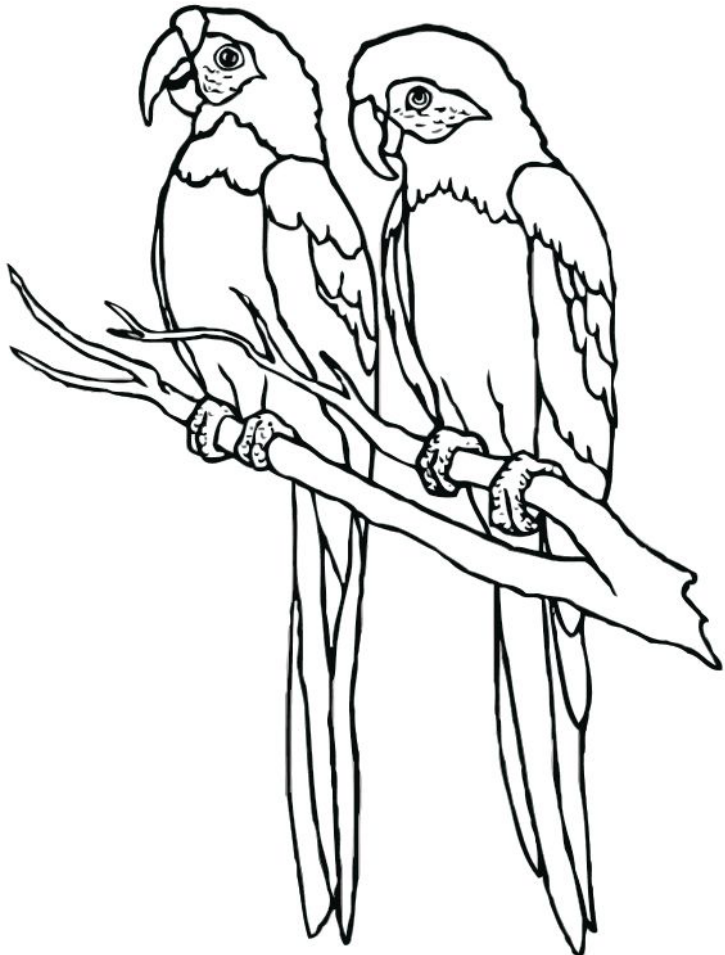


The Wild Side of Weather

Help the Macaws color their feathers!



Sand Tiger
Carcharias taurus

Range: Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay
Diet: Nuts, fruits, and vegetables

It is said that parrots and canaries dress their feathers and are wakeful the evening before a storm. While all birds from macaws to penguins maintain their feathers by preening, some species may remain restless in response to pressure changes and/or changing wind conditions.

You can find me at the Tropical Cove of the Ocean Journey building.



Blue Catfish
Ictalurus furcatus

Range: North and Central America
Diet: Fruits, nuts, fungi, and bird eggs

When flying squirrels sing in midwinter, it indicates an early spring. Flying squirrels vocalize mainly to establish territories and attract a mate. It's possible that a warm spell could encourage early courtship behavior such as more frequent calling.

I work rotating shifts with other species in the animal encounters program. You'll find me in the River Journey building when I'm on duty. Maybe you'll learn more about my aerial acrobatics when you meet me.

Range: Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Mediterranean Sea
Diet: Fish, lobsters, crabs, and squid

Sharks go to sea at the approach of a cold wave. This could be true due to the sharks responding to pressure changes more than anything. However, approaching hurricanes cause many fish, sharks included, to head into deep water which is more stable.

You can find me swimming in the Secret Reef of the Ocean Journey building.



Hyacinth Macaw
Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus

Range: North America's major rivers
Diet: Fish, Turtles, and Snakes

If the skin on the belly of the cat-fish is unusually thick, it indicates a cold winter; if not, a mild winter will follow. False. Active feeding could cause catfish to become overweight, but this behavior would be unrelated to long-range weather changes. They might have bigger bellies, but not thicker skin.

You'll find me in the Lake Nickajack exhibit on Level 2 in the River Journey building.



Southern Flying Squirrel
Glaucomys volans