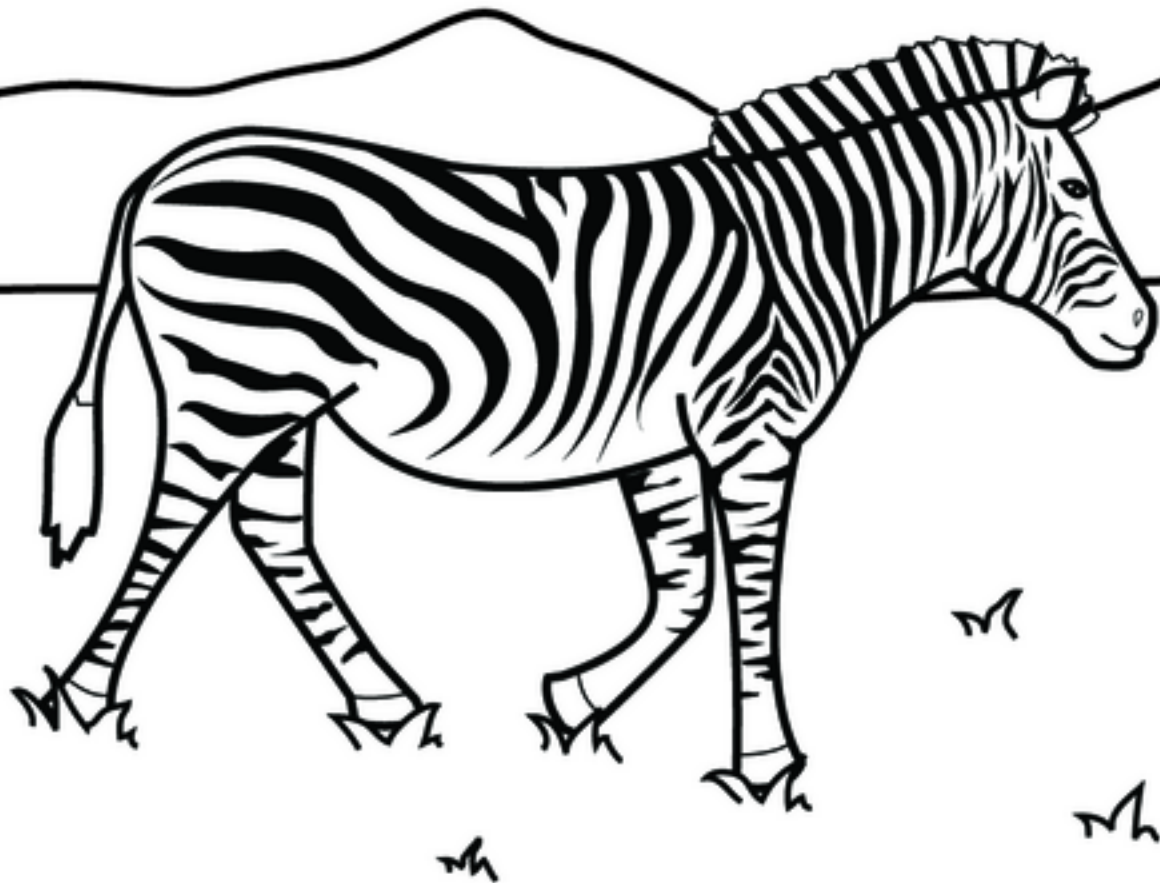
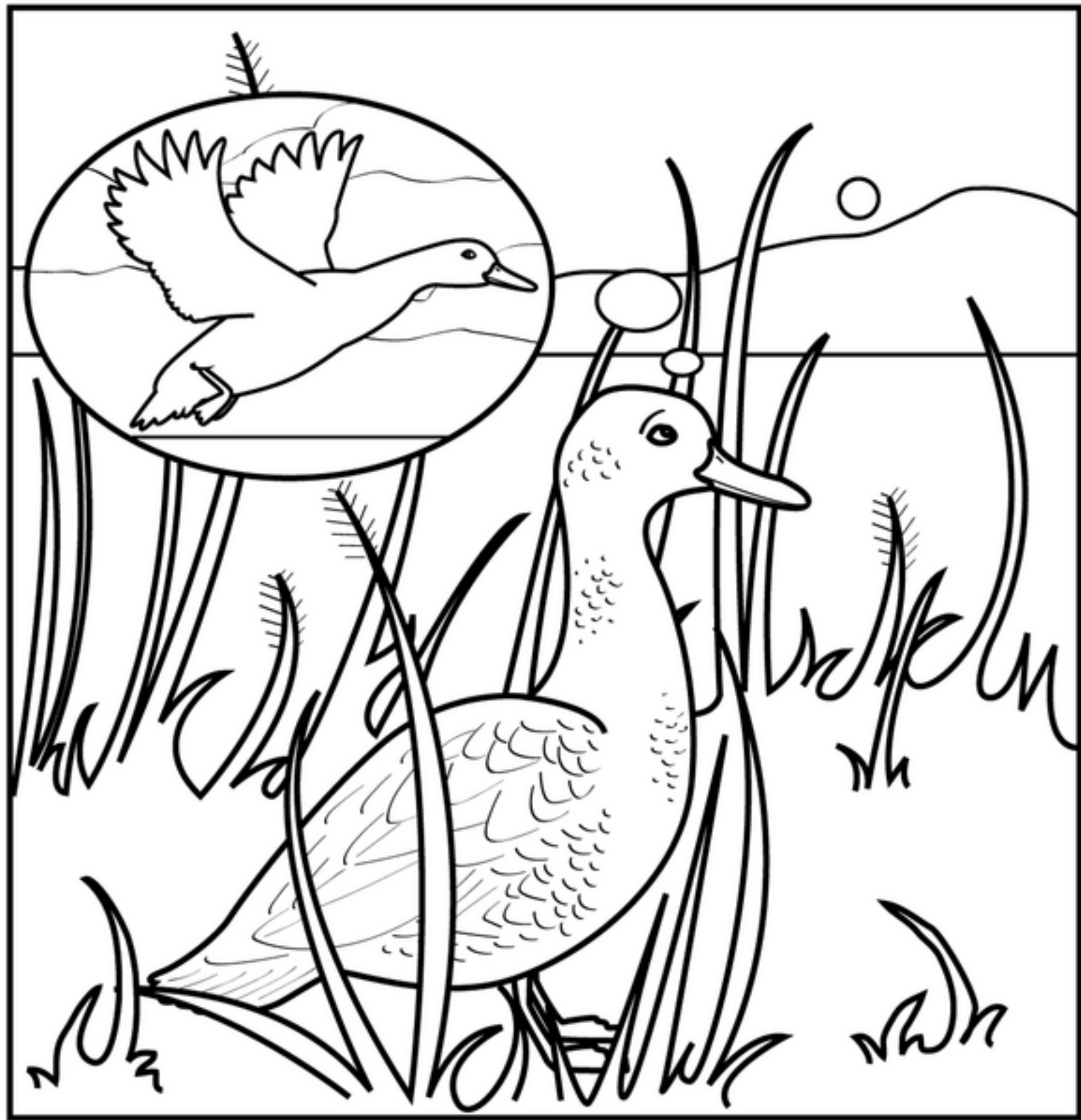
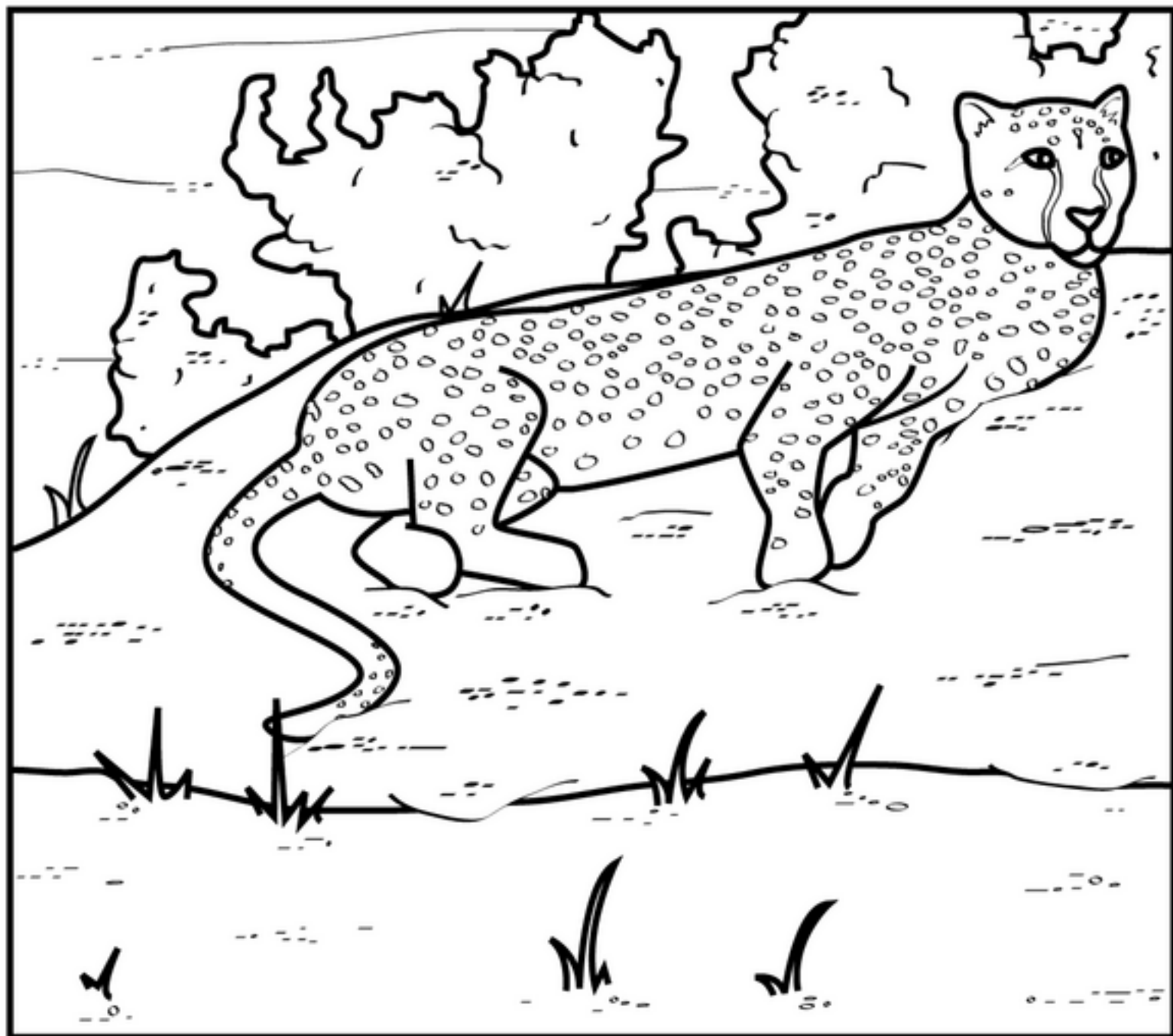


Animals That Migrate





When animals or people move from place to place it is called *migration*. It means finding a new space. Animals will migrate at different times of the year. Instinct tells them when to leave as the time draws near.

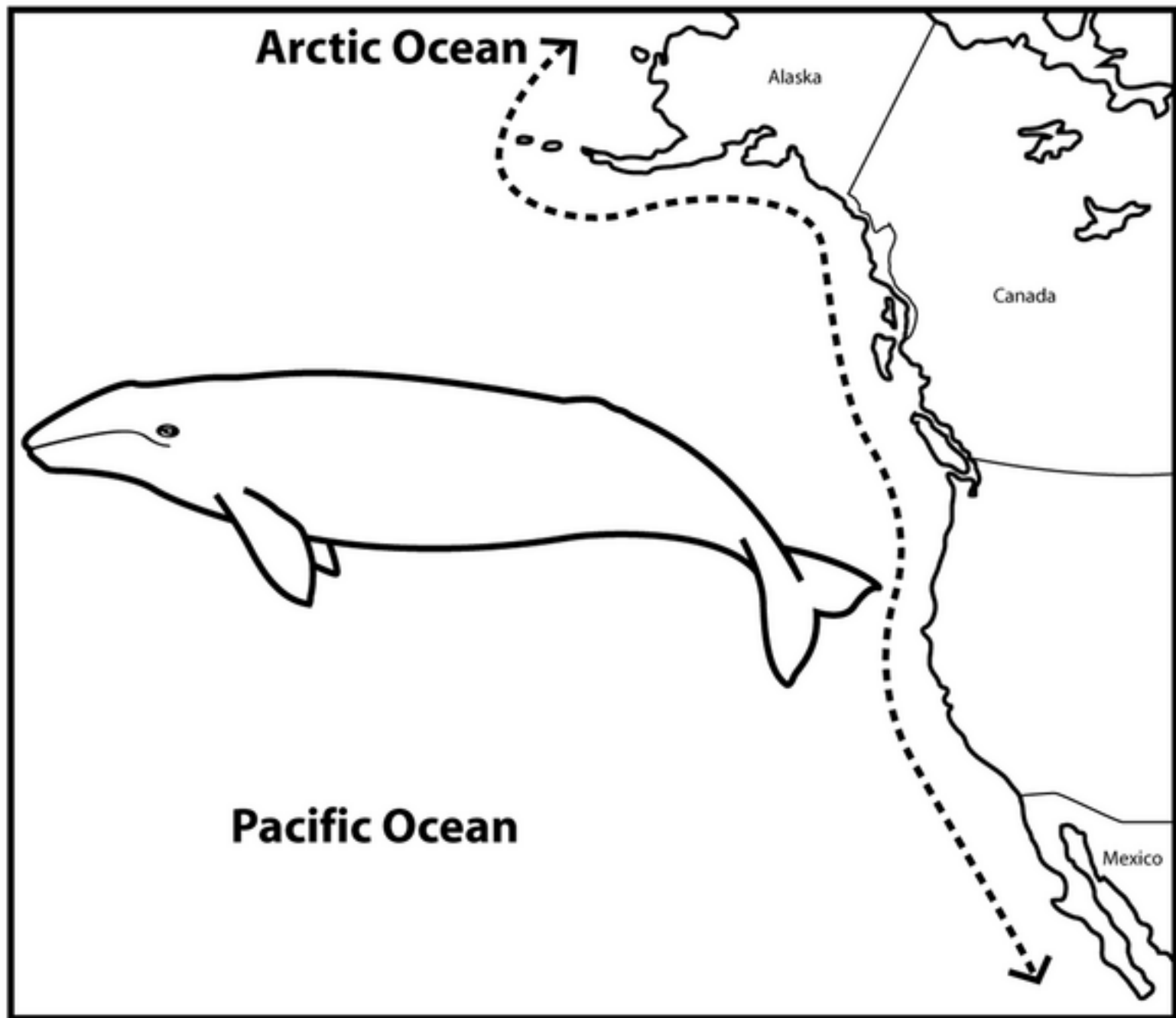


Some animals take short trips, and others are very long.

Some migrate all alone, and others migrate in a throng.

Some animals migrate in the spring. Some migrate in the fall.

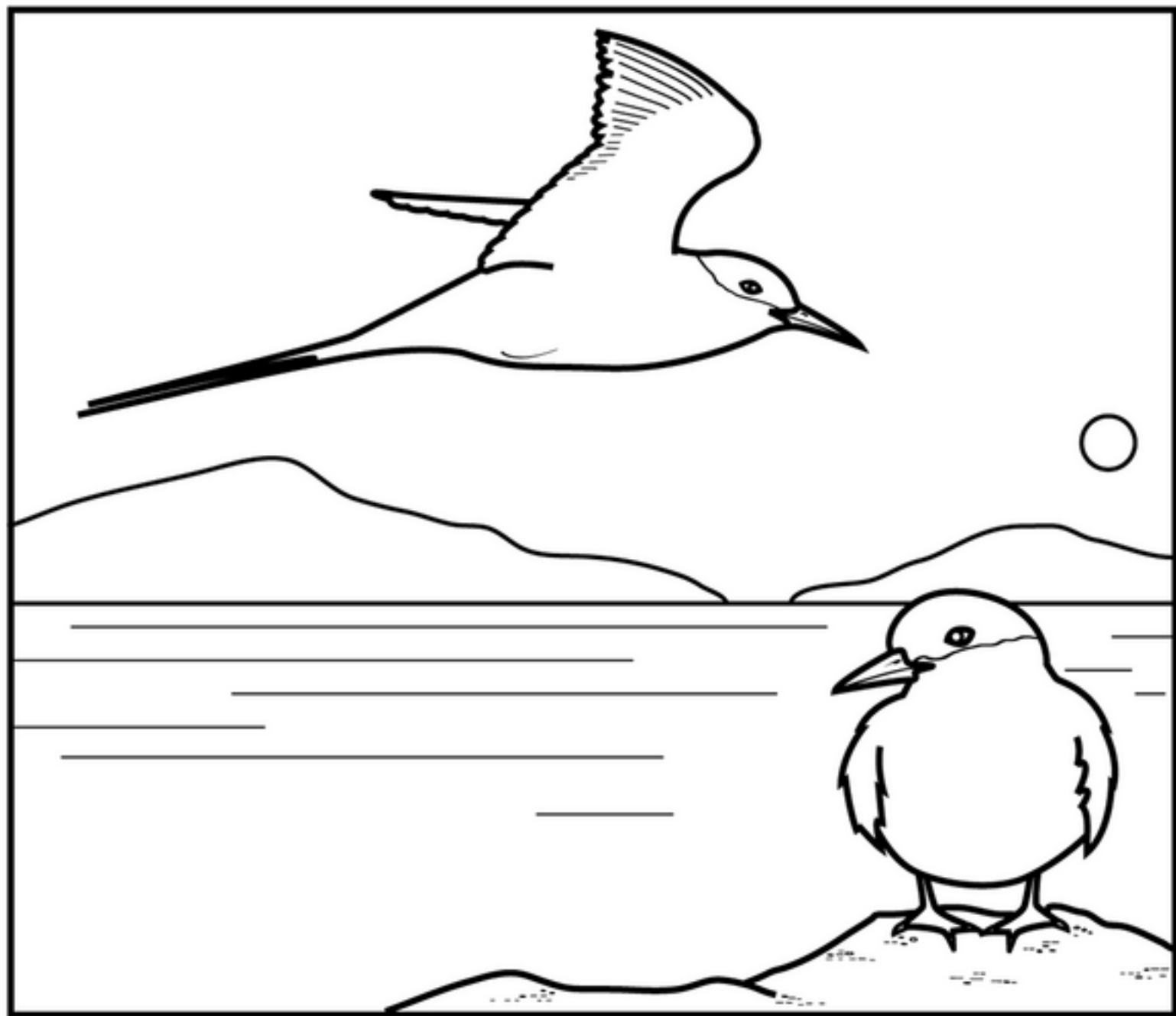
There are many animals on earth that don't migrate at all!



The wildebeest, the zebra, and the Thompson's gazelle migrate in large groups toward the rain and where grass is green as well.

When gray whales migrate from the Arctic, they barely eat along the way.

They migrate to Mexico in the autumn where for several months they'll stay.



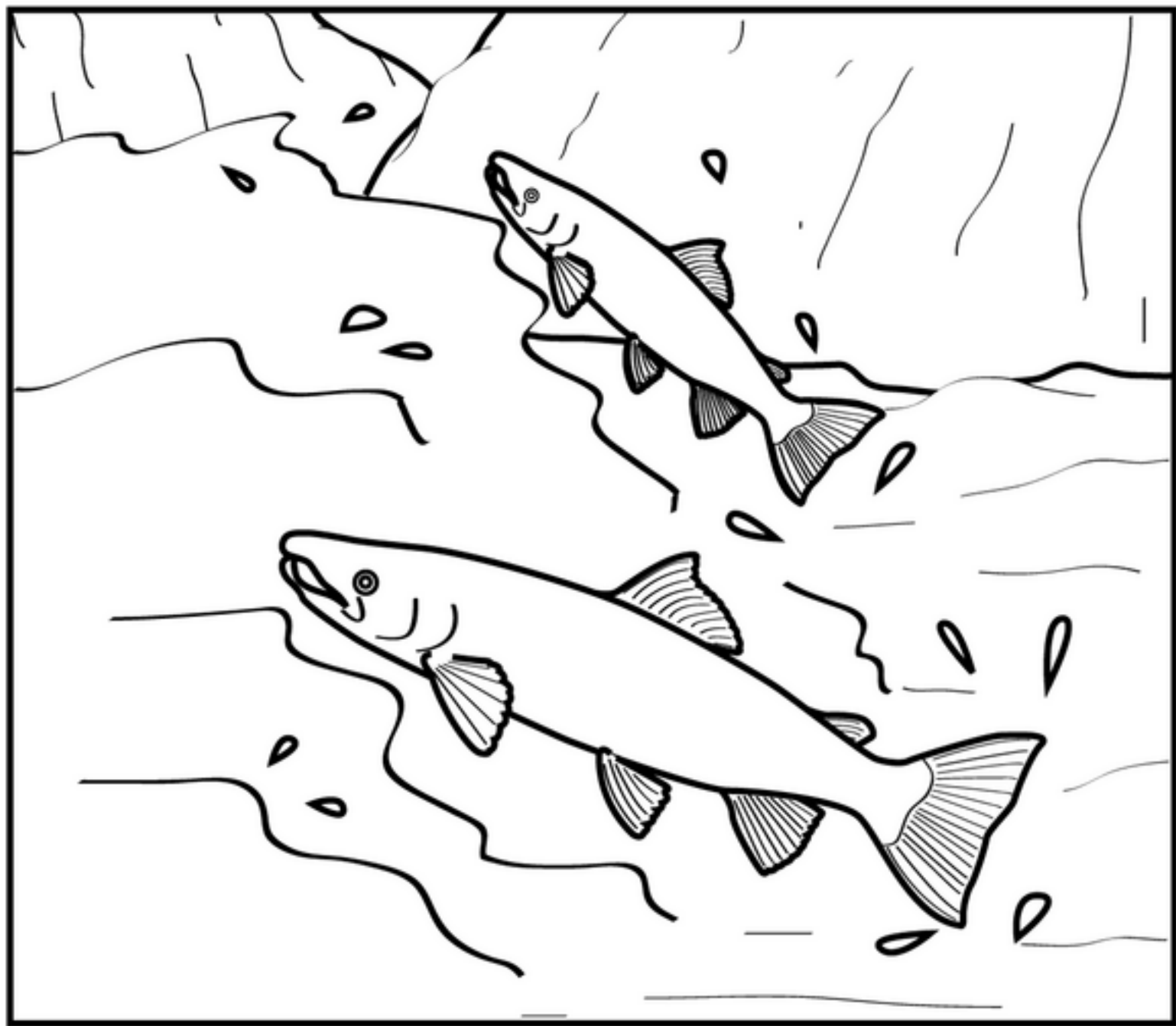
Arctic terns migrate the farthest because they fly from pole to pole.

The tern flies 24,000 miles roundtrip. Better feeding grounds is their goal.

Birds and mammals aren't the only ones that migrate.

Insects often migrate, too.

Some butterflies and moths will migrate to a field or tree near you.

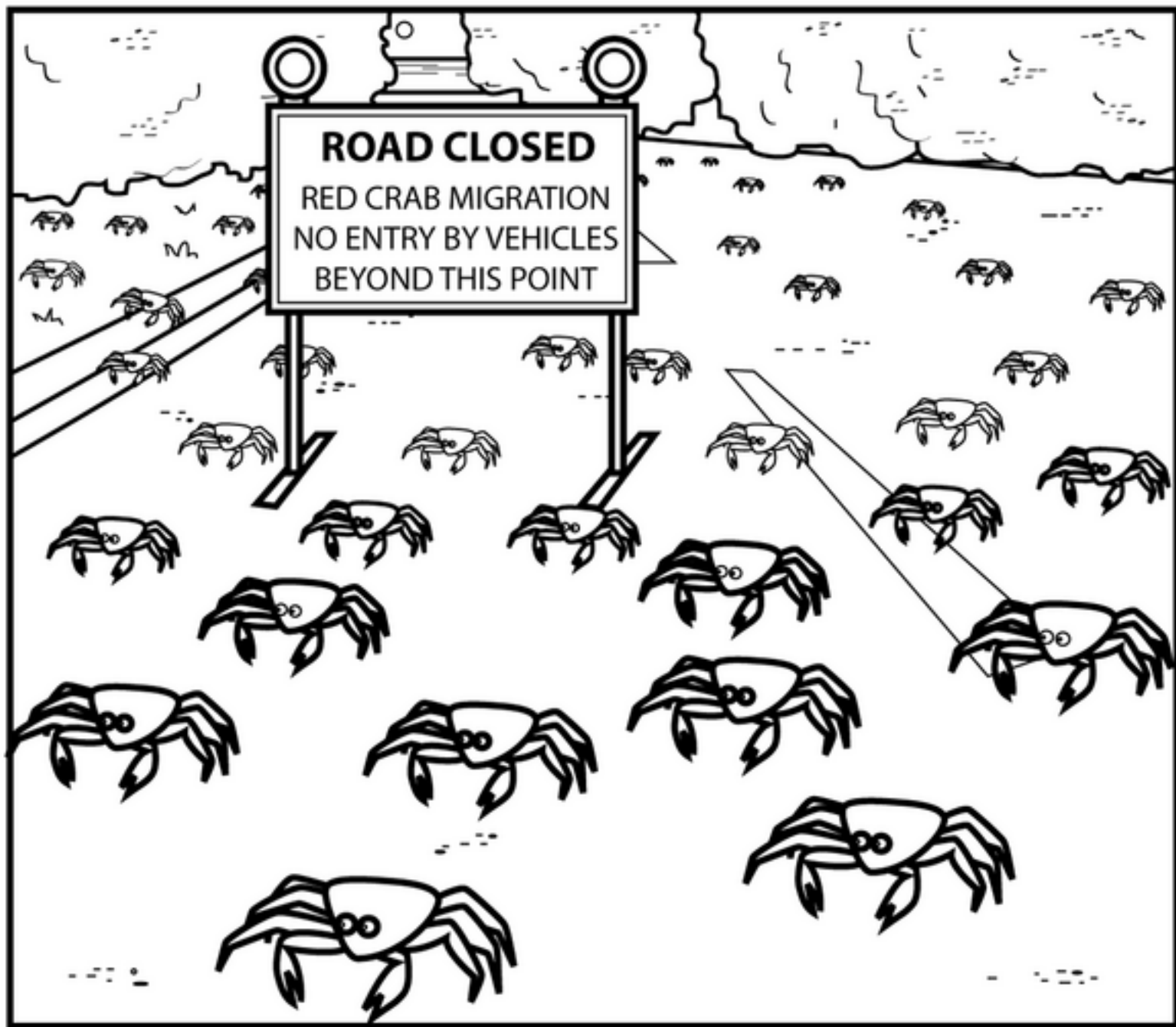


Some insects migrate by flying. Some let the wind carry them along.

Army ants migrate on the ground in a troop a million strong.

Salmon migrate to the ocean. Several years they'll spend at sea.

Then they migrate back for spawning,*and that's the end of their journey.

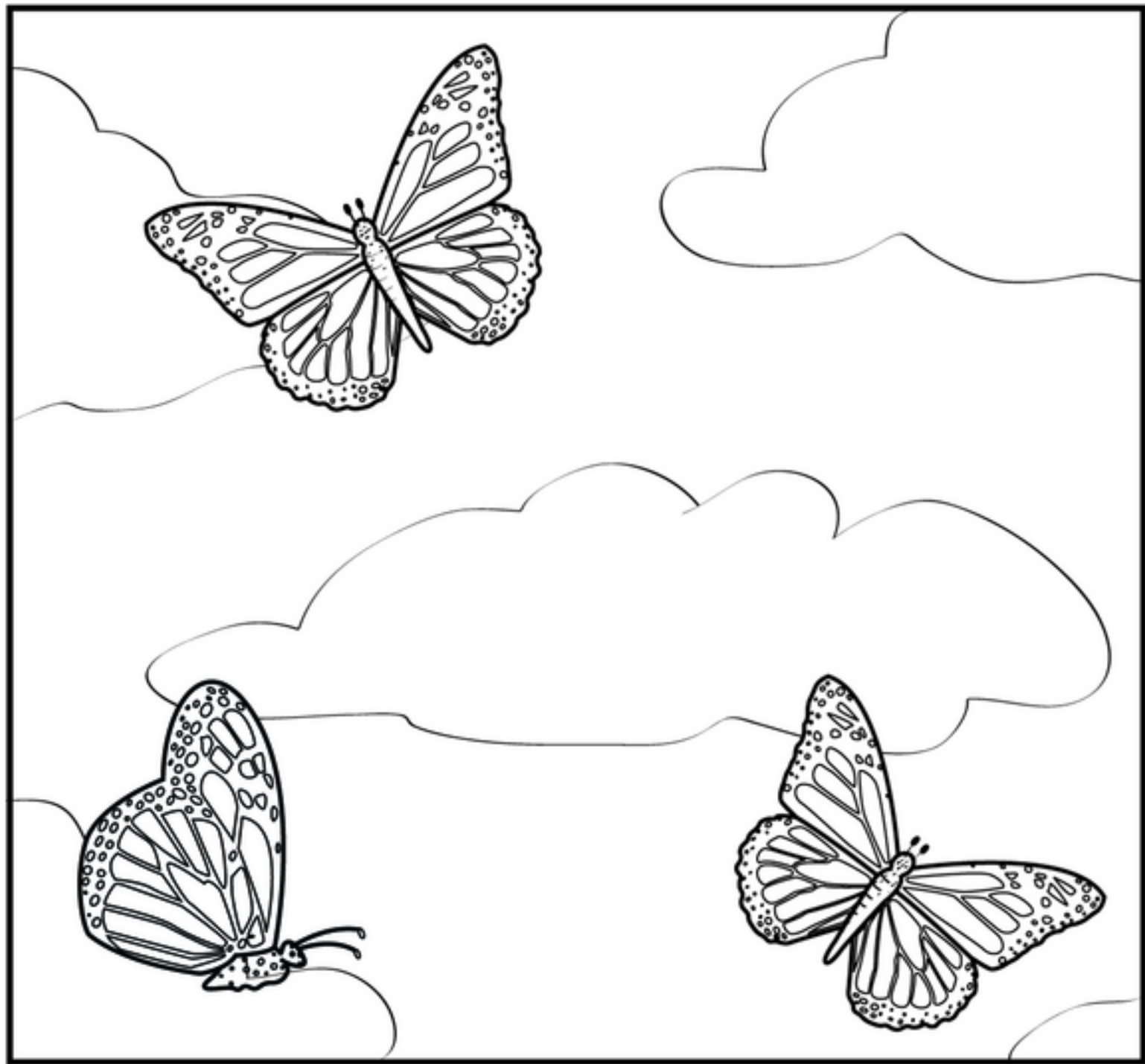


Frogs and salamanders migrate looking for fresh water pools.

Red crabs on Christmas Island migrate through the streets and past the schools.

Many kinds of animals migrate. Human beings migrate, too.

People move to different cities or move to houses old or new.



Animals that migrate move in many different ways.
Mother Nature seems to know which animal goes
and which one stays.

Some animals migrate with the seasons.

Others migrate every day.

Some animals migrate to lay eggs.

Migration is nature's way.

1. Which is the best definition for the word migration?
- a. taking a vacation
 - b. sleeping through the winter
 - c. moving from place to place
 - d. building a new home

Answer: _____

2. What time of year do animals migrate?
- a. Animals migrate at all different times of year.
 - b. Animals always migrate in the fall.
 - c. Most animals migrate in the spring.
 - d. Animals migrate all summer.

Answer: _____

3. Why do salmon migrate?
- a. Salmon migrate to find a friend.
 - b. Salmon migrate for spawning.
 - c. Salmon migrate to take a vacation.
 - d. Salmon migrate to find soft mud.

Answer: _____

4. What time of year do gray whales migrate to Mexico?
- a. in the winter
 - b. in the spring
 - c. in the summer
 - d. in the autumn

Answer: _____

5. Which animal migrates the farthest?

- a. the black bear
- b. the gray whale
- c. the Arctic tern
- d. the Monarch butterfly

Answer: _____

6. What is one reason frogs and salamanders migrate?

- a. They are looking for their children.
- b. They are looking for fresh water.
- c. They are looking for mud.
- d. They are looking for warmer weather.

Answer: _____