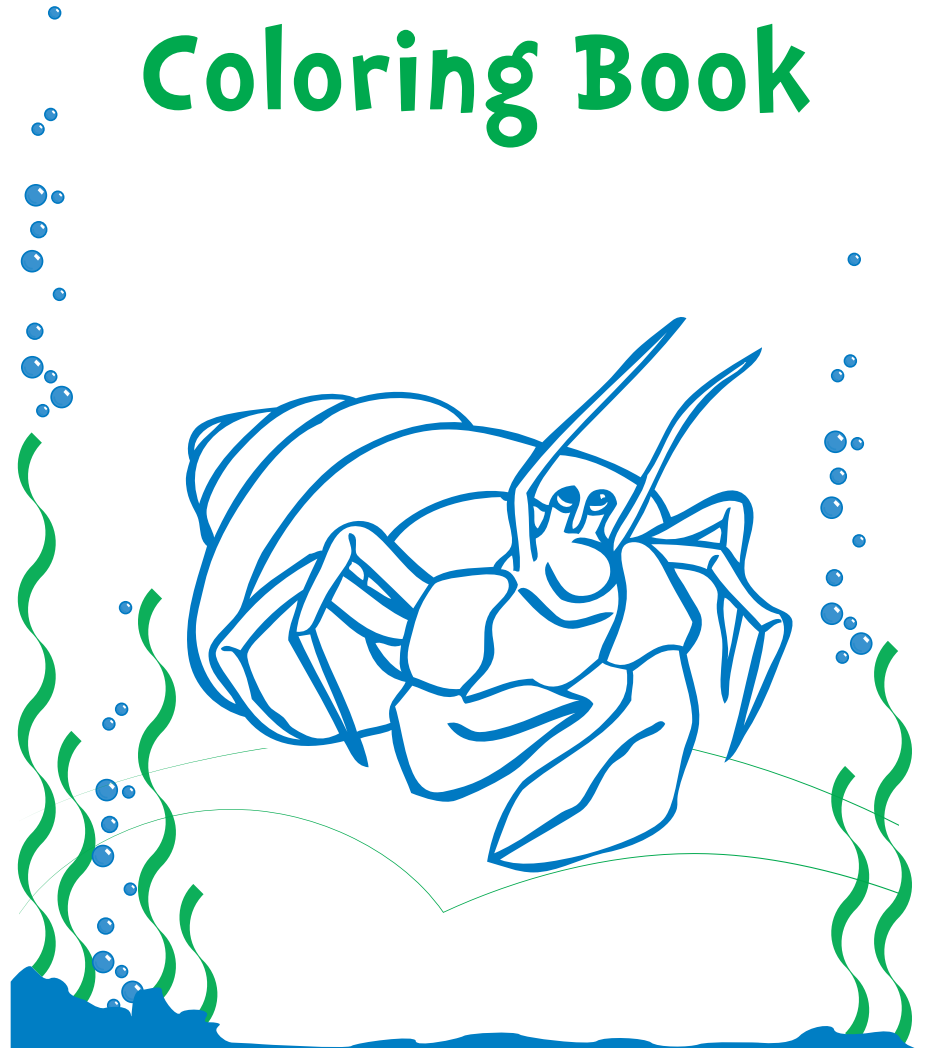


Draw a picture of you in the estuary

# ESTUARIES

Where Rivers Meet The Sea

## Coloring Book



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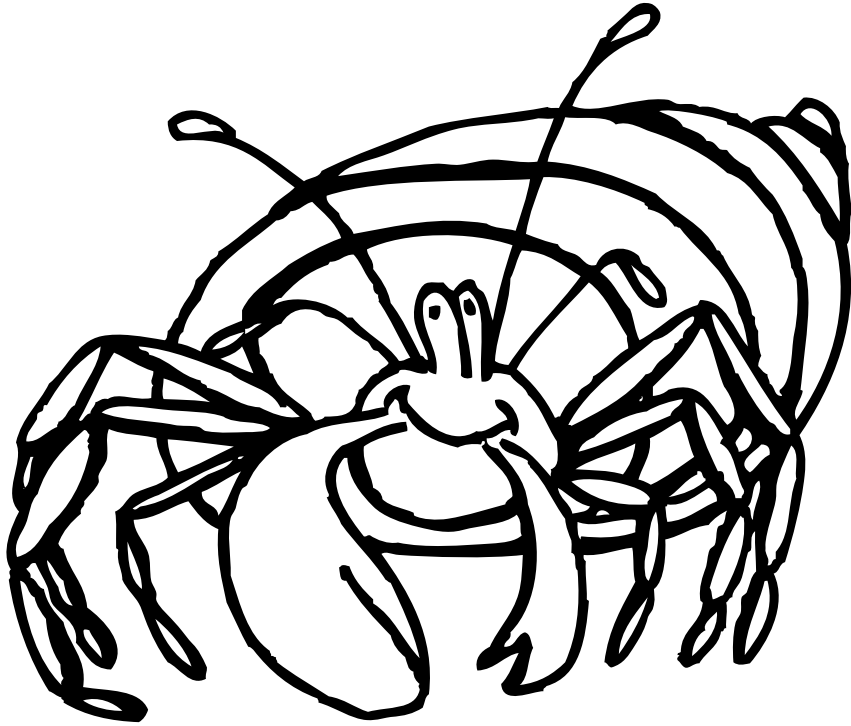
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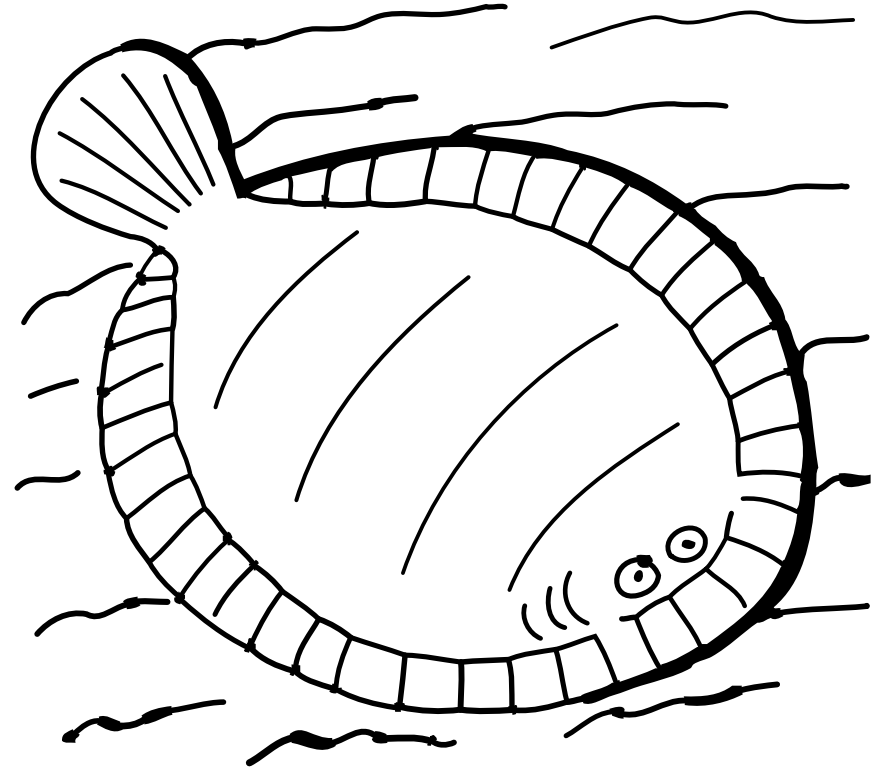
Estuaries (pronounced es-choo-er-ees) are special places where Birds, Fish, Crabs and many more plants and animals live. Many baby animals use the estuary as a nursery because of the sheltered waters.



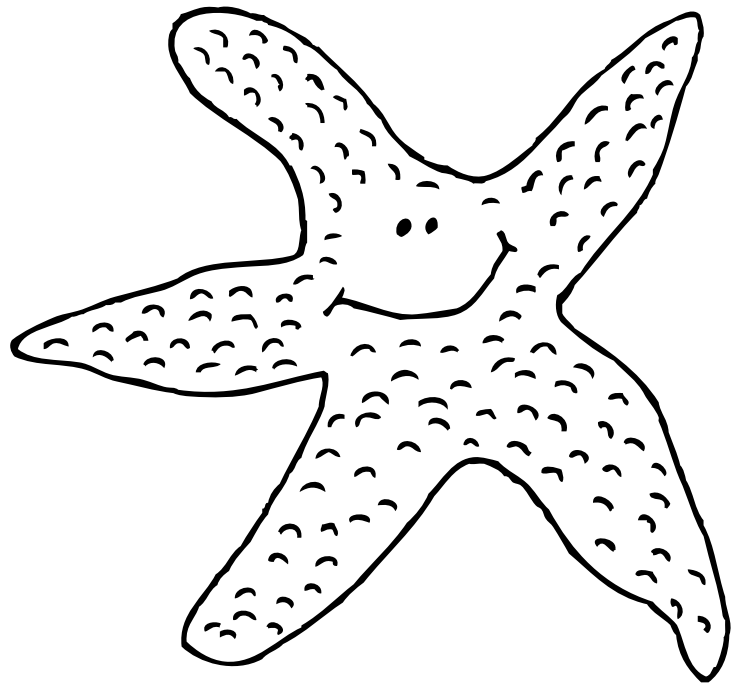
Pelicans spend a lot of time in the estuary looking for fish to eat.



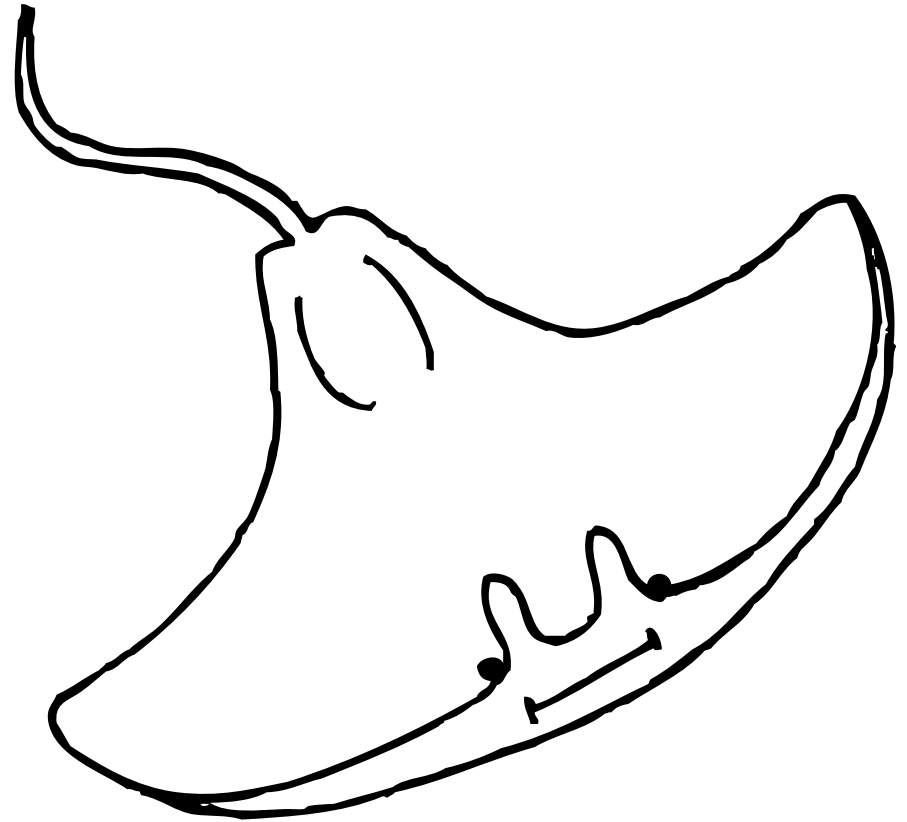
Hermit Crabs must find empty shells for their homes.



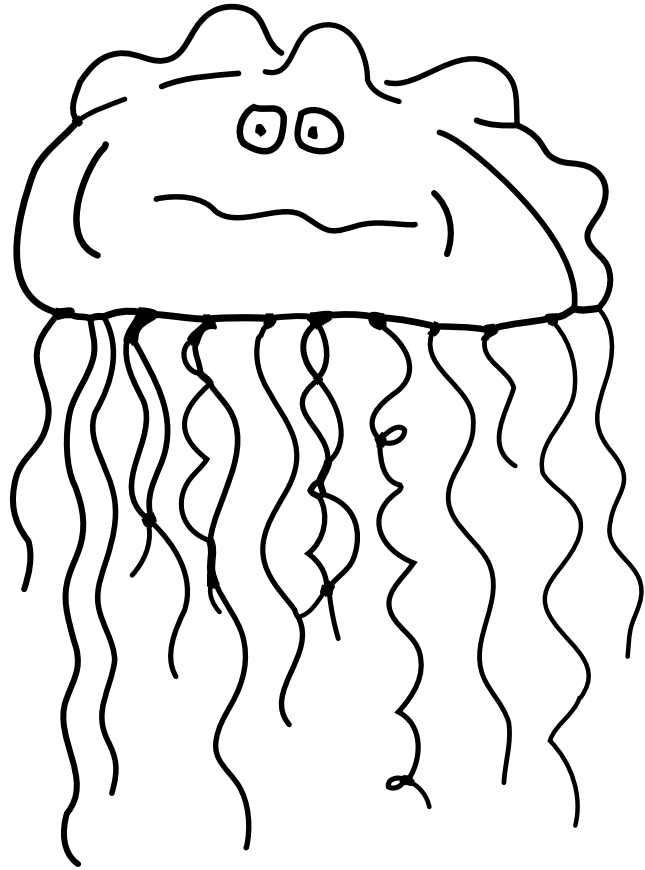
Flounder are flat fish that live and hide in the Estuary.



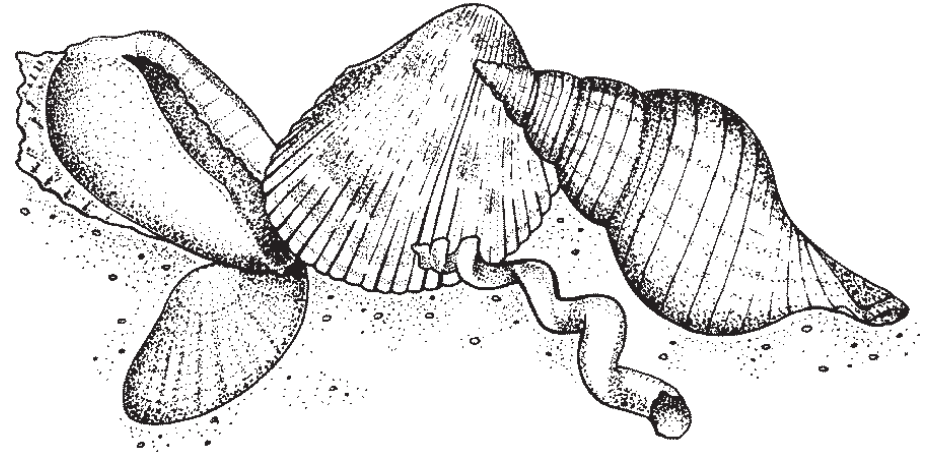
Sea Stars are never found in fresh water.



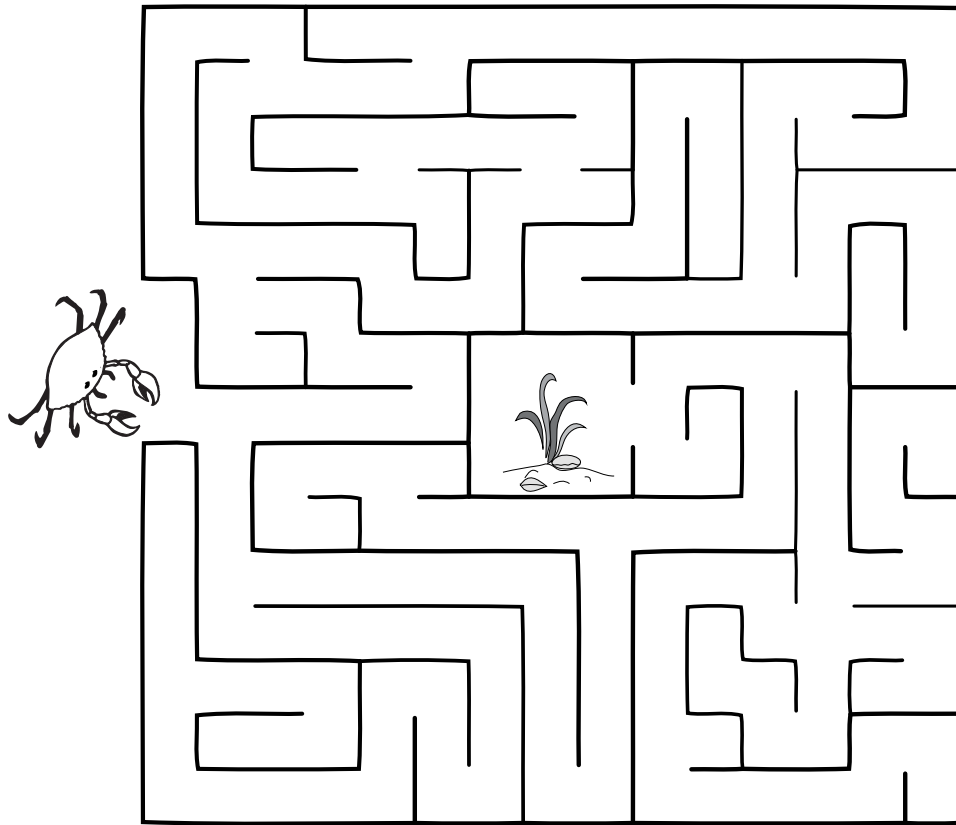
Stingrays flap their fins to  
“fly” through the water  
of the estuary.



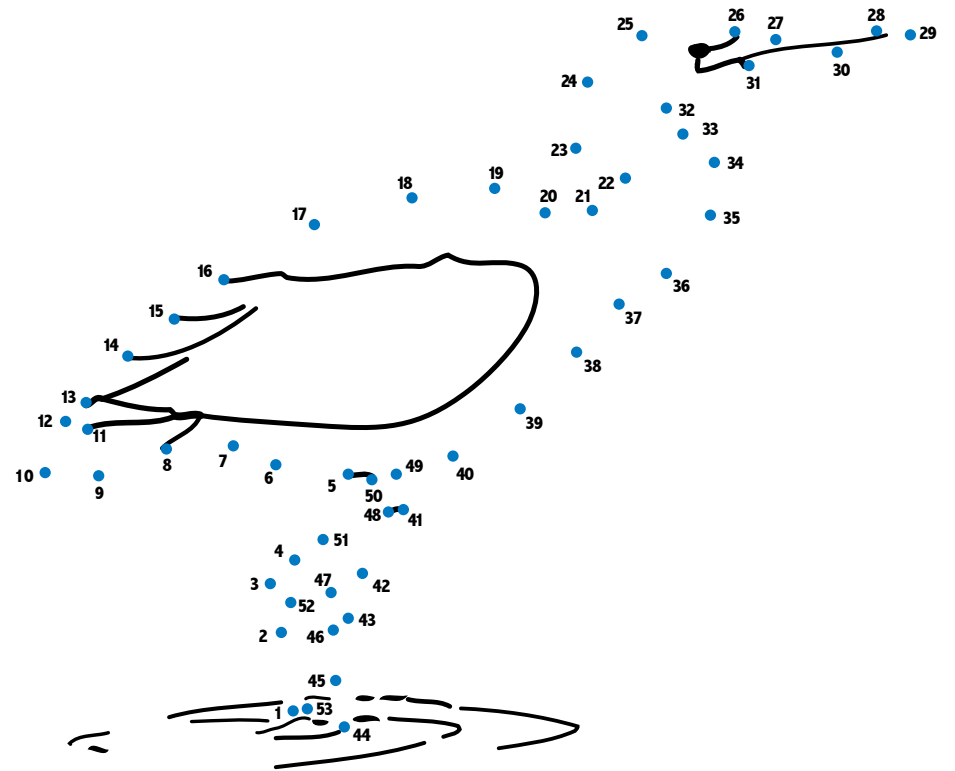
Some Jellyfish are clear but others are yellow, blue, pink or purple.



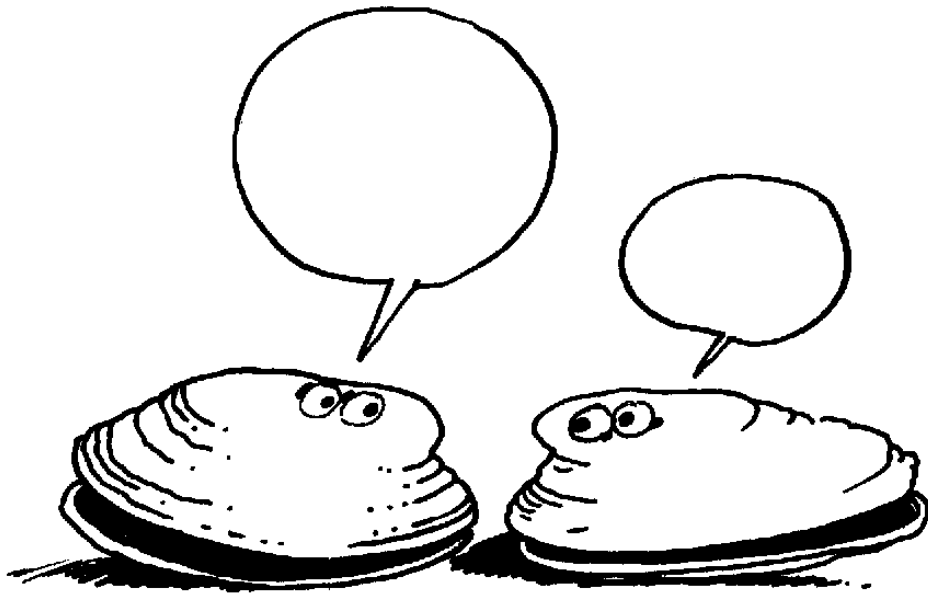
Empty shells left from oysters, scallops, clams and other animals are fun to pick up and collect.



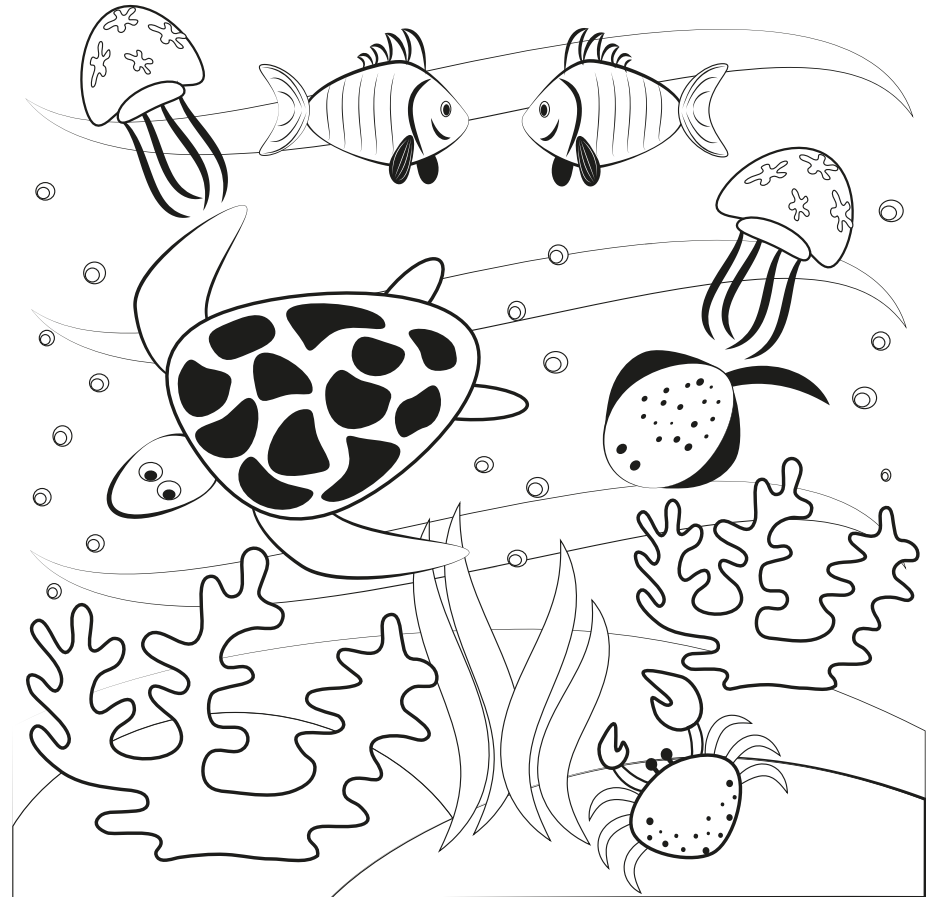
This crab hides in the grass of the estuary for protection. Can you help him get back to his home?



Connect the dots. What kind of bird do you see?



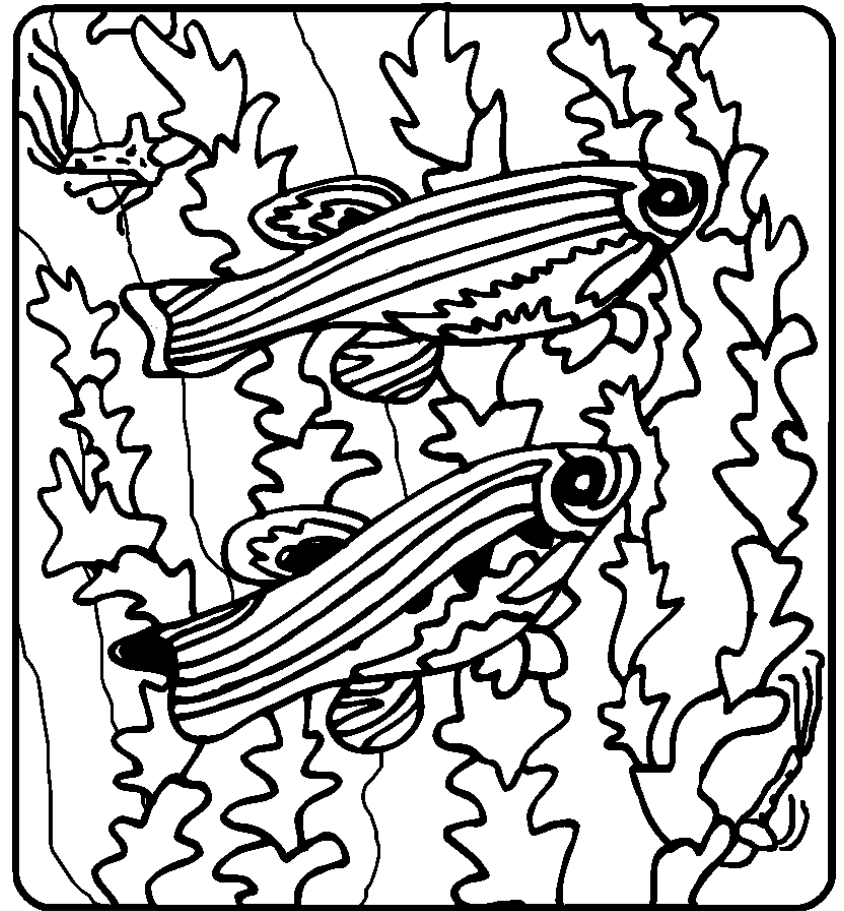
What do you think these clams are saying about estuaries?



Estuaries are safe places where baby fish, crabs and other animals can grow.



Oysters live in the estuary and filter the water.



Animals can hide from predators in estuaries. Can you find two fish hiding in the grass?