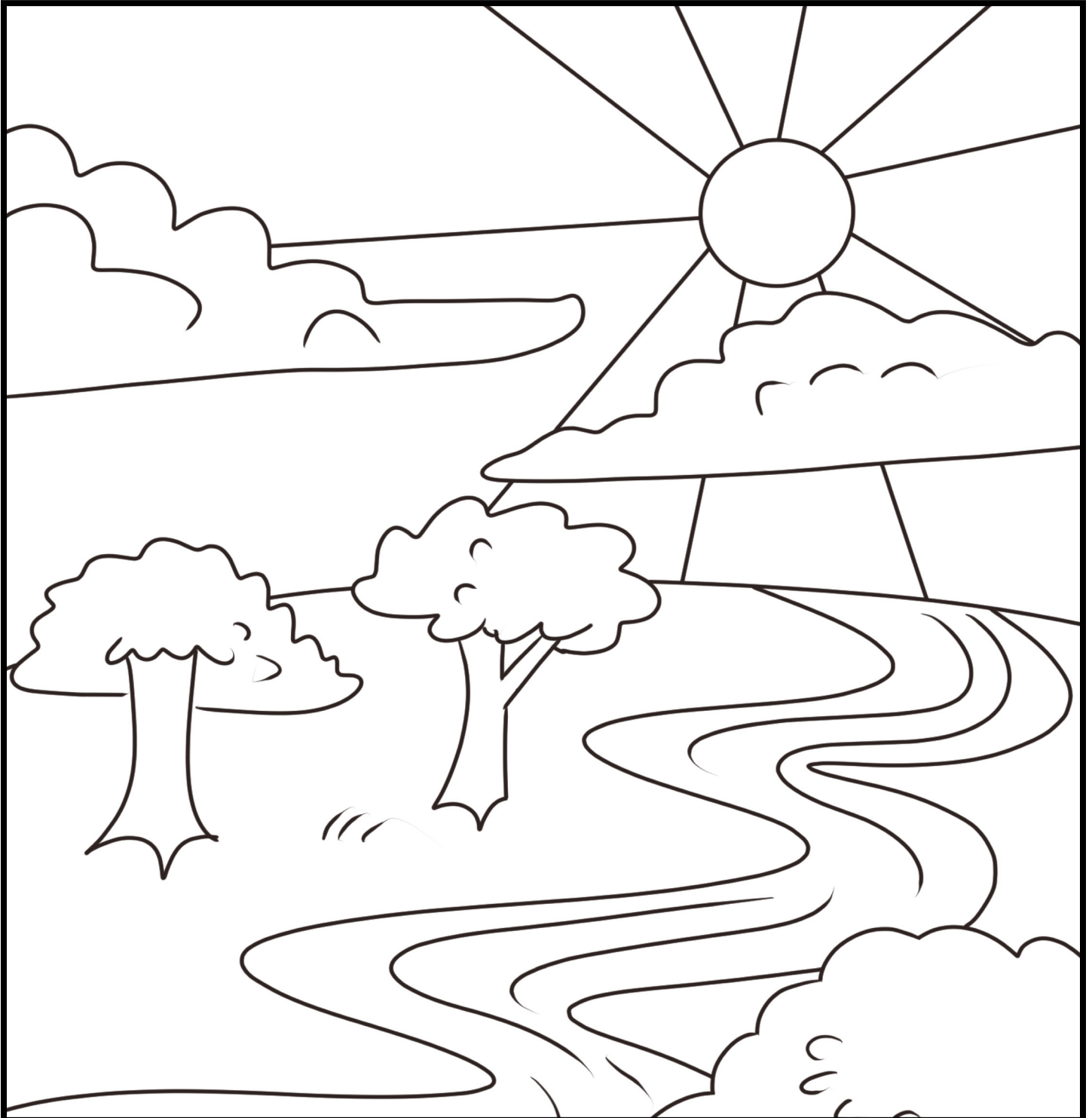
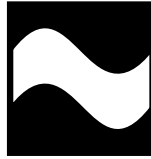


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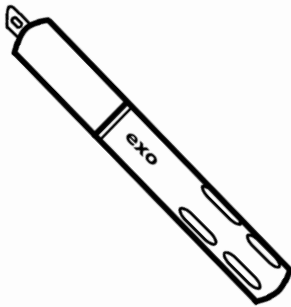
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What is the Clean Rivers Program?

The Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP for short) keeps track of the quality of surface water in Texas. Surface water is water on the surface of the earth, such as streams, rivers, and lakes.

Using special tools, the Angelina & Neches River Authority (ANRA for short) collects data from the surface water in the Neches River Basin. Water samples are brought into the laboratory for testing. The results are used to identify possible water quality problems.

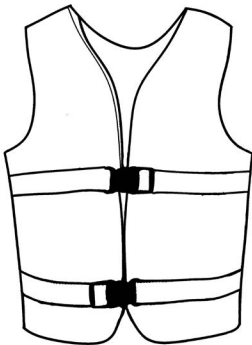
CRP Field Tools: Color the tools used to sample water.



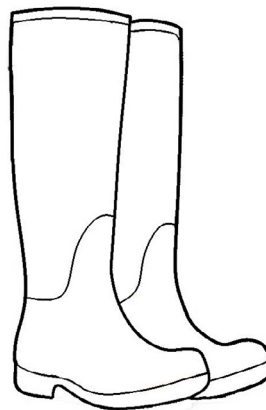
SONDE - (rhymes with Blonde) This is the French word for "Probe." This tool measures water temperature, oxygen levels, and more.



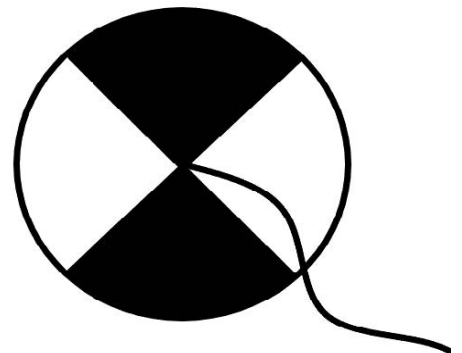
BOAT - This is used when collecting samples from lakes or rivers that are too deep to wade.



LIFE VEST - These are used for safety when on the boat or wading in the water.



BOOTS - These are waterproof so you can walk into streams without getting your feet wet.

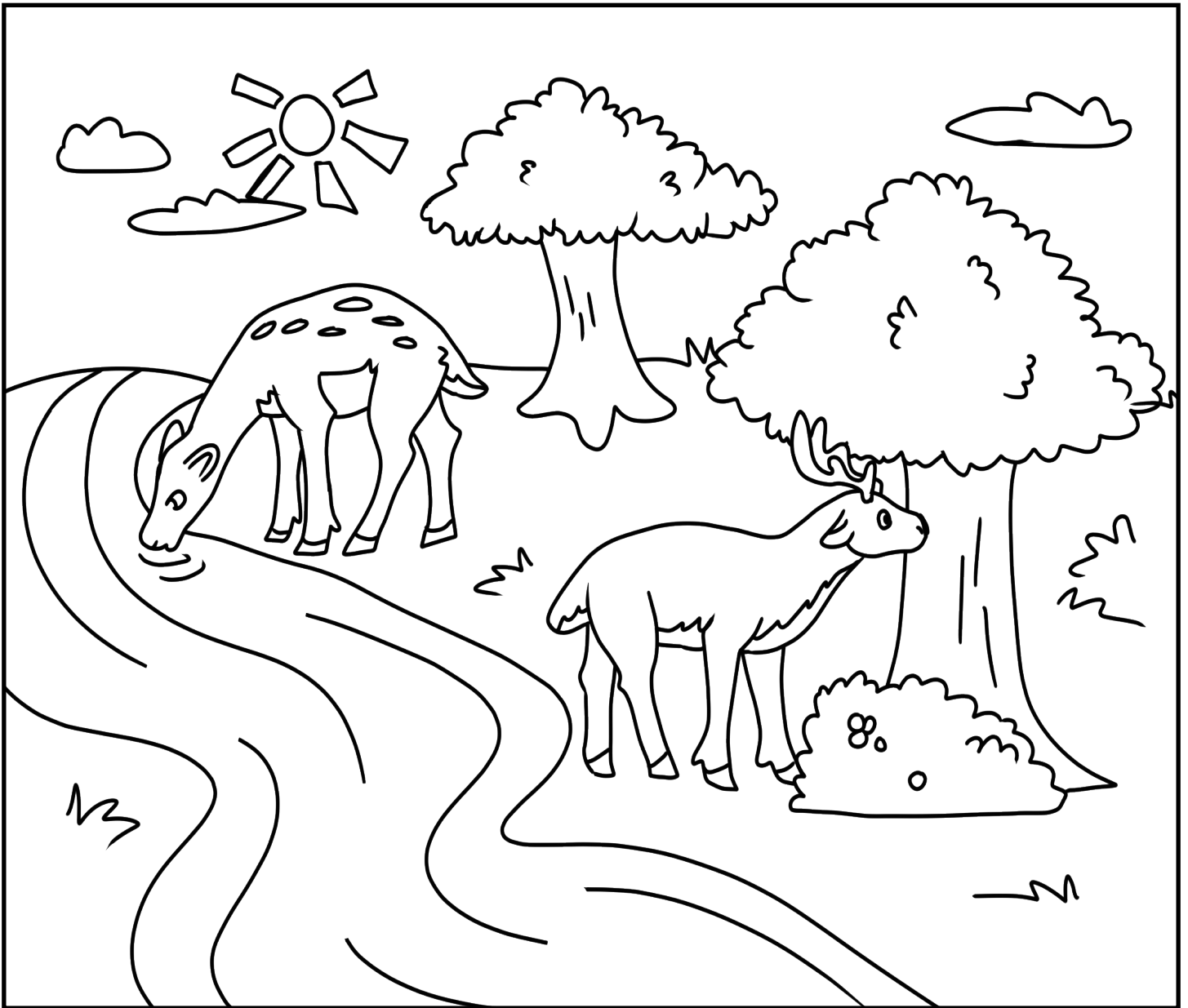


SECCHI [sek-ee] DISK - This tool is used to measure how clear the water is.

Why do we need to protect the water?

Water is very important! We use it for many things. We drink it, wash our clothes with it, swim in it, and more! It is important for wildlife as well.

We need to keep our water clean! If pollution or trash is on the ground when it rains, it can wash into our lakes, streams, and rivers, causing many problems for people and animals.



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Word Search



Find the following words in the puzzle.

ALLIGATOR

HERON

STREAM

BEAVER

LAKE

TURTLE

CATFISH

LIFE VEST

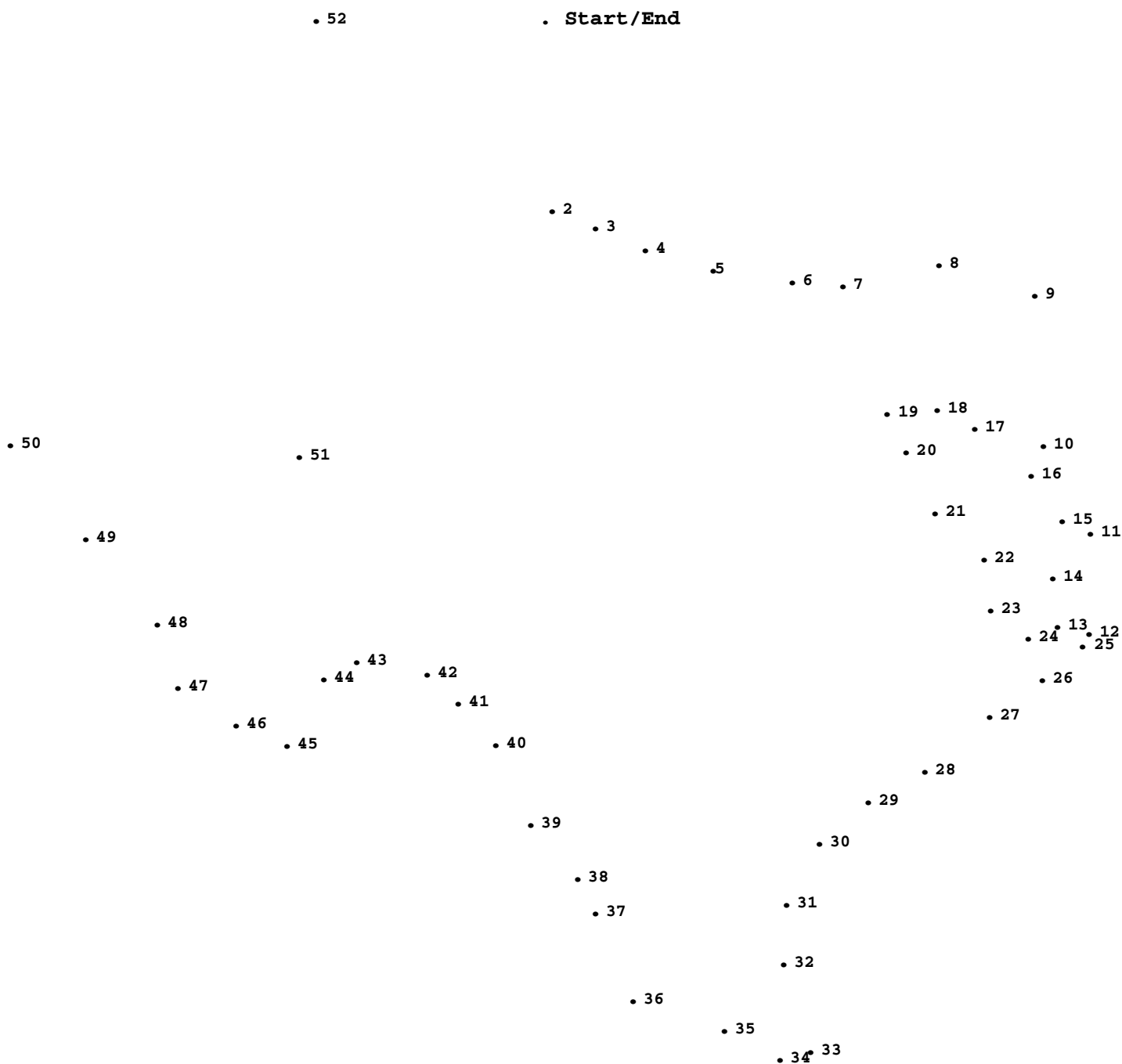
WATER

FROG

RIVER

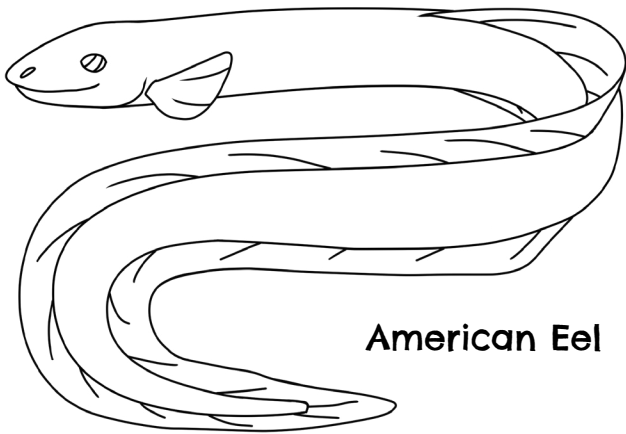
Where is the Neches River Basin?

The Neches River Basin is in East Texas. This is where ANRA, along with the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ for short), and other partner organizations, monitors surface water quality. Connect the dots, by number, to show where the Neches River Basin is located inside Texas.

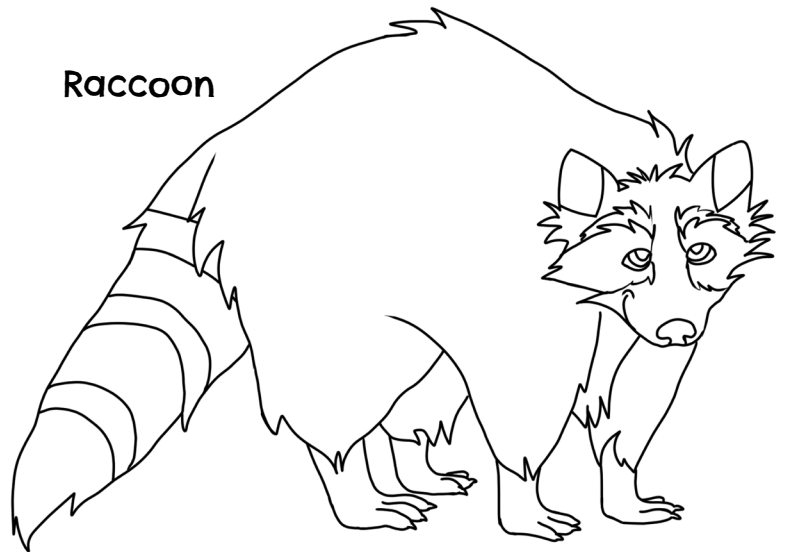


Neches River Critters

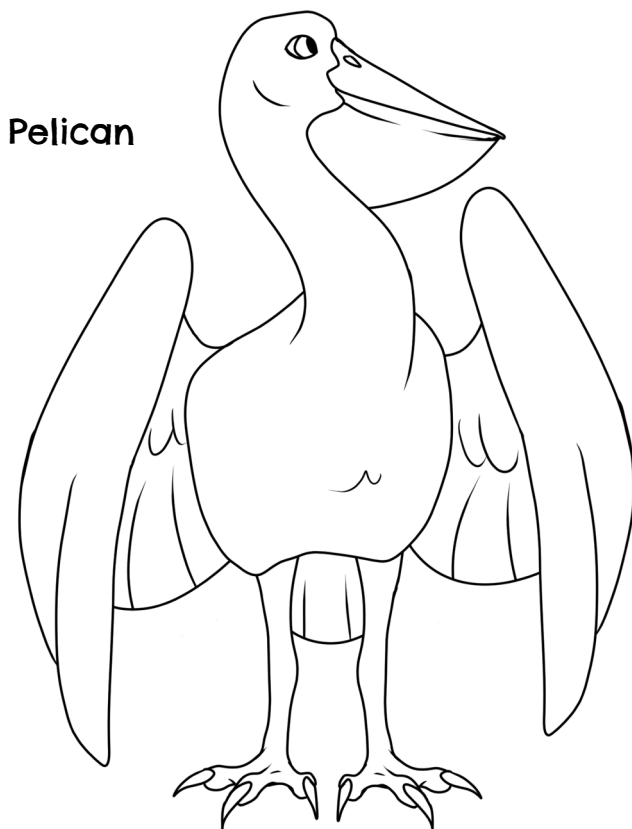
These are some of the common river animals found in the Neches River Basin.



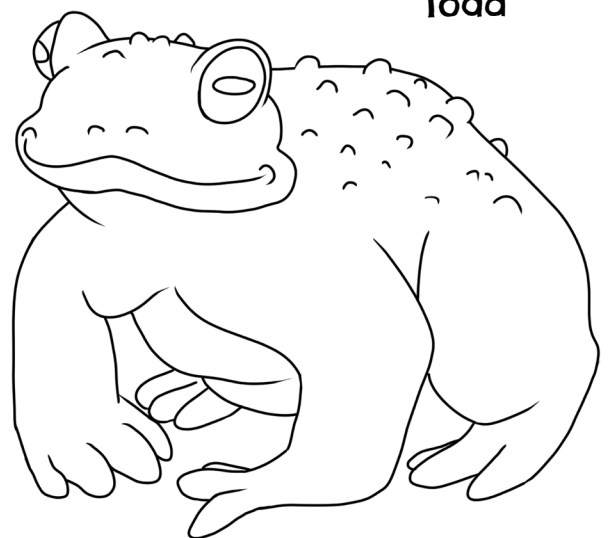
American Eel



Raccoon

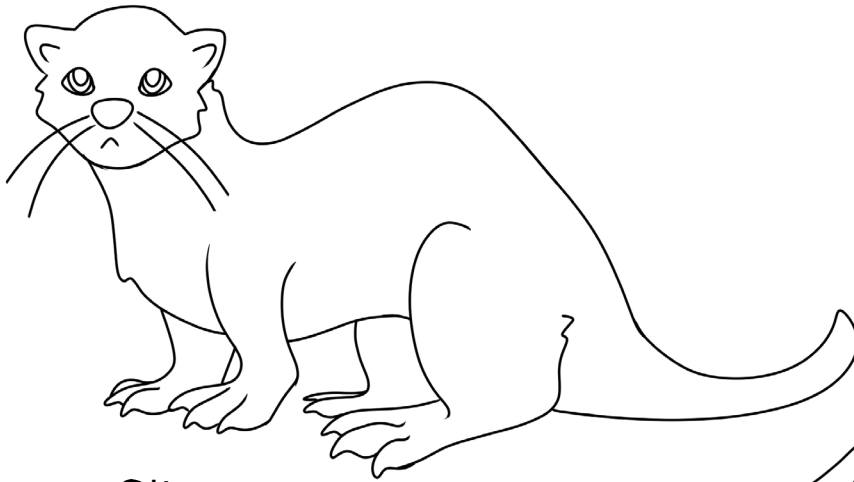


Pelican

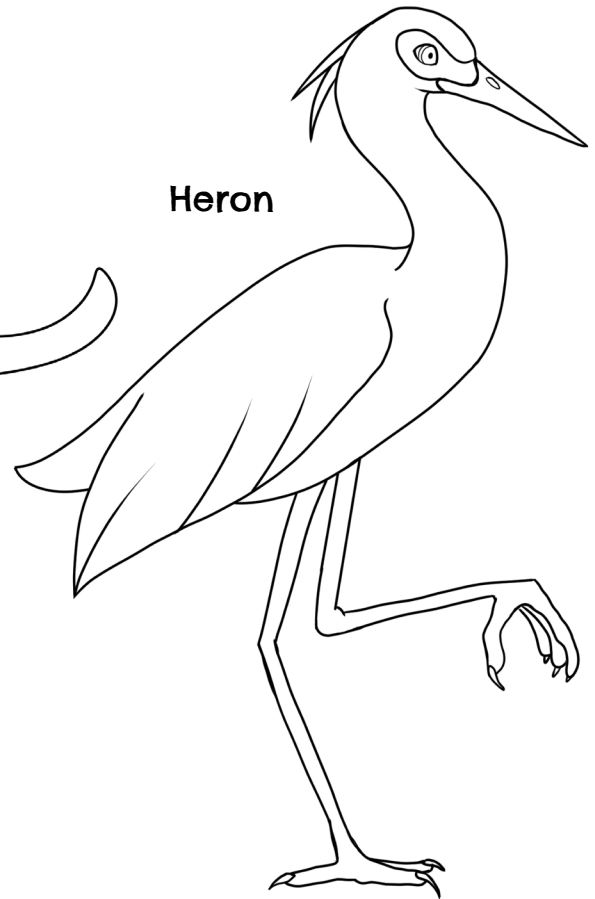


Toad

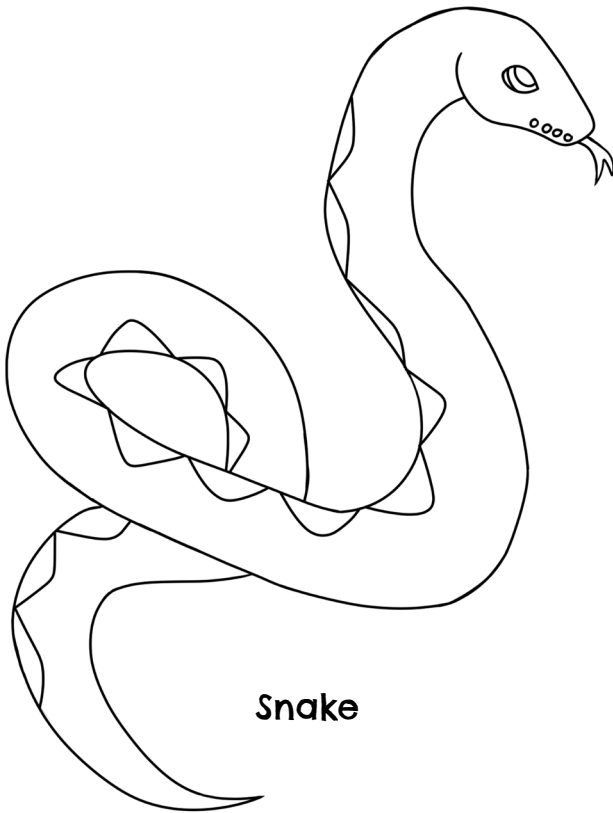
Have you ever seen any of these animals when you've been outside?



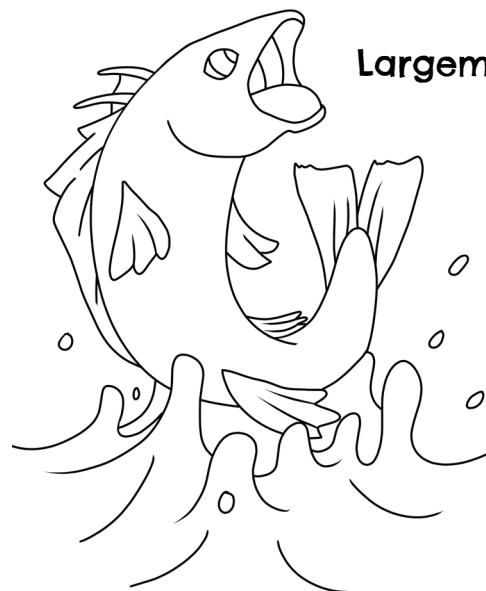
Otter



Heron



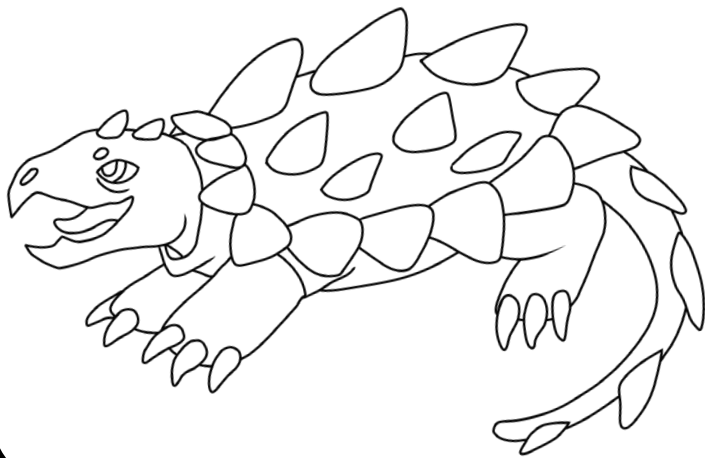
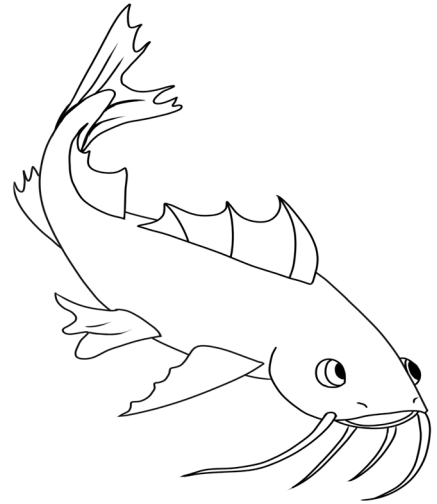
Snake



Largemouth Bass

River Critter Facts

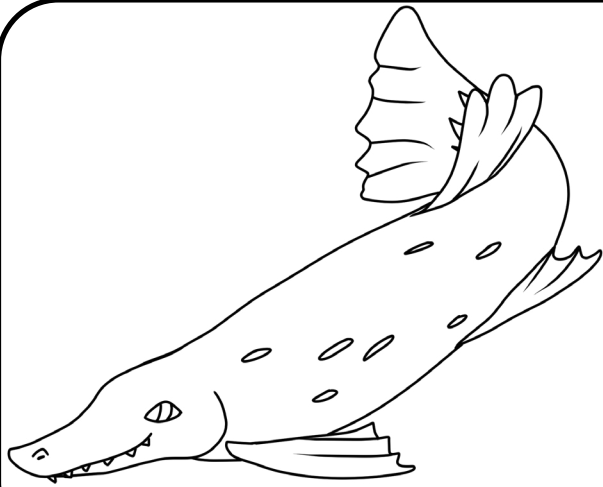
Catfish have whiskers called barbels, which help them find food in dark, muddy water.



The alligator snapping turtle is one of the heaviest freshwater turtles in the world. They can weigh up to 275 pounds.

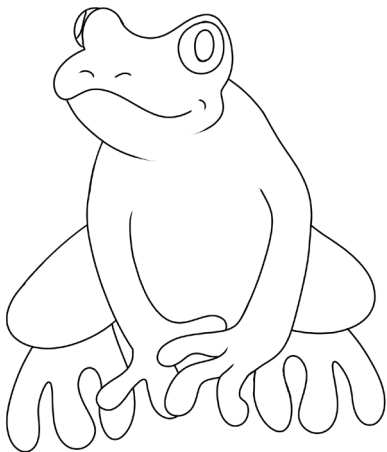
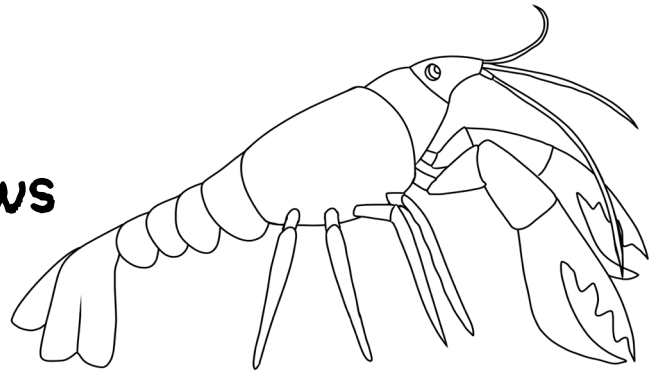
Beavers have a set of transparent eyelids, like goggles, that help them see under water.





Alligator gars have an average lifespan of 50 years in the wild, but can live into their 70s and even later!

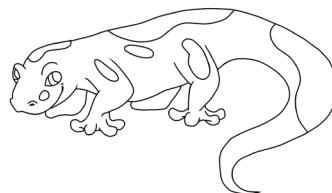
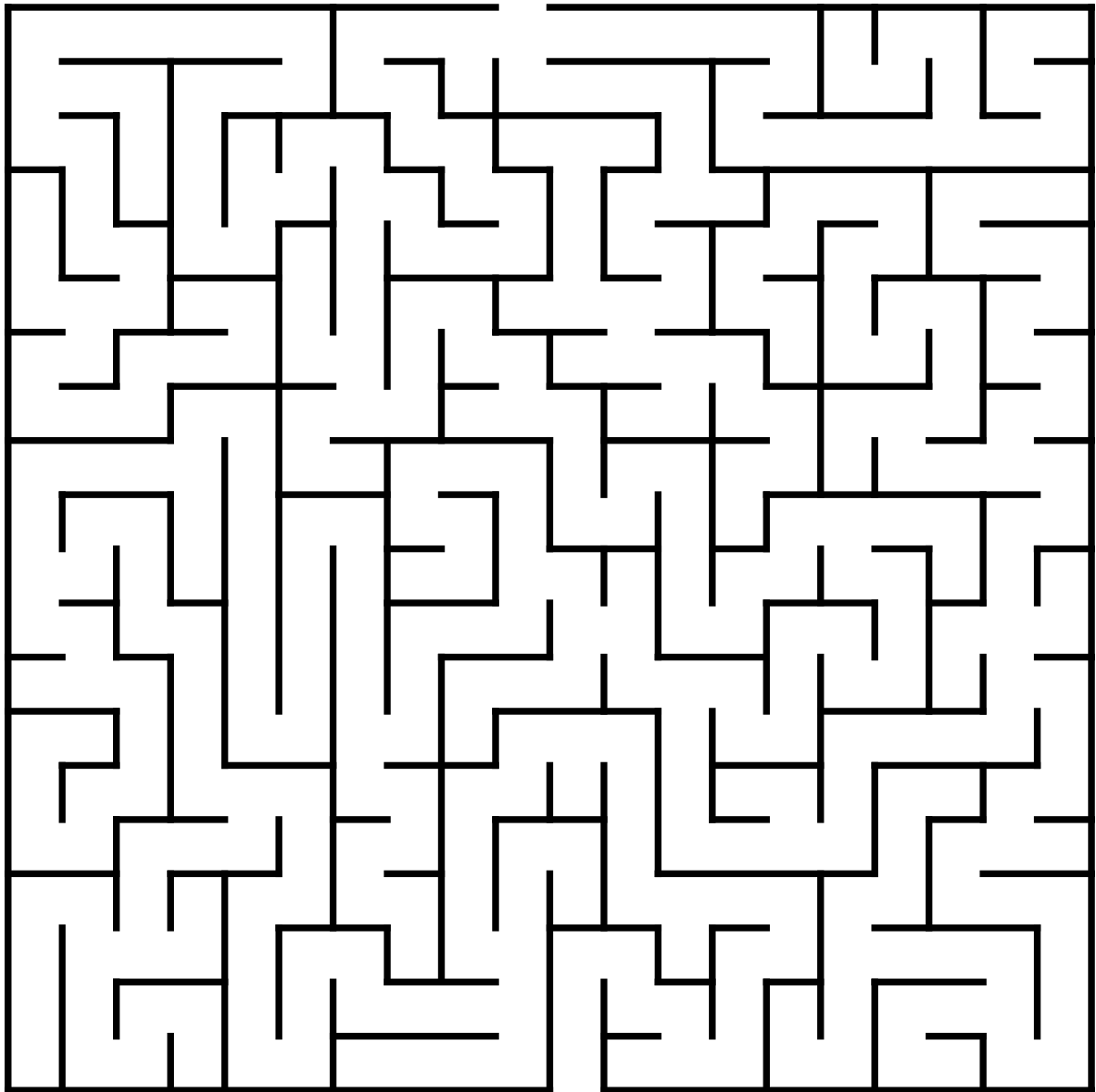
Crayfish can regrow their legs and their claws if they lose them.



Frogs spend the beginning of their life with gills, like fish, and the rest of their life with lungs, like us.

Clean Rivers Maze

Can you help Danny the Duck get through the maze and find his friend Sam the Salamander?



River Critters Scramble

Unscramble the words below to spell out the names of river critters you have seen in this book.

1. RLLIOATGA _____

2. UTRLET _____

3. OERTT _____

4. BREVEA _____

5. OTAD _____

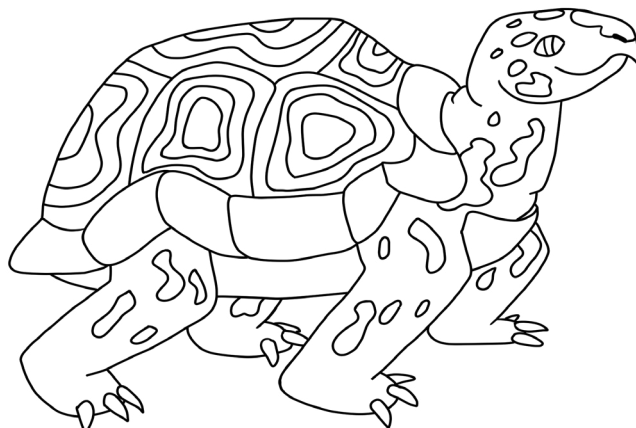
6. FGOR _____

7. SANEK _____

8. RONEH _____

9. ANOCCOR _____

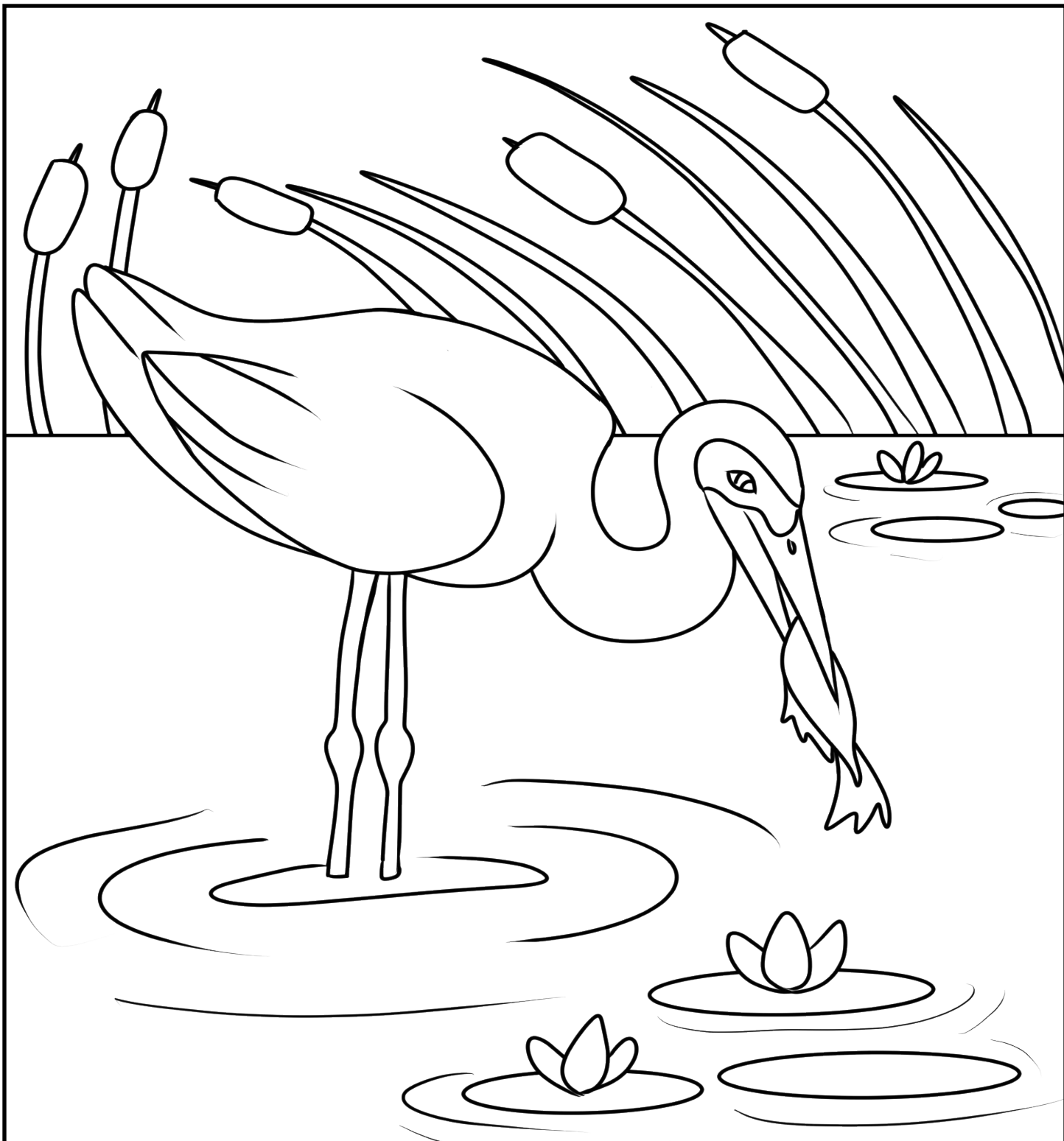
10. NALDRMSAEA _____



Imagine a Cleaner River

Use the space below to draw your own clean river scene.





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