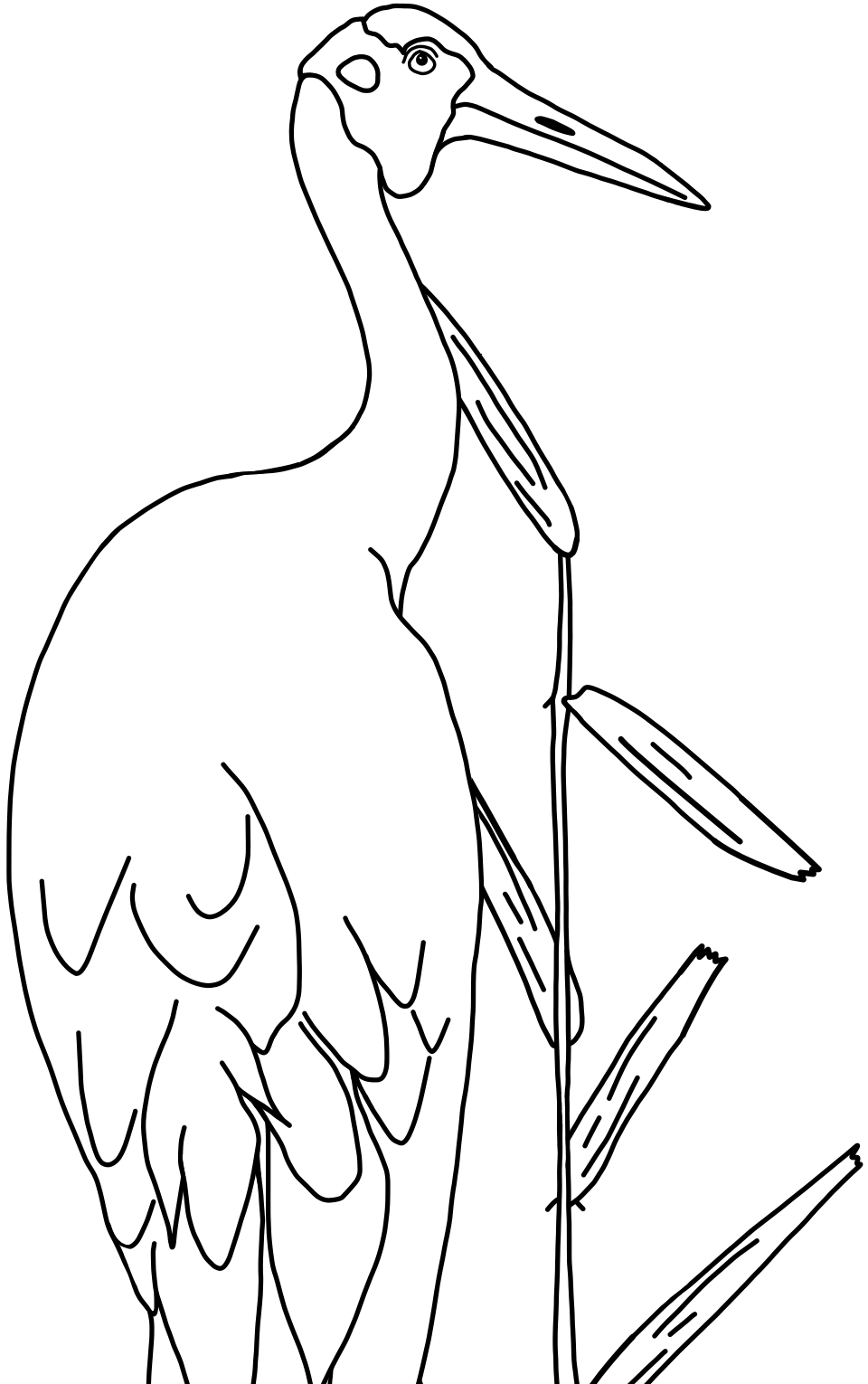
Brolga

Species Name: *Grus rubicunda*

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Fun Fact: The Brolga is a large grey crane, with a featherless red head and grey crown. The legs are grey and there is a black dewlap under the chin. Females are shorter than males.
The energetic dance performed by the Brolga is a spectacular sight.



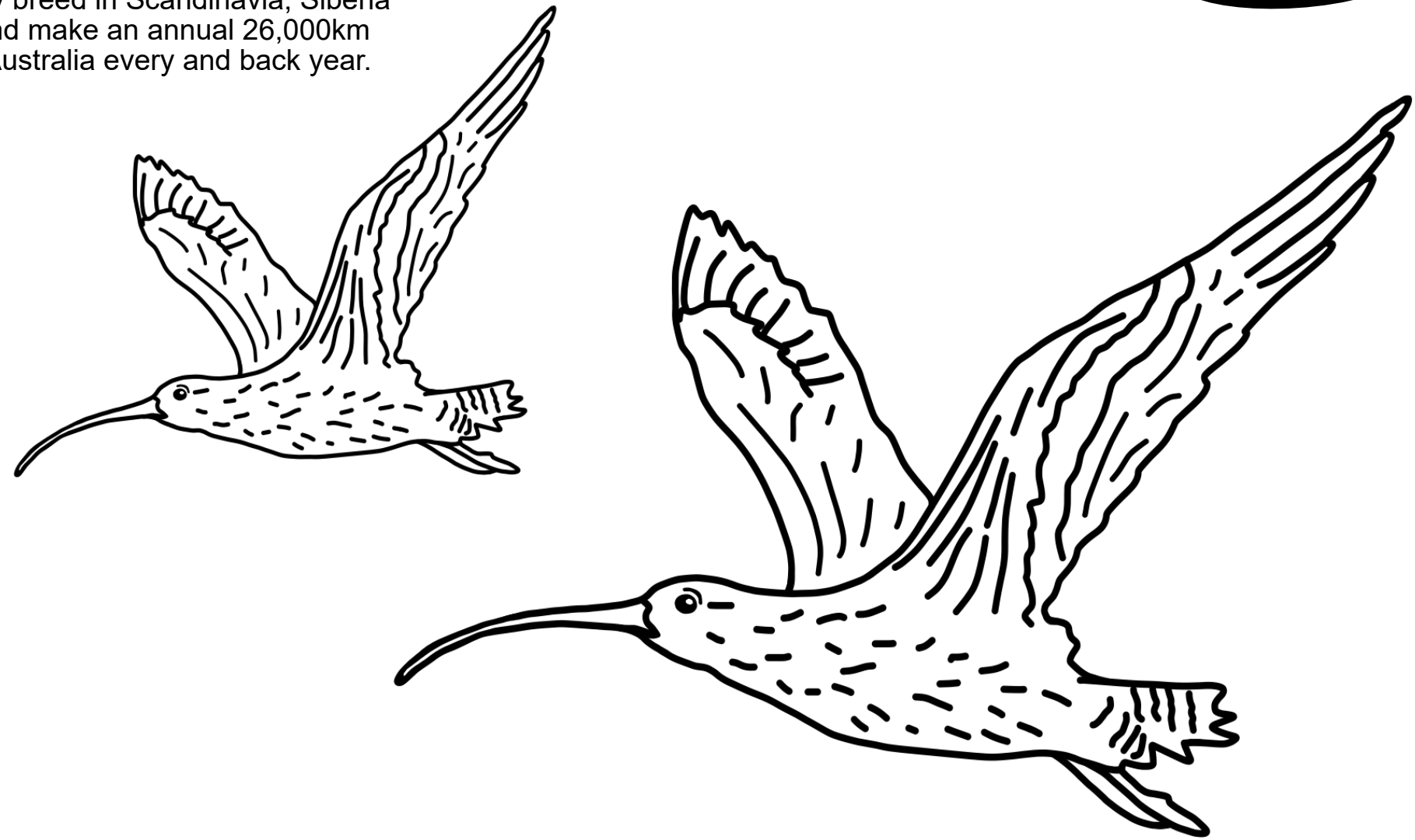


Eastern Curlew

Species Name: *Numenius madagascariensis*

Threatened Status
Critically Endangered

Fun Fact: Eastern Curlews are the largest migratory shorebird to visit Australia each summer. They breed in Scandinavia, Siberia and Alaska and make an annual 26,000km round trip to Australia every and back year.



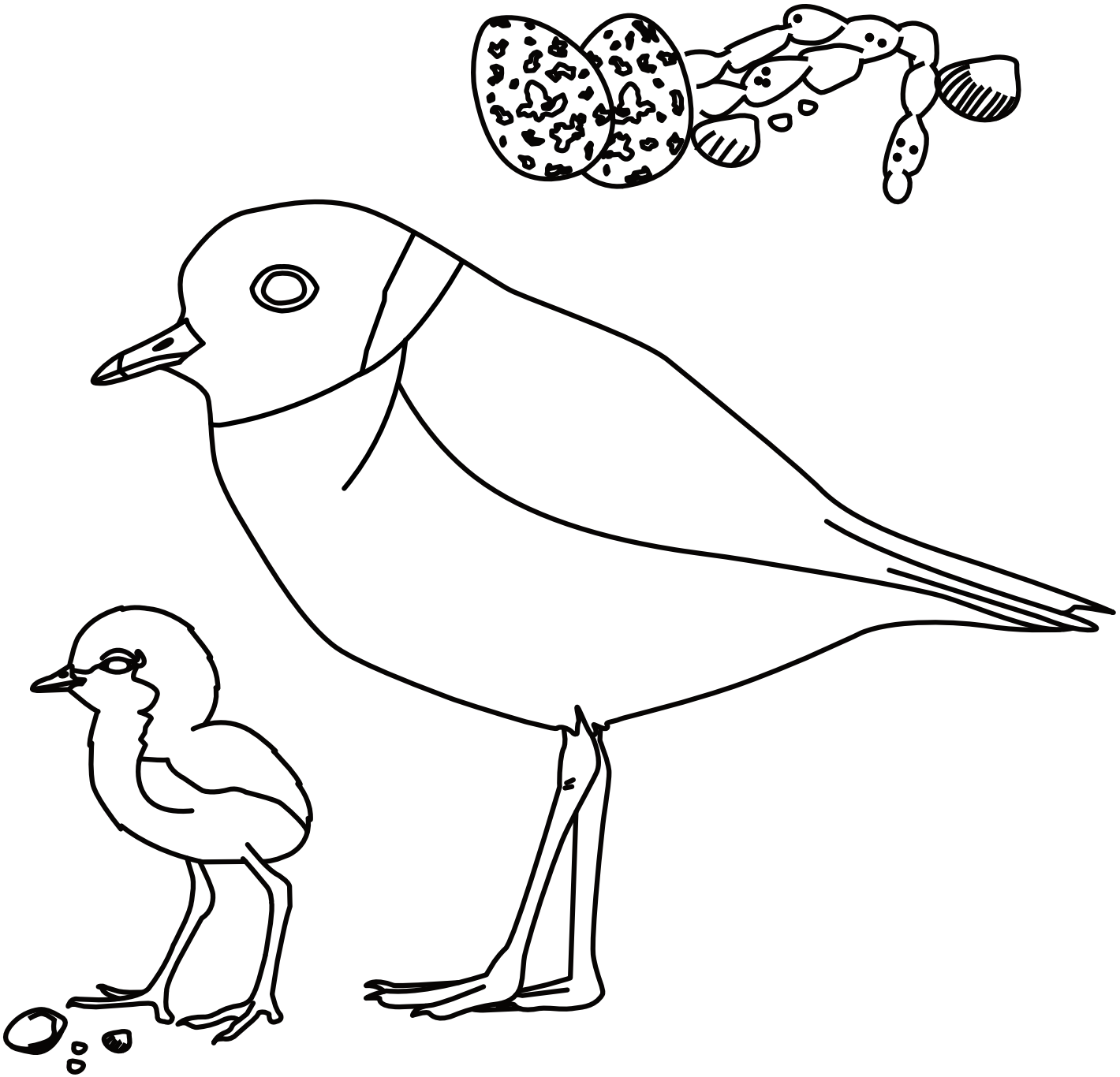
Hooded Plover

Species Name: *Thinornis cucullatus*
Status: Vulnerable

Fun Fact: Hooded Plovers lay their eggs in a special nest called a ‘scrape’, a shallow scrape in sand or fine gravel above the high-tide mark on ocean beaches or among dunes.
This nest may be encircled or lined with pebbles, seaweed and other beach debris.

Image: Geoff Gates





Saltmarsh Habitat

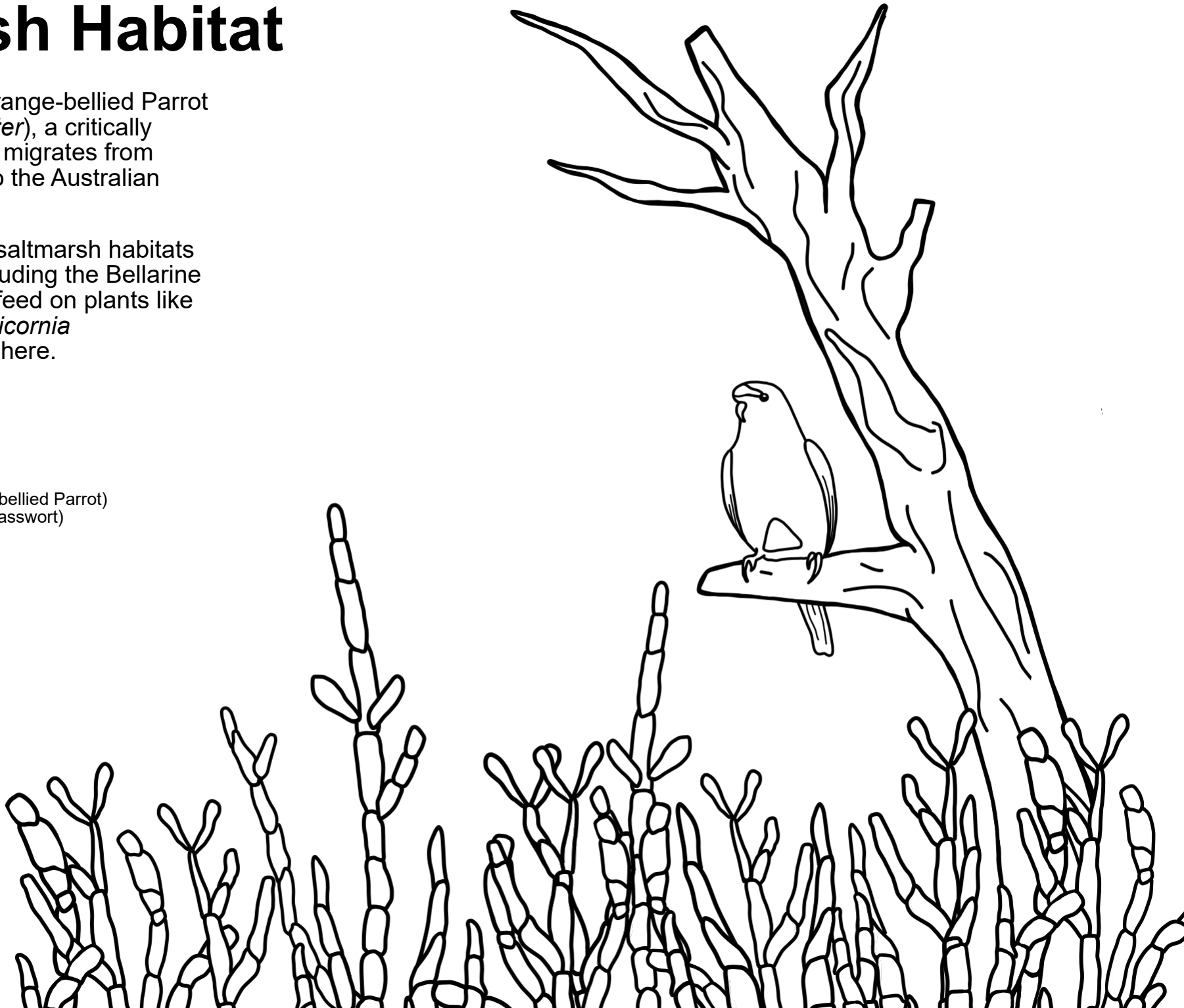
Featured here is the Orange-bellied Parrot (*Neophema chrysogaster*), a critically endangered parrot that migrates from south-west Tasmania to the Australian mainland each autumn.

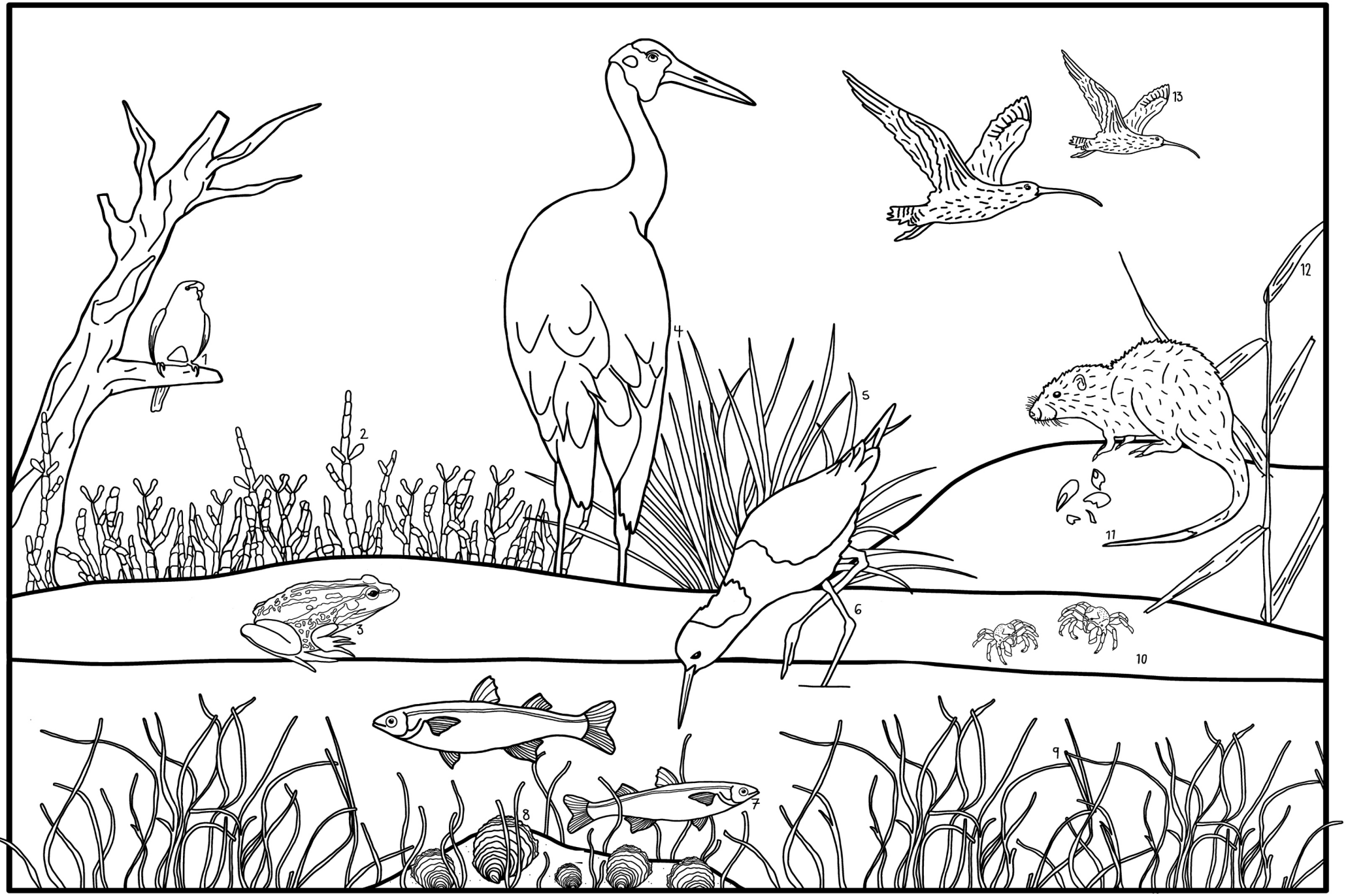
These parrots visit the saltmarsh habitats along the mainland including the Bellarine Peninsula, where they feed on plants like Beaded Glasswort (*Salicornia quinqueflora*), featured here.

Images by David Cook (Orange-bellied Parrot) and Bernie Lingham (Beaded Glasswort)








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