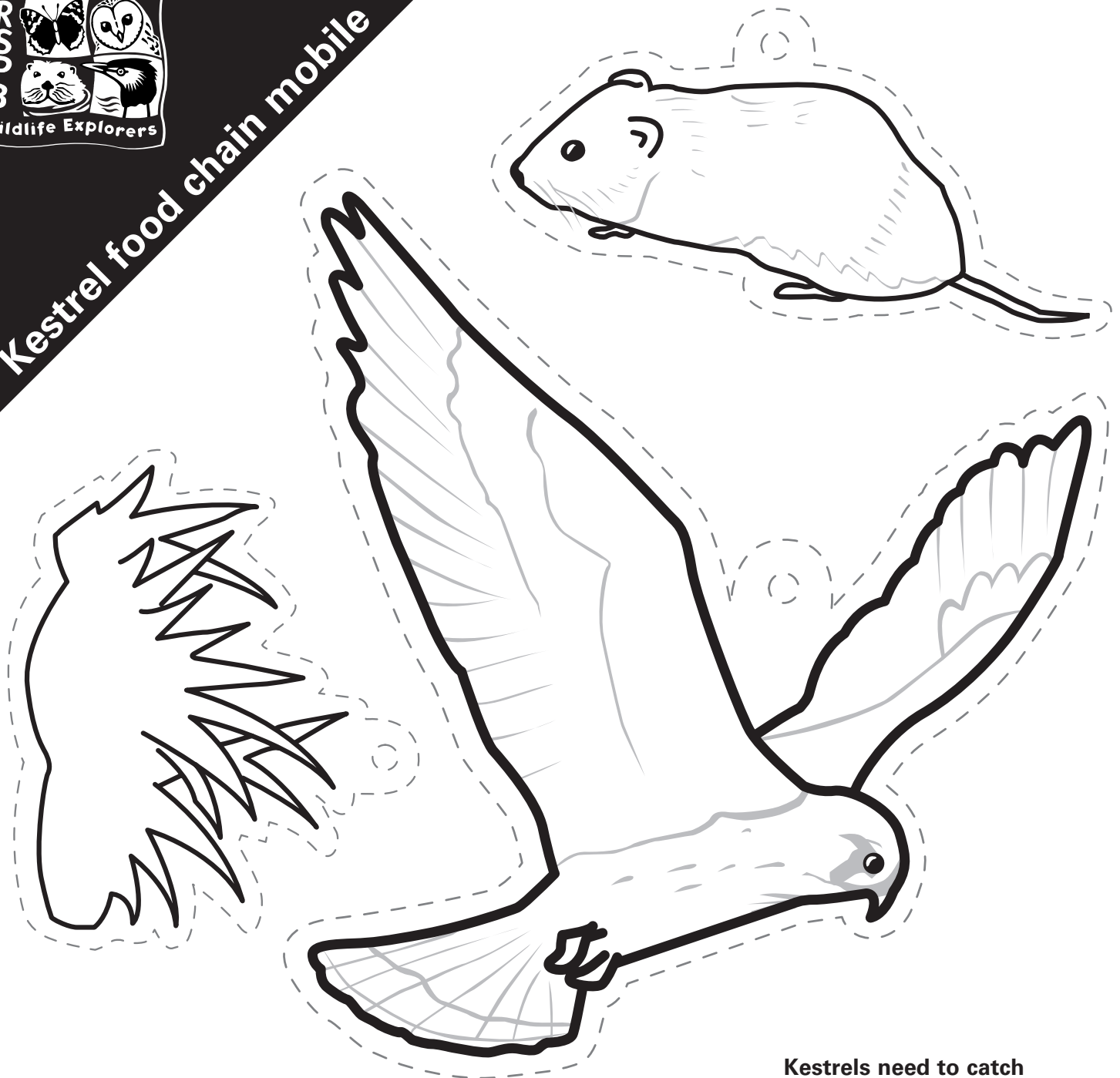




Kestrel food chain mobile



Information for activity leader:

- Photocopy this template onto card for the best effect.

You will need:

- Colouring pencils or pens
- Scissors
- String

What to do:

- Colour the grass green and the vole brown.
- Colour the wings of the kestrel reddish-brown and the head and tail grey. The tips of the wings and tail are black.
- Carefully cut out each of the three pieces along the dotted lines.
- Cut one long piece of string. Thread one end through the hole in the grass, so that you have a short piece of string on one

side, and the long piece on the other. Tie a knot to attach the grass to the string.

- Add the vole and then the kestrel further along the piece of string in the same way.

Now you have made a food chain mobile!
Voles eat grass, and kestrels eat voles.

Kestrels need to catch 4-8 small mammals a day depending on the time of year. In the breeding season during the spring, parents will be going out hunting more to catch food for their young. This means they need more energy for themselves as hunting is hard work!

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