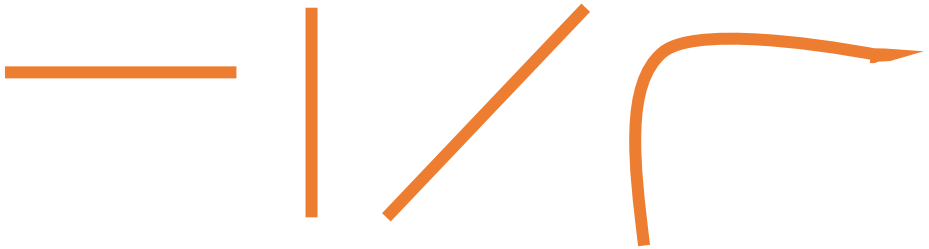
Practice: contour drawing

3 mins

Notice as you draw:

- Lines
  - horizontal
  - vertical
  - oblique (or slant)
- “C” curves



https://tinyurl.com/2jejbfxc

Christian & Irene Bautz “Re-capped Robin”

Practice: contour drawing

3-5 mins

Choose either:

- Blind contour
- Continuous line
  (look & draw)
- Contour drawing
  (no restrictions)

https://tinyurl.com/4nb99usd

John Morton “Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

Practice: contour drawing

3 mins

Notice as you draw:

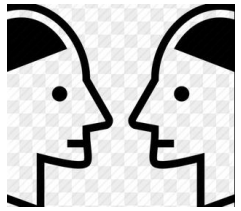
- Lines
  - horizontal
  - vertical
  - oblique (or slant)
- “C” curves

https://tinyurl.com/avacbrdm
Bulbulal “Magpie”

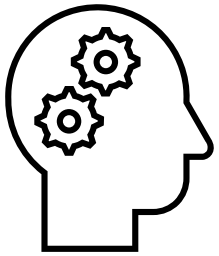
WhatsApp local birds

- Download WhatsApp to your phone.
- Join your local Scribblers group.
- Post “Hello” when you have joined the group.

Homework



- Draw a bird/s and post on WhatsApp
- Post photos of local birds you have taken or found
- Comment and encourage others



3, 2, 1 Reflection
About my art practice this week

3 things I learned

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2 things I noticed about my art

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1 suggestion for my tutor

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