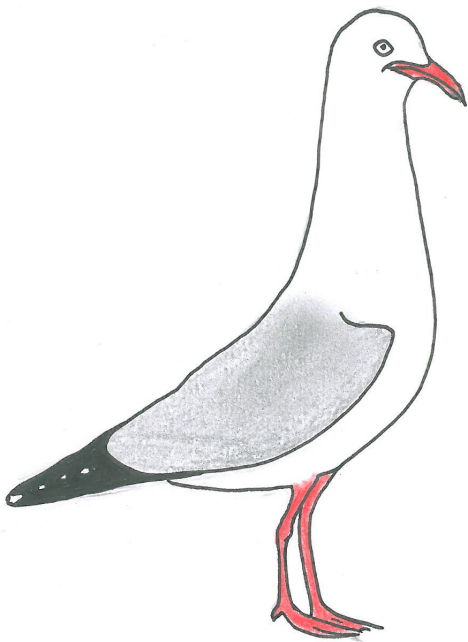
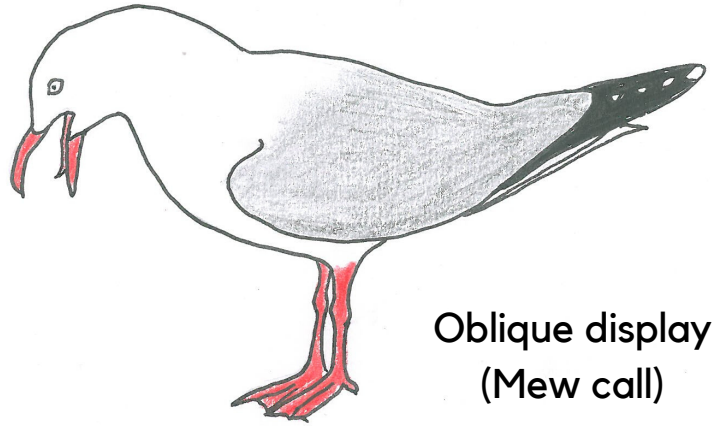


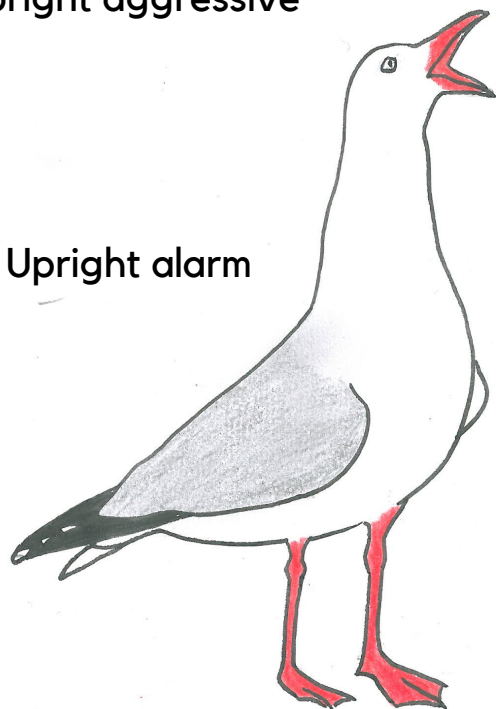
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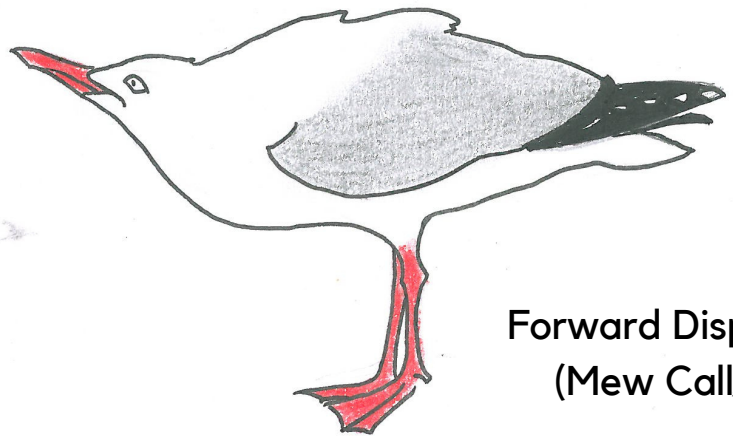
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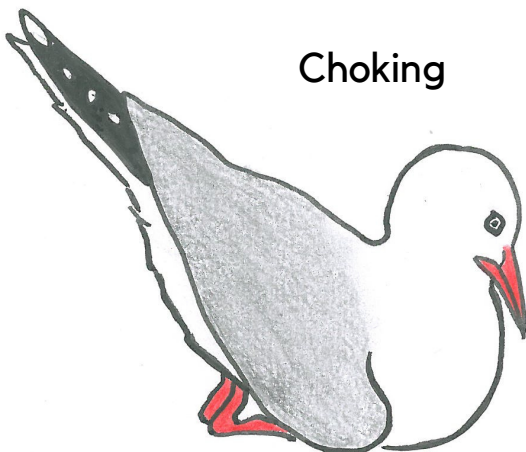
Oblique display  
(Mew call)



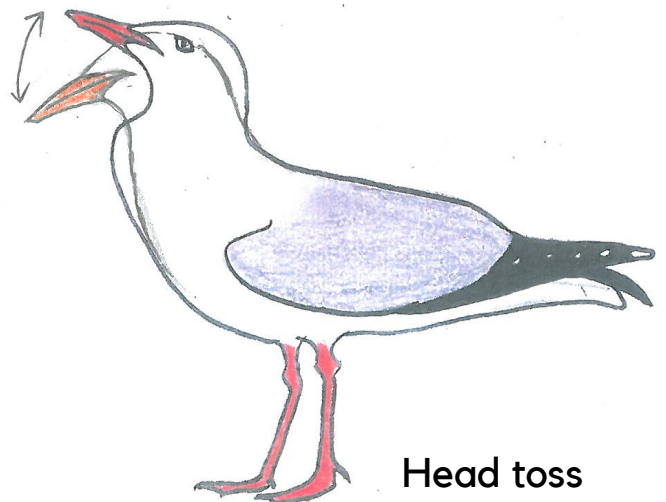
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Forward Display  
(Mew Call)



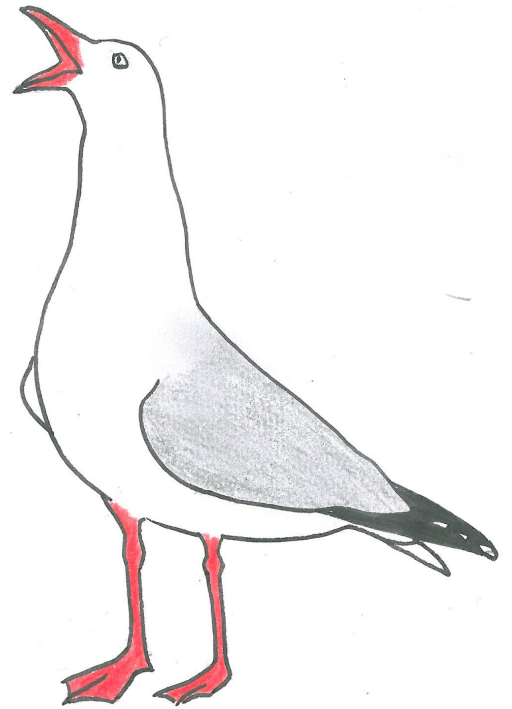
Choking



Head toss

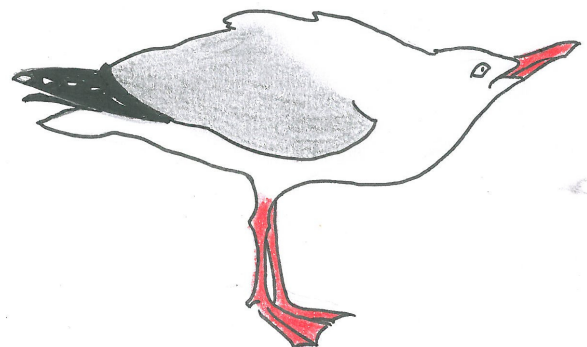
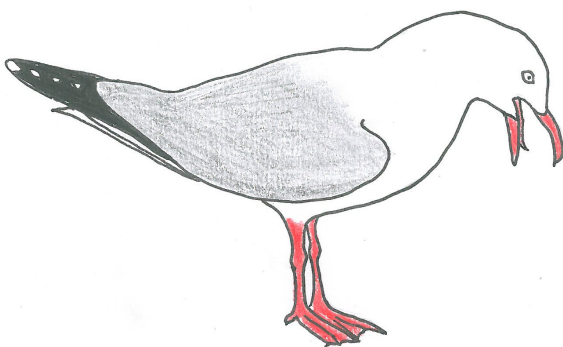
## Upright alarm

The gull stands upright, eyes stare and head up. The calls are short (Ah-Ah-Ah) and usually last for a while if threat is still present. The calls usually encourage other gulls around it to do so as a warning signal.



## Mew call

The gull growls towards the ground (oblique display) and then arches its back (forward display). The wings are held slightly away from the body.



This behaviour is observed during two situations:

### Non-aggressive:

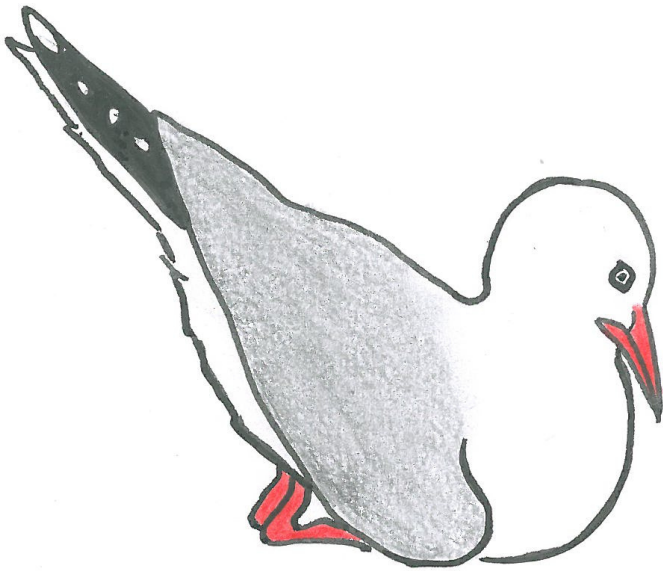
To attract a partner. To call chicks that have wandered too far from the nest.  
To gather chicks for feeding. Or as a call to do upon landing.

### Aggressive:

To defend food or territory, from other gulls. To attract a mate for support in territory defense.

# Choking

The gull squats and bends forward with the bill pointed down while the head makes rapid downward movements without touching the ground.



This behaviour could mean:

1. As a pair-bonding ritual.
2. In the colony to indicate a possible nesting site to the partner.
3. As hostile behavior towards other pairs within or near the nest or colony (boundary disputes).

# Upright aggressive

The gull looks nervous; neck stretched vertically or slightly backwards, head slightly up. Sometimes bill lifted (usually away from opponent), eyes stare and plumage flattened; the gull appears silent, often frozen on spot.

