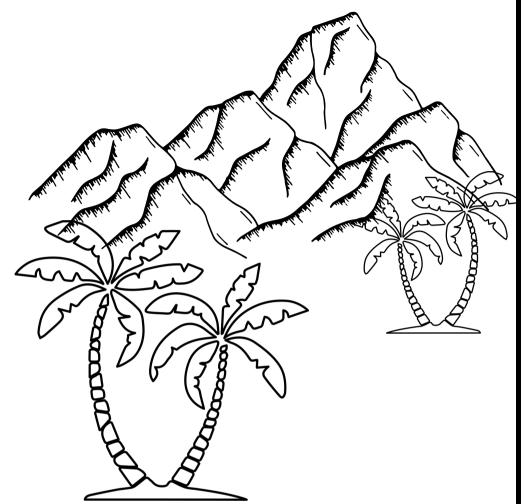
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Did you know
that birds are
actually
descendants of
dinosaurs?!

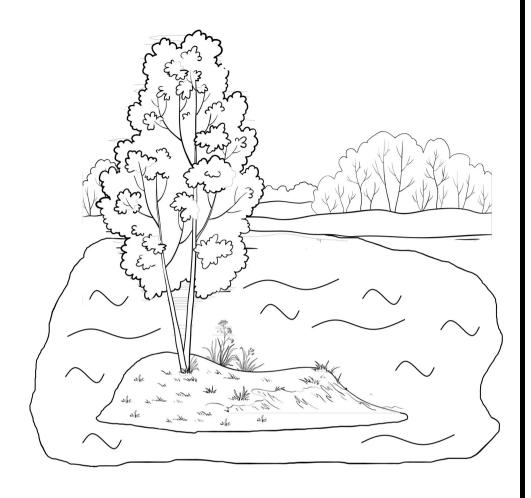




Archaeopteryx is considered the first known bird species. Fossils of this species date back to 150 million years ago during the Jurassic period. Complete with wings and feathers, this prehistoric bird was a close relative of the velociraptor. Use your stickers to show Archaeopteryx and Velociraptors in the prehistoric setting.

Did you know that the water in the lakes and oceans today is the same water dinosaurs lived with! Keep reading for some more Fun Facts About Birds, Dinos, and Water!

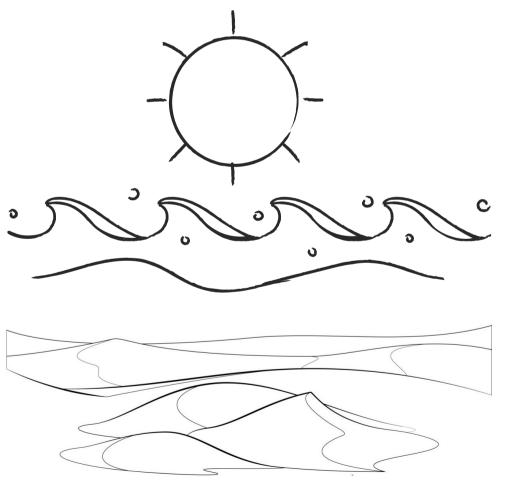
- 1. Where there is water, there will always be water birds. There are even prehistoric swimming birds like the Hesperornis known for diving and catching fish. These are similar to a modern-day penguin!
- 2. There are around 10,000 species of birds that exist today! Whether they use water to protect them from predators, or as a place to search for their food, all birds need a source of clean, fresh water to stay hydrated! Just like you do!

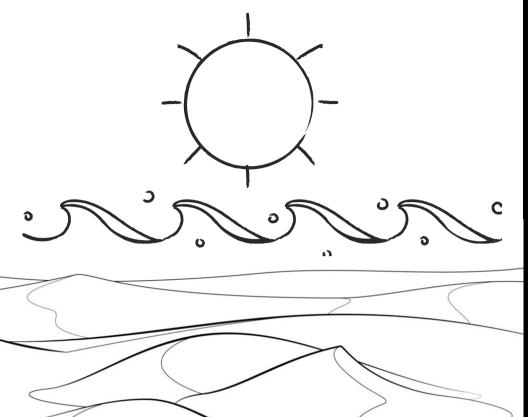


Some birds, like the wood stork, use water as protection! They seek out islands to build their nests, this helps protect their nests from predators like raccoons. Add stickers to the image below to show birds using the island as refuge from predators!

Oh no! The piping plovers had built their nest in the sand dunes, but a storm is coming and threatens to flood their nests!

Use your stickers to show the rain and waves flooding the page and destroying the nest.





Look! The storm has ended, and the flooding has gone down, leaving behind more sand in the dunes! Water often carries sand and other sediments that it can leave behind in a process called sedimentation. The sand dunes are safer now for birds to nest. Use your stickers to show shorebirds and their nests in the new habitat.

Geese, ducks, and loons are birds specially adapted to the water. These birds are excellent swimmers because they have webbed feet that help them gracefully navigate the water in search of food like fish or algae. Use your stickers to show some of the water birds searching for food in the lake below

