

Cali Mask Activity



Create your own Cali (California Ridgway's Rail) mask!



Who is Cali?

Cali is a California Ridgway's Rail - a special bird that lives only in the marsh habitats surrounding the San Francisco Bay! This species of bird is endangered.

What does it mean to be endangered? Why is Cali endangered?

An endangered species is an animal or plant species whose population has decreased and is now at risk for extinction. The California Ridgway's Rail population is endangered due to habitat loss. Over the past 150-200 years, marshes surrounding the Bay have been changed due to human development.

What is being done to protect Cali?

The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuges, along with other land protection agencies across the Bay, are protecting and restoring the habitat that Cali needs to survive!

How can you help us protect Cali?

First, educate your friends and family! Not many people know about California Ridgway's Rails because they are very secretive and shy birds that we don't see all of the time. Let them know who Cali is, and why her species is important. You can also help Cali by throwing away your trash, this helps prevent pollution from entering our watersheds, marshes, and the Bay!

Create your own Cali mask!

Step 1: Color in the mask! You can use the same colors that Cali has (mostly brown and orange!) or you can use any colors you want!

Step 2: Carefully cut out your mask, following along the lines.

Step 3: Use a hole-puncher over the small circles on both sides of your mask.

Step 4: Tie a string, ribbon, or yarn to your mask so that it fits around your head!

Step 5: Show off your mask & share what you know about Cali with your friends and family!

Optional: Glue craft feathers to the back of your mask so that they fan out around the edges!



