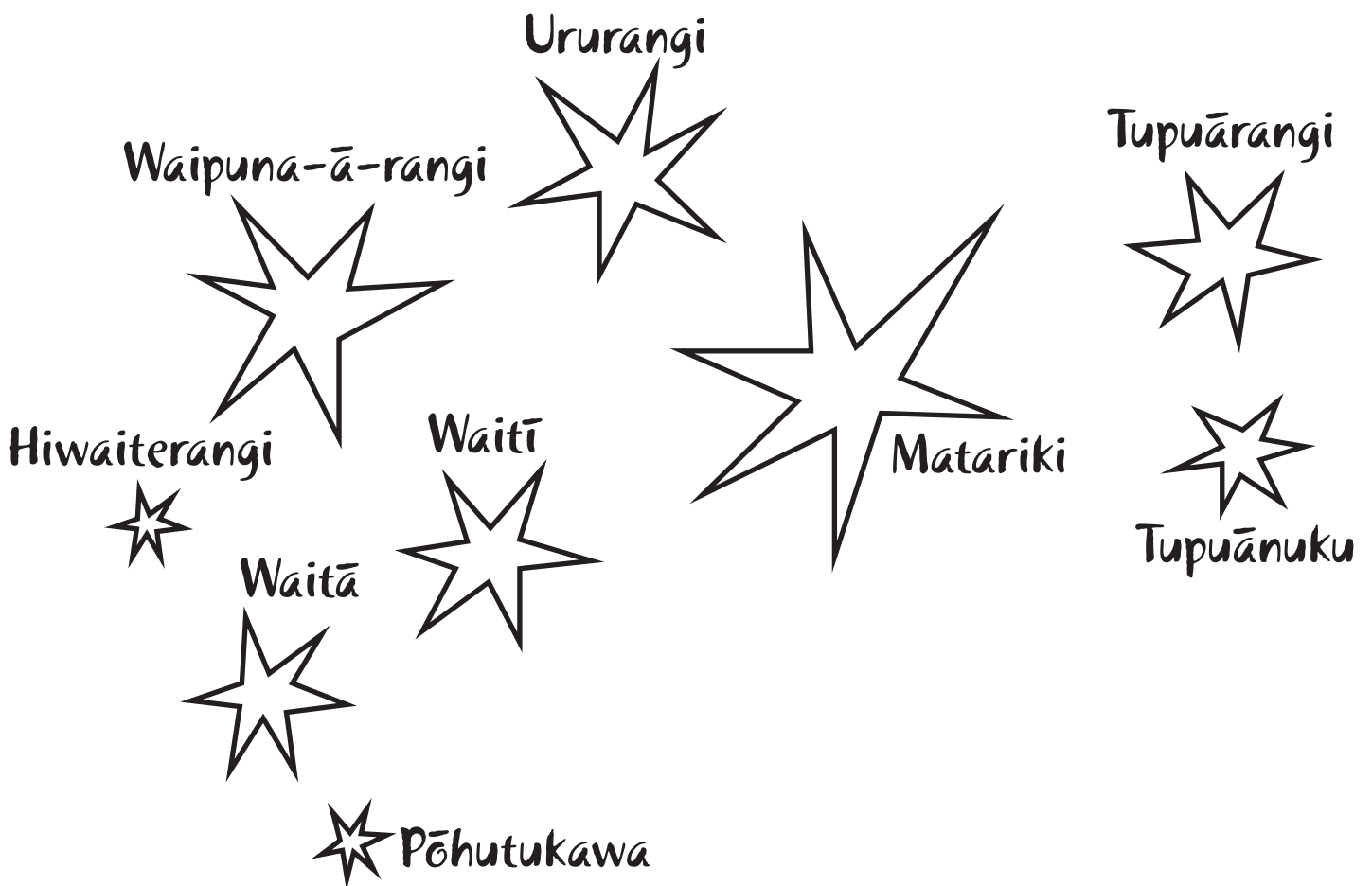# The 9 stars of Matariki
as above translated

The star cluster known as Matariki appears just before sunrise around June. This grouping of stars was observed by many cultures around the world and has many names. It signifies the beginning of the new year for Māori. The 9 stars are viewed individually to give insight into the year ahead. Each star has a name and a meaning.
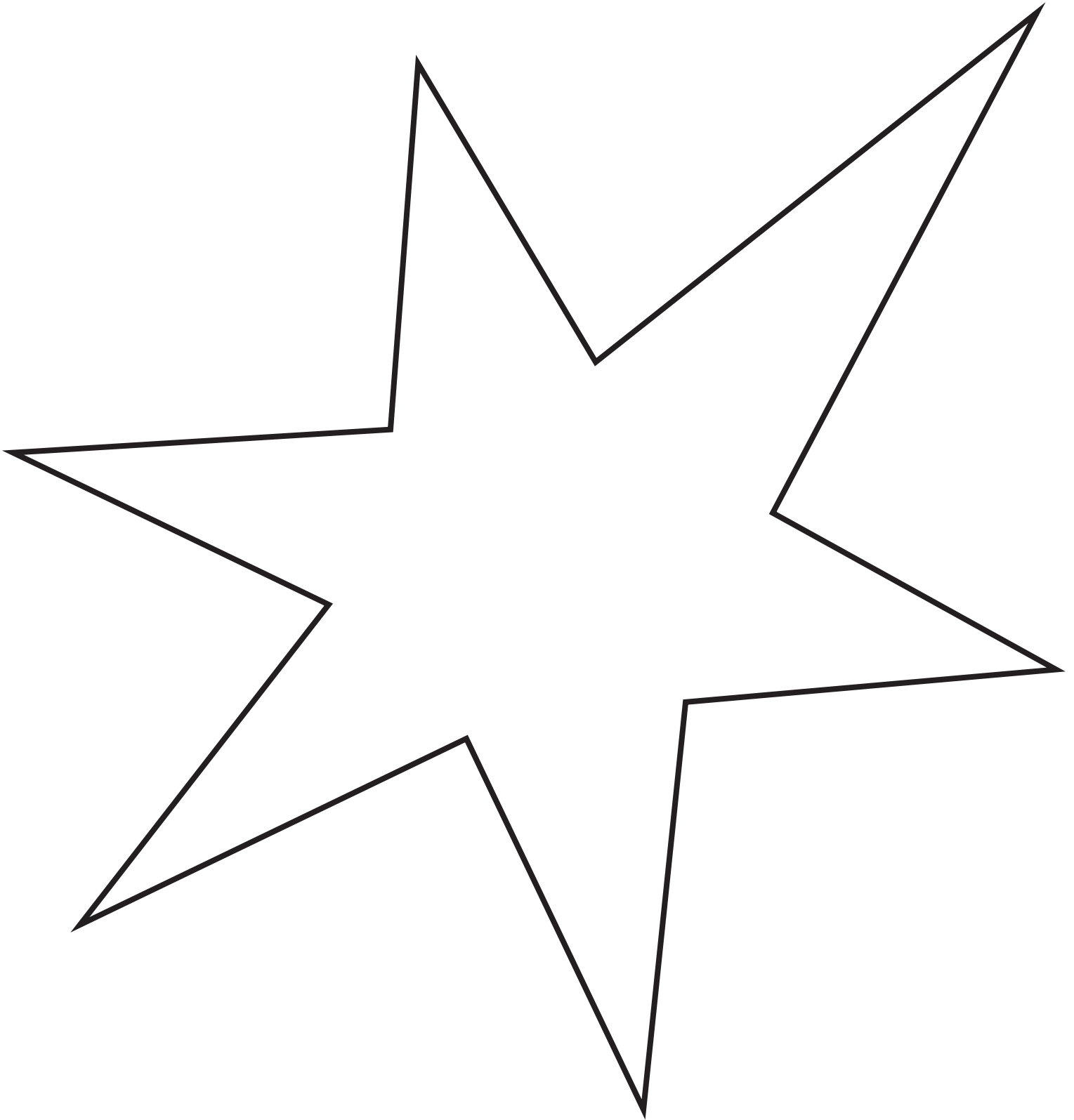
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Waitā

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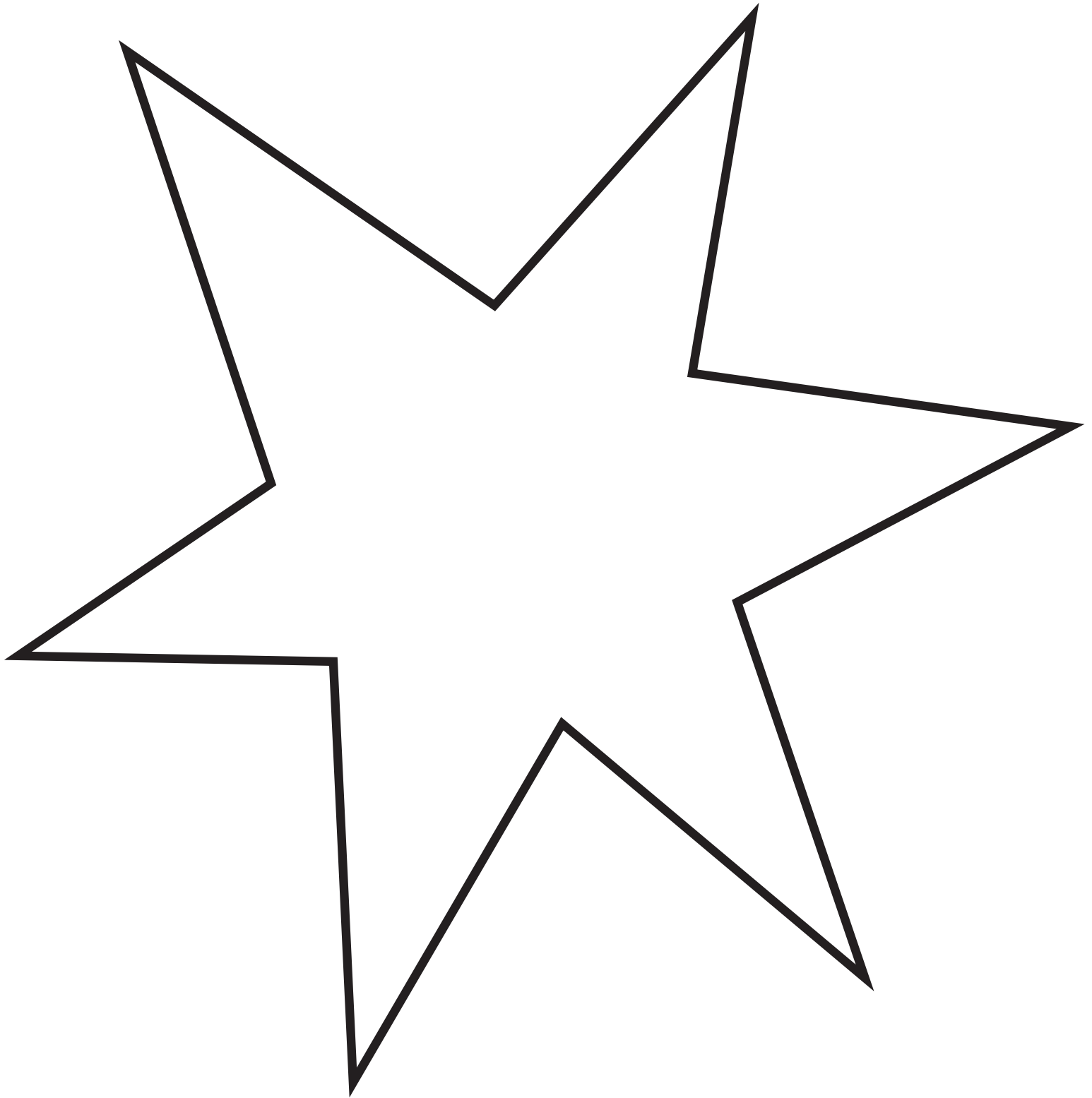**ROW, ROW, ROW**
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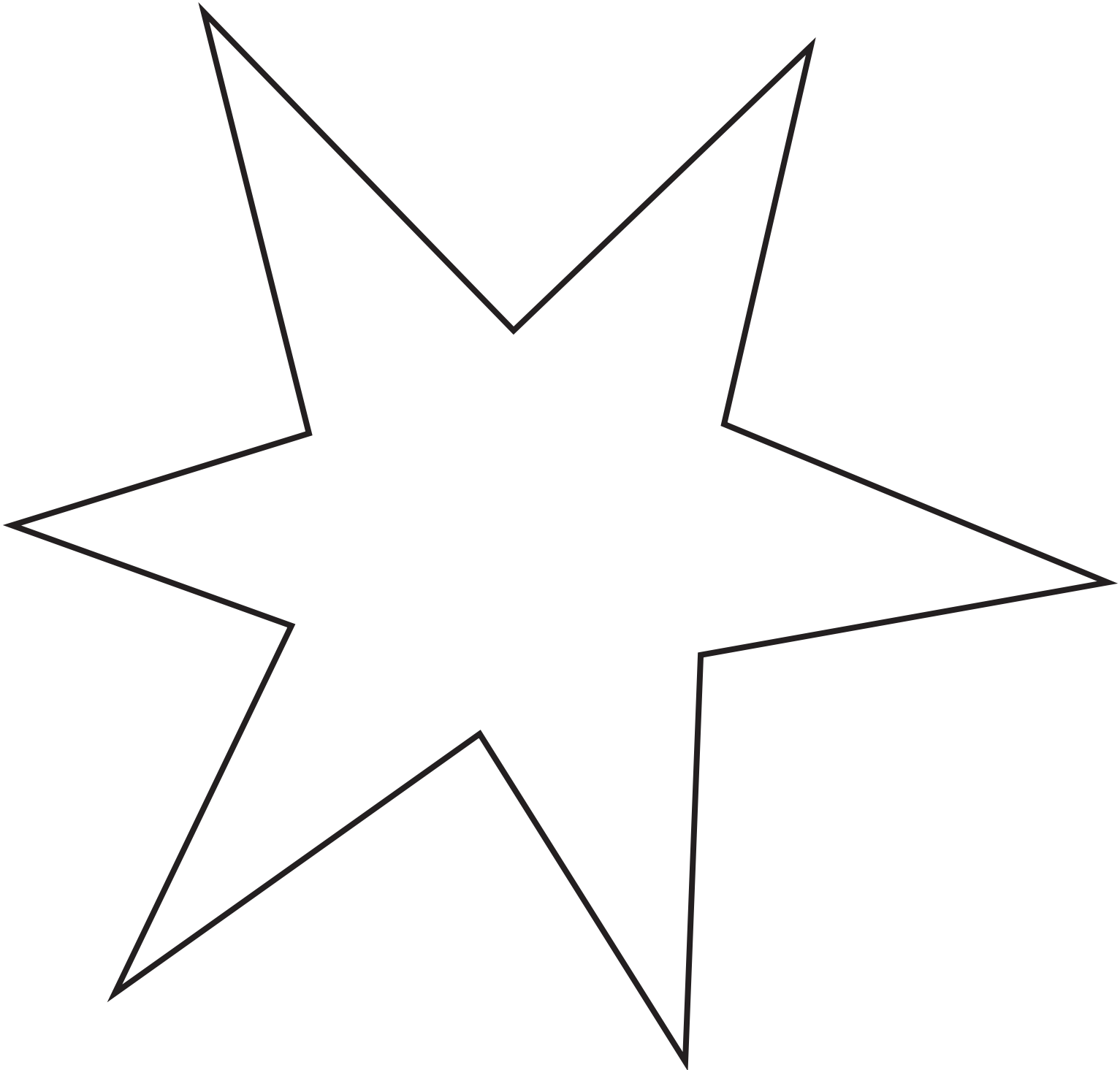Hoe, hoe, hoea te waka

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Matariki

Matariki is the star that means reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people. Draw pictures inside this star which reflect this meaning.
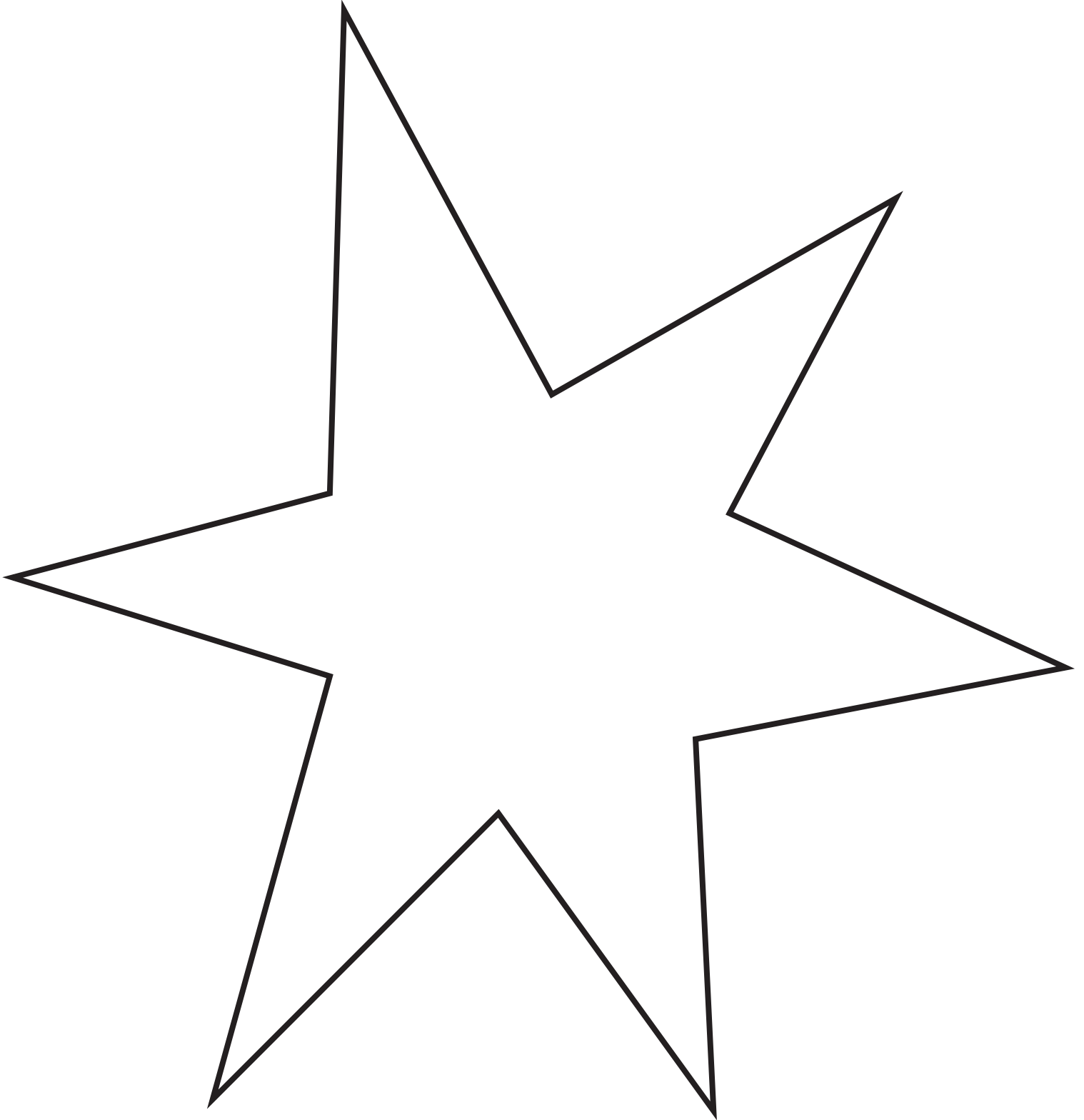
Pōhutukawa

Pōhutukawa is the star that represents our loved ones passed on.
Draw pictures inside the star images that are special reminders
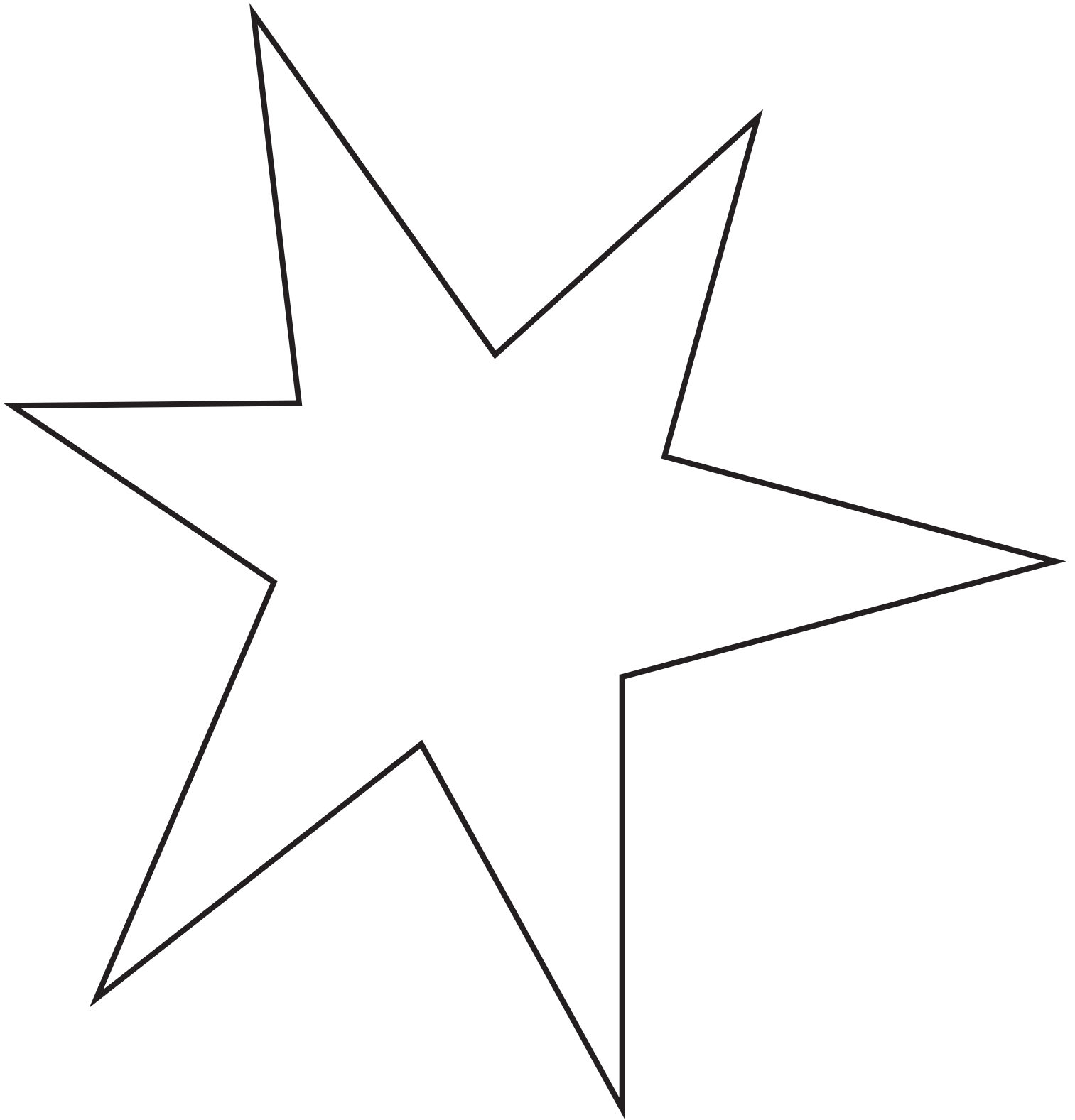of your loved ones who have passed on.

Waitī

Waitī is the star that represents all fresh water (Lakes, Rivers) and food sources that come from them. Draw pictures inside this star which reflect this meaning.
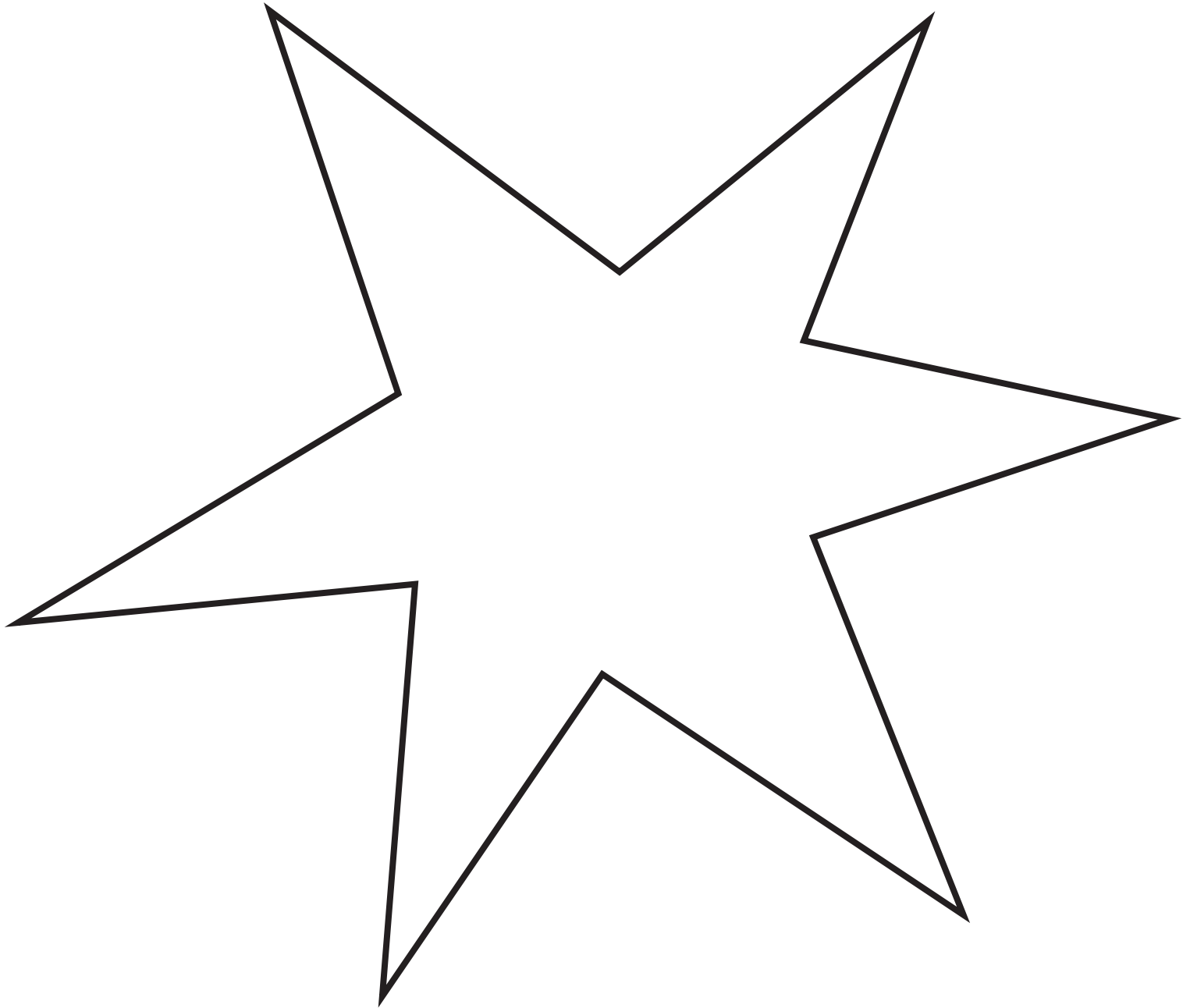
Waitā

Waitā is the star that represents the ocean, and food sources within it.
Draw pictures inside this star which reflect this meaning.
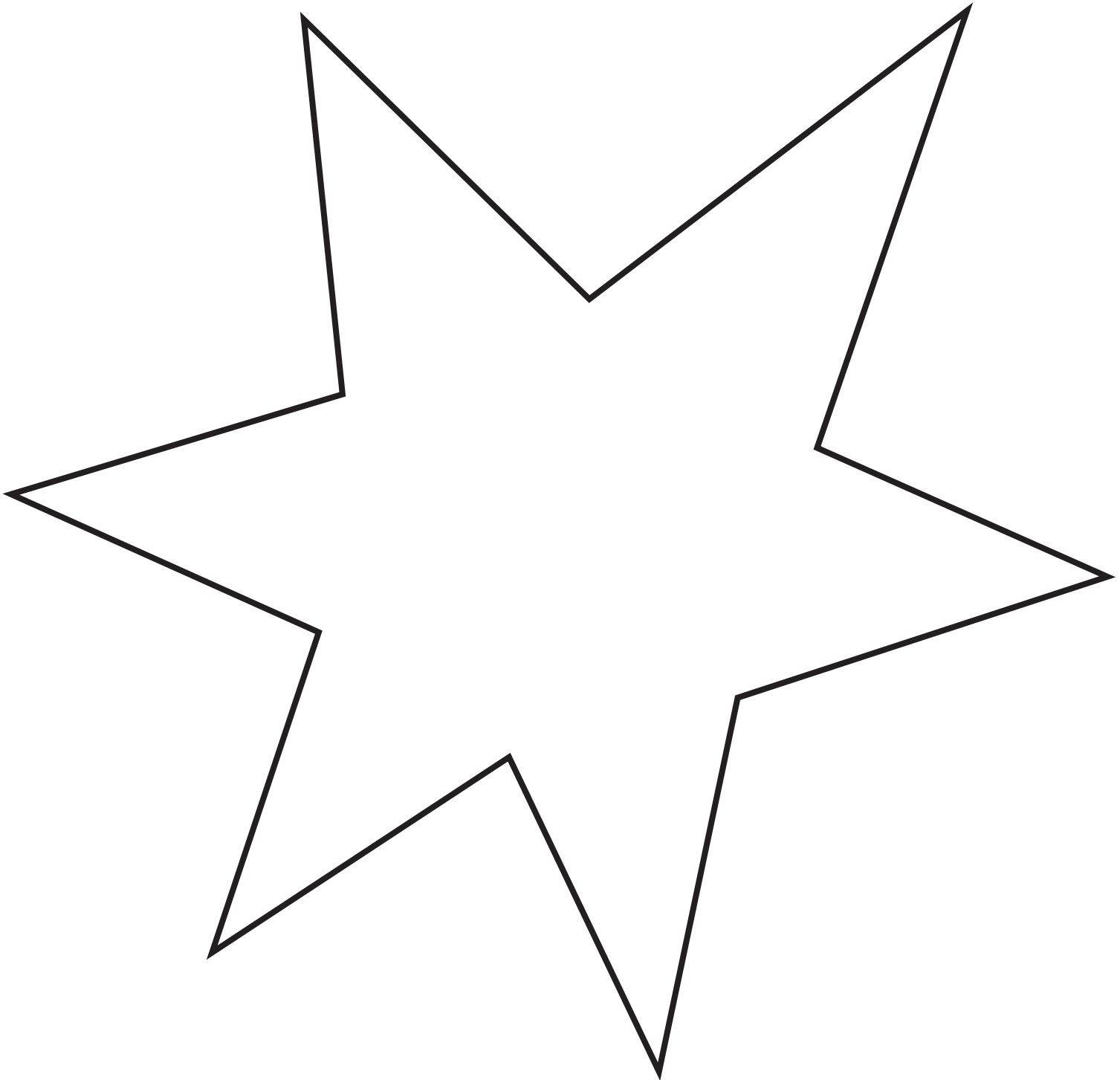
Waipuna-ā-rangi

Waipuna-ā-rangi is the star that represents rain.
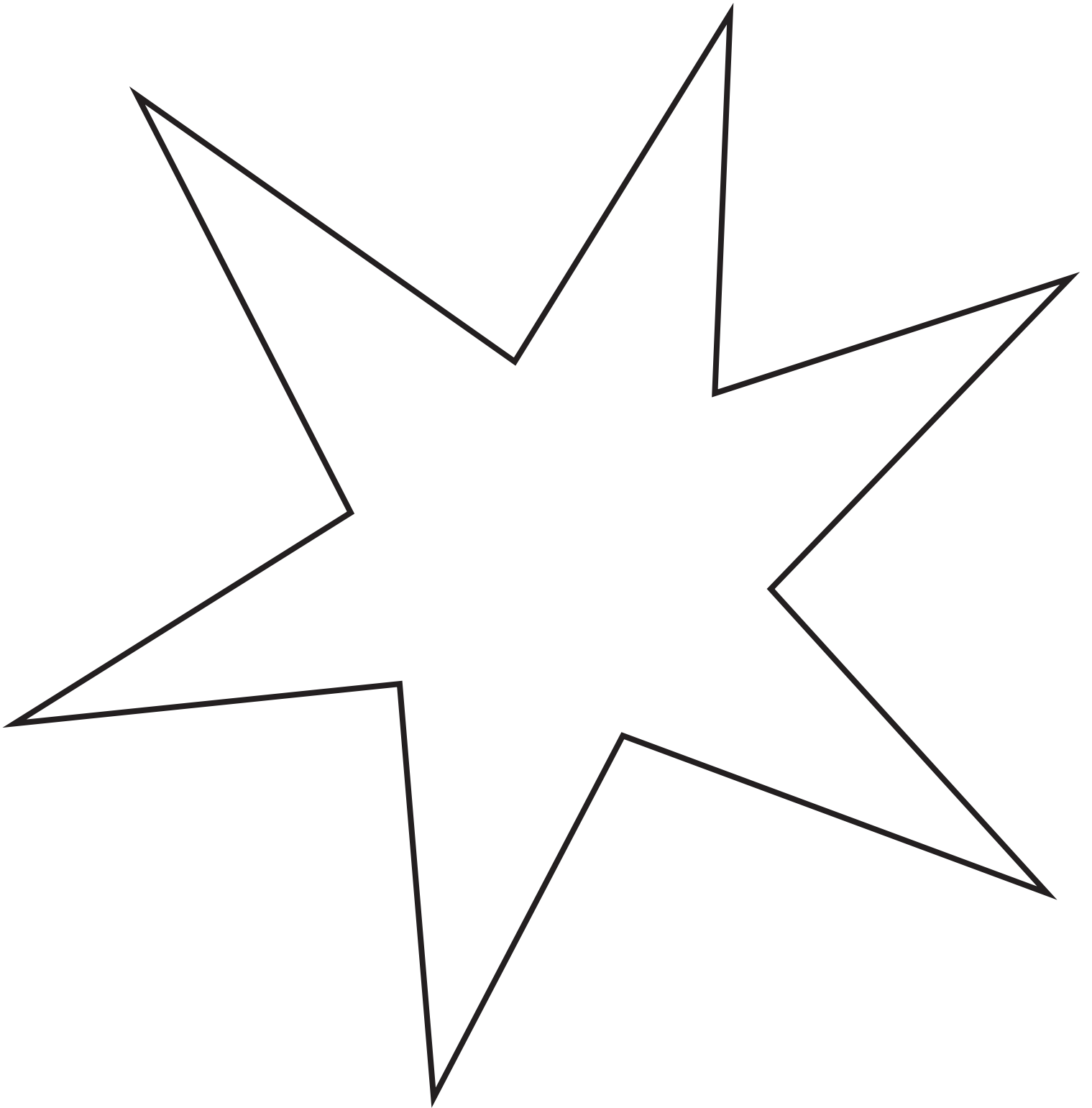Draw rain inside this star.

Tupuānuku

Tupuānuku is the star that represents everything that grows within the soil for food.
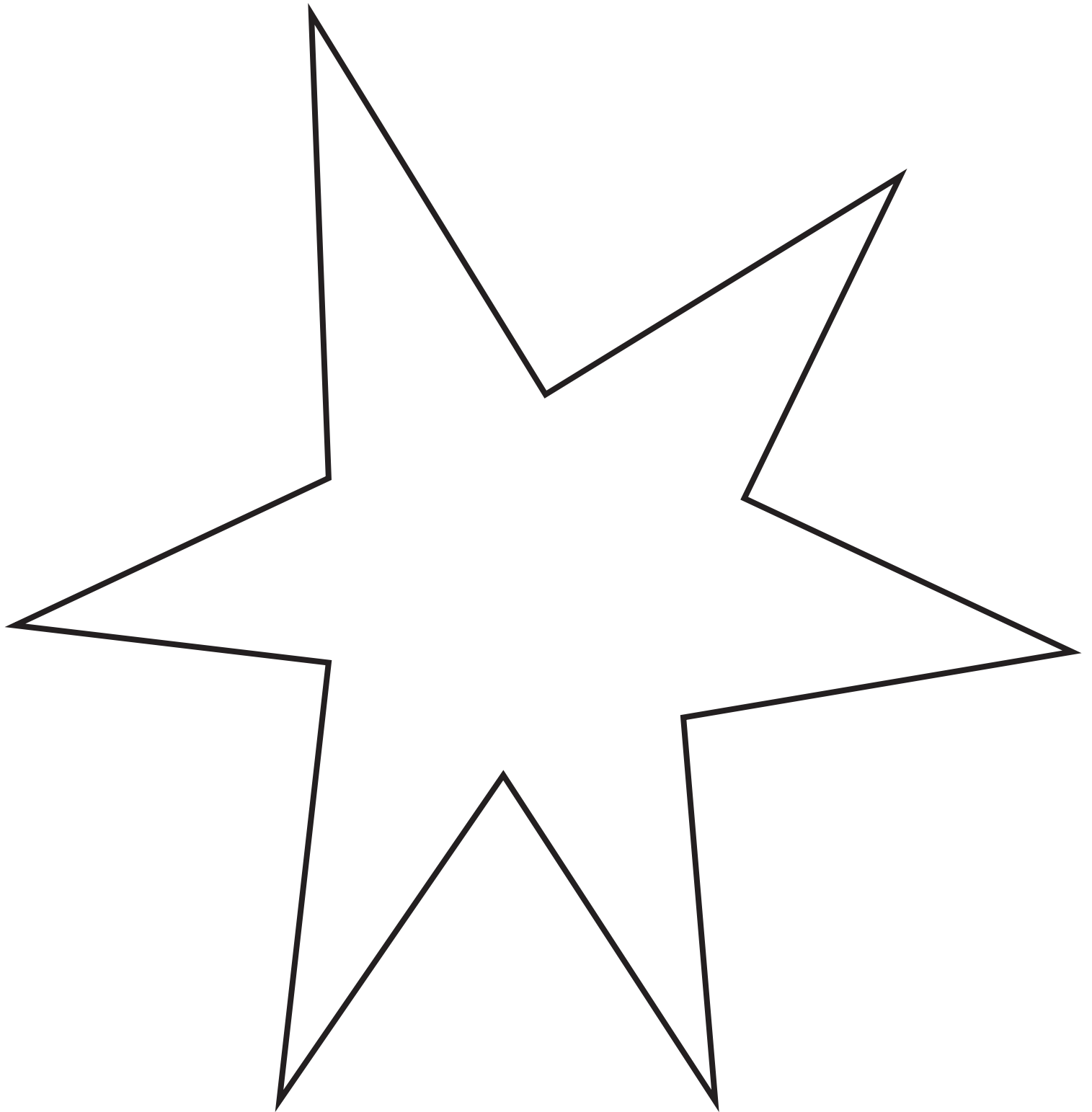Draw pictures inside this star which reflect this meaning.

Tupuārangi

Tupuārangi is the star that represents everything that grows or lives in trees:
fruits, berries, and birds. Draw pictures inside this star which reflect this meaning.

Ururangi

Ururangi is the star that represents the winds.
Draw wind inside this star.

Hiwaiterangi

Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the star associated with granting our wishes,
and realising our aspirations for the coming year.
What is your wish? Draw it in this star.