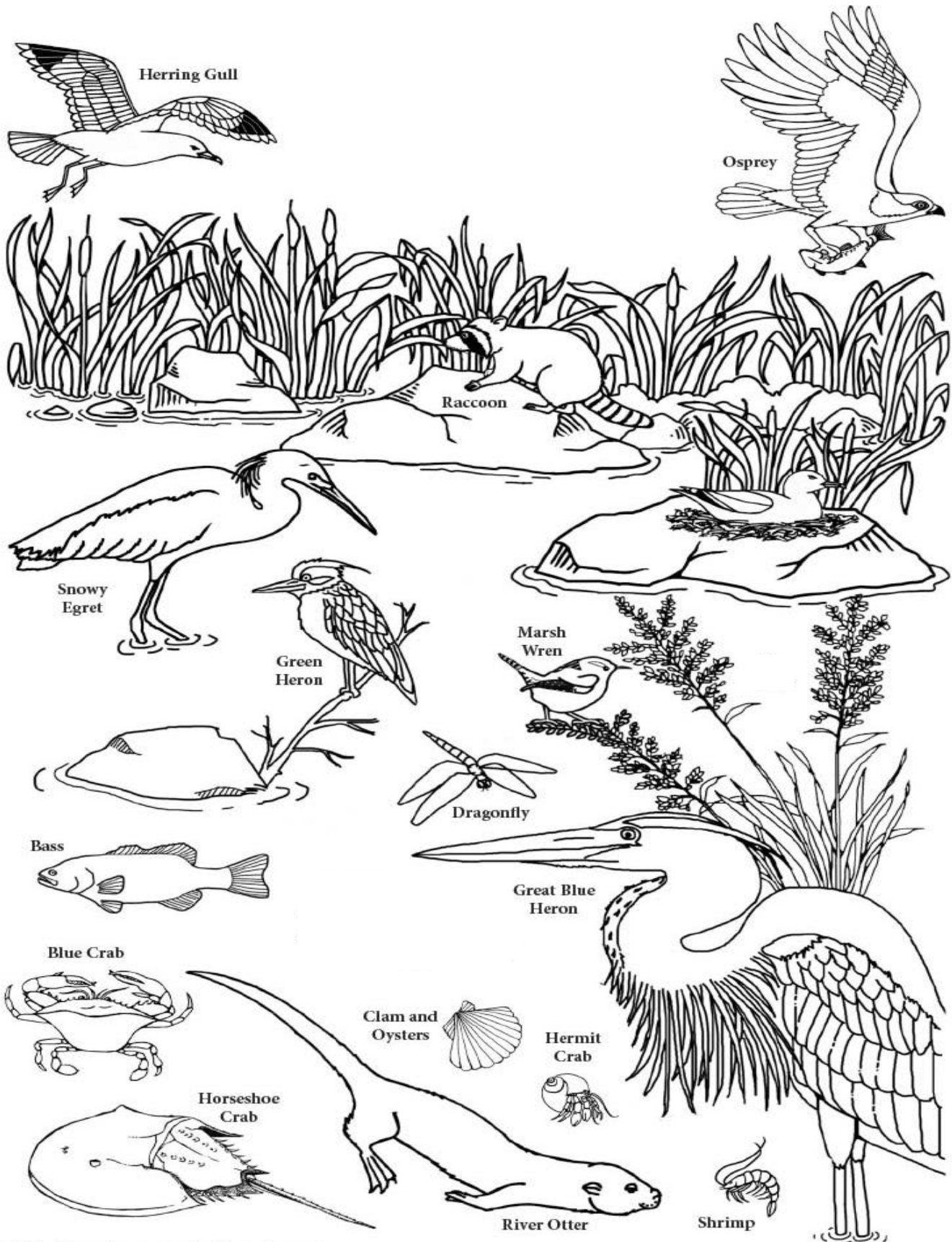


What Lives in an ESTAURY?

An **estuary** is a special place where fresh water from rivers meets salty ocean water, creating a home for many animals. Birds, mammals, fish, and other wildlife depend on estuaries for food, shelter, and raising their young, and many seafoods we eat—like shrimp, oysters, and flounder—spend part of their lives there. Because these calm, protected waters are perfect for young animals, estuaries are often called the “ocean’s nurseries.”



2025 National Estuaries Weeks Coloring Contest

In celebration of National Estuaries Week, the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance (SHEA) is offering a kid's coloring contest.

ELIGIBILITY

Children between the ages of 3 and 10 years old as of September 1, 2025, are eligible to enter.

SUBMISSIONS

Each child is allowed one submission. Entries must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2025. You can drop off submissions at the Seabrook, Hampton, or Hampton Falls libraries, or email a photo/scanned version to info@shea4nh.org. Please ensure your submission includes the contact information from the entry form below. All submissions become the property of SHEA, and we reserve the right to identify the artists by their first initial, last name, and age.

PRIZES

The top two entries in each Age Division (Division 1: ages 3-5, Division 2: ages 6-10) will be featured in a slideshow on SHEA's webpage. Each winner will also receive passes to the Seacoast Science Center by mail.

QUESTIONS - Contact us at info@shea4nh.org.

ENTRY FORM

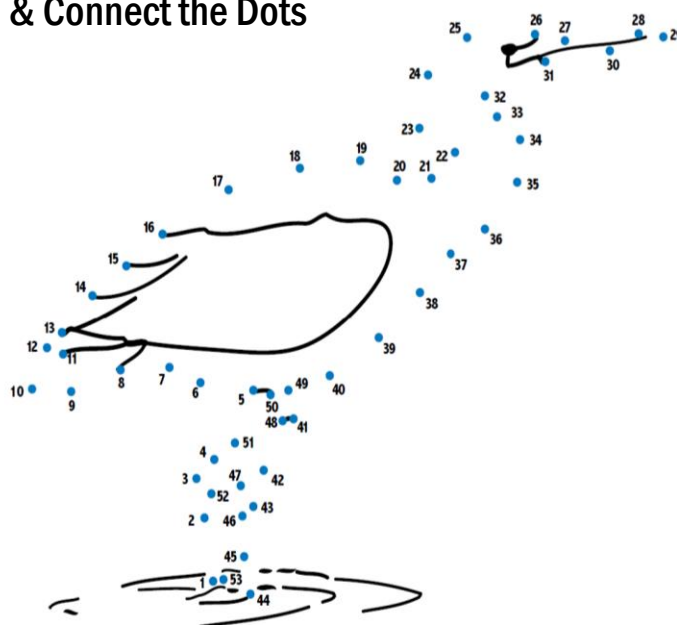
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Bonus Activities – Word Search & Connect the Dots

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Bass	Great Blue Heron	Horseshoe Crab	Raccoon
Blue Crab	Green Heron	Marsh Wren	River Otter
Clams	Hermit Crab	Osprey	Shrimp
Dragonfly	Herring Gull	Oyster	Snowy Egret

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

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