

Lesson 3: Dancing, Diving Ducks

Episode(s) to watch:

- Month 4 Episode 3 - "D" is for Dancing, Diving Ducks

Overview:

Here in Alaska we have many different species of sea ducks. These are ducks that spend at least part of the year living on the ocean. Sea ducks dive down in the water to forage for food. Some sea ducks, like the King Eider, can dive over 150 feet deep! Sea ducks eat invertebrates (like sea urchins, sea stars, and more), fish, and some aquatic vegetation! They have really strong leg muscles that can push them deep in the water to look for food. They also do really showy, fun dances to attract a mate during breeding season! Some of those words start with the letter D! Can you find them all?

Materials:

- Balloon
- Construction paper (blue, green, and brown)
- Twigs
- Pebbles or beans
- Steller's eider cutouts (next page)

Activity:

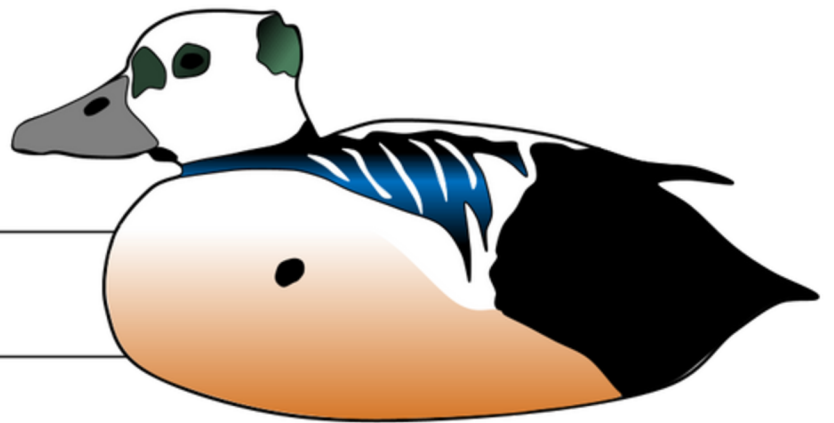
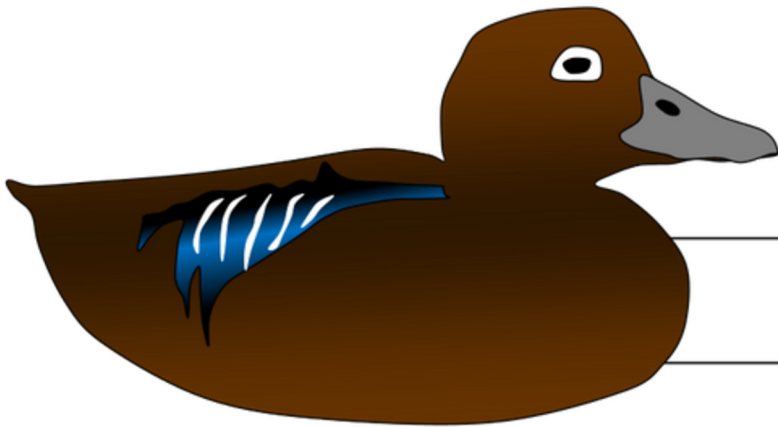
Balloon Dance! Blow up 1 or 2 balloons and toss them in the air. Do your best duck dance while working to keep the balloon in the air.

Craft:

Build a Steller's eider habitat! Think about all the things these ducks would need to be happy and healthy in their habitat, like food, water, and materials to build their nest. You can start with a piece of blue construction paper to be the water of the lagoon, and glue on different materials to meet their needs. Be creative and use what you have! Don't forget the ducks!

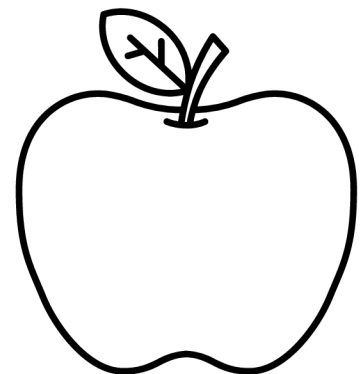
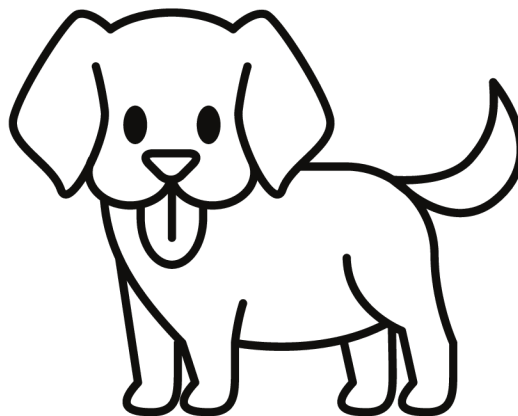
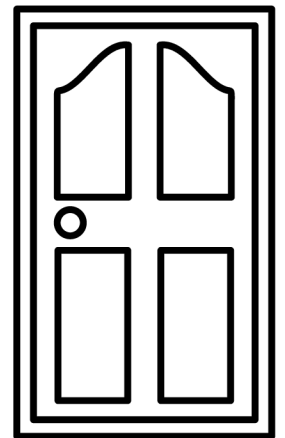
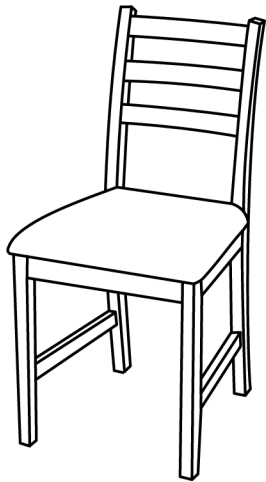
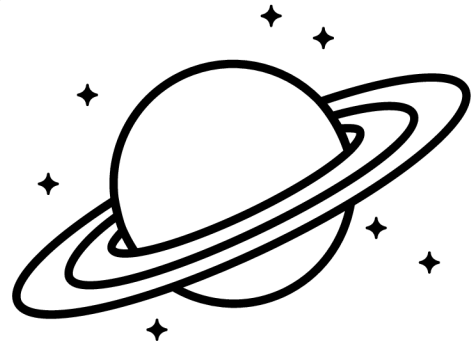
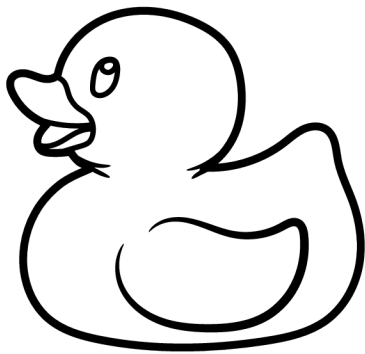


STELLER EIDER CUT OUTS



The Letter D

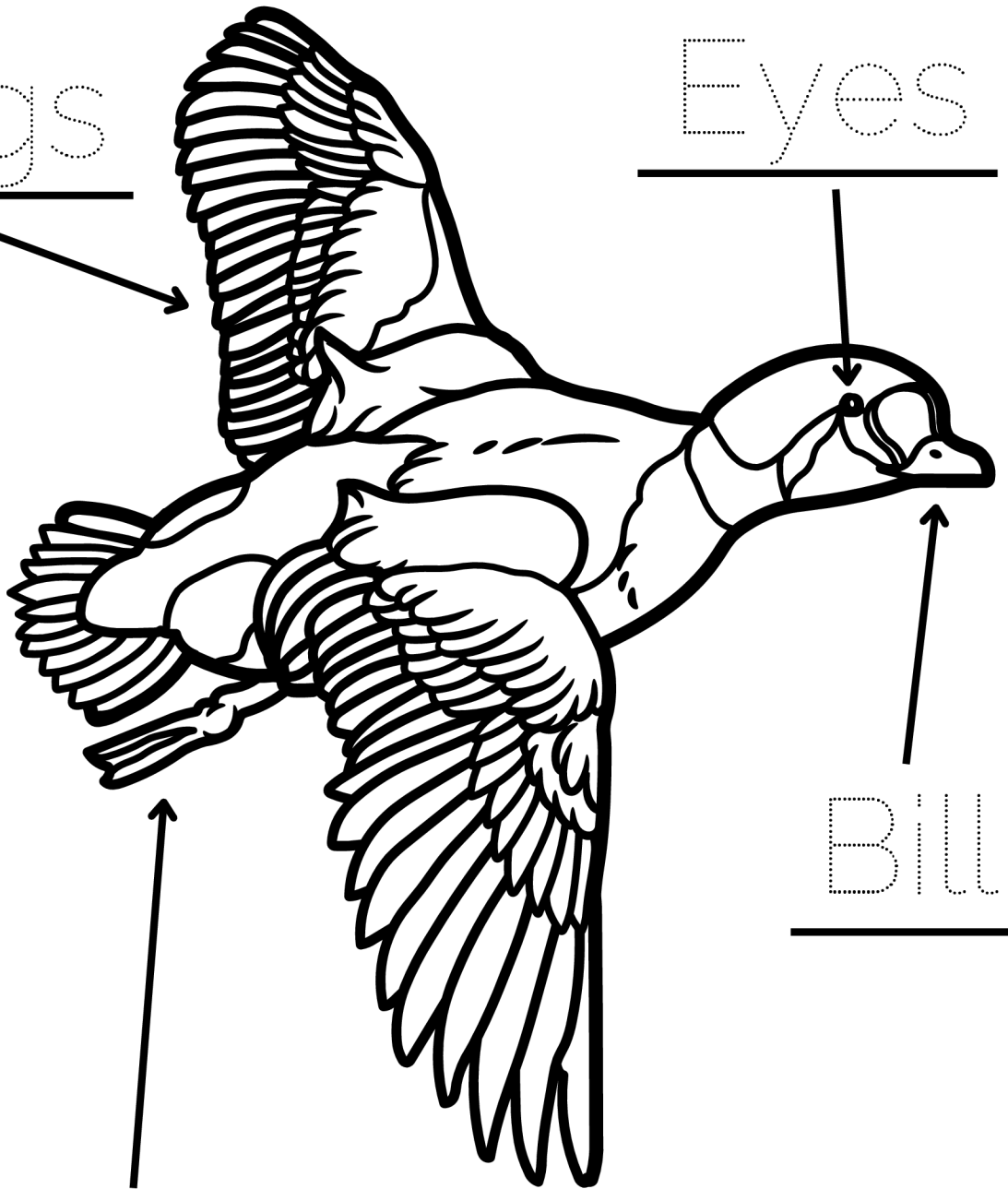
Color in the objects that start with the letter "d".



SEA DUCK BODY PARTS

Wings

Eyes

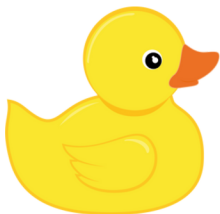
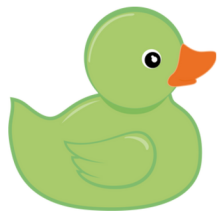
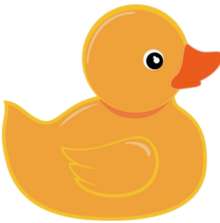
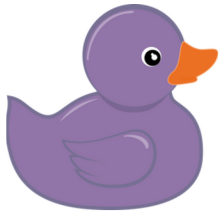


Bill

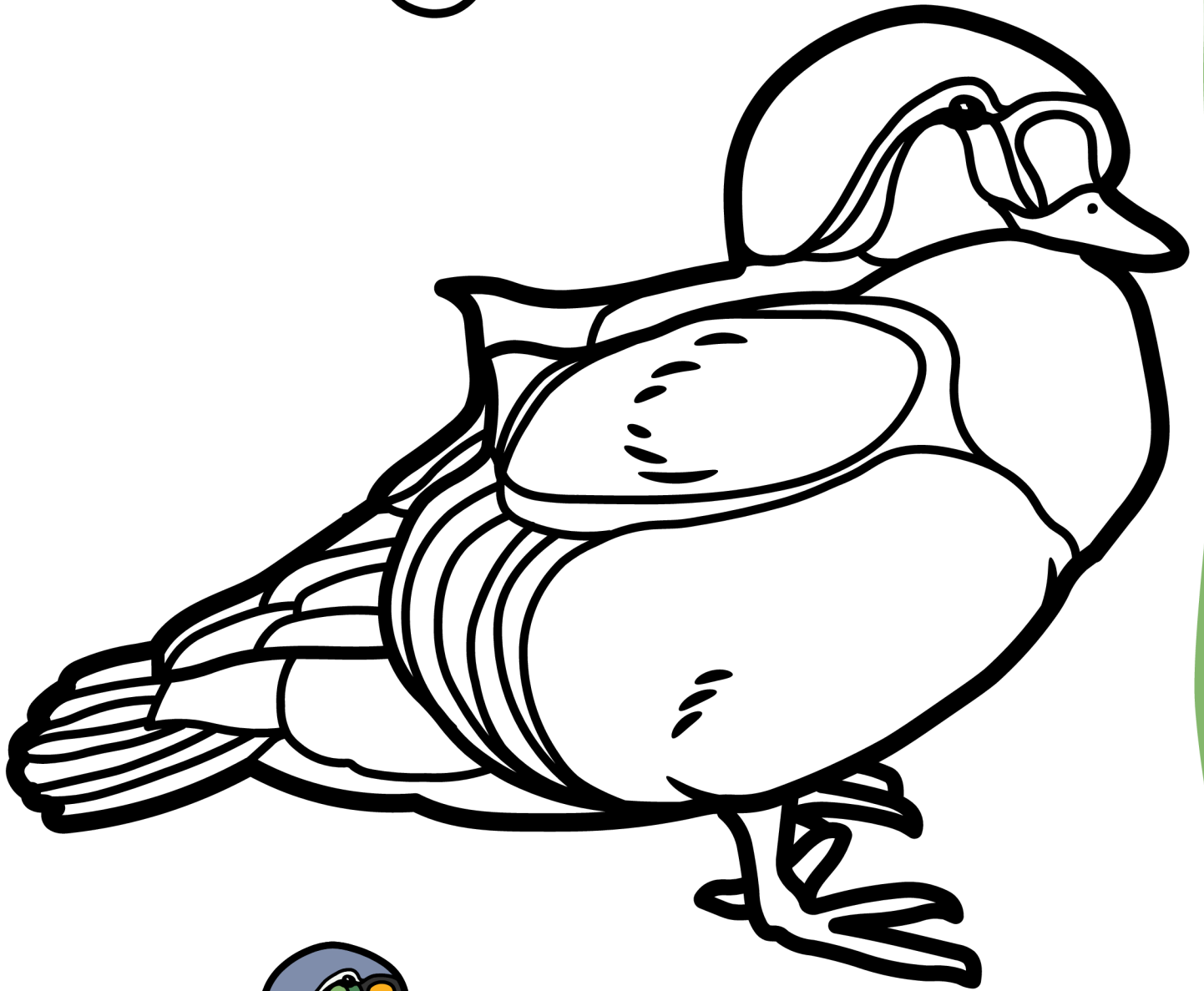
Webbed feet

Matching Colors

Draw a line to match the crayon color with the duck color



King Eider



Optional: Color the King Eider with their true summer plumage!