

GULLS

Misunderstood Animals: #7

Animal Type:

- ☐ Amphibian
- ☒ Bird
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Invertebrate
- ☐ Mammal
- ☐ Reptile

Diet:

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☒ Omnivore

Habitat:

- ☒ Desert
- ☒ Grassland
- ☒ Forest
- ☒ Arctic
- ☒ Urban (cities)

Most species prefer to be near water (ocean, lakes, or rivers) but they are highly adaptable and can be found in almost every environment!

Basic stats:

Number of species: At least 50

Largest: Great Black-backed gull

Smallest: Little gull

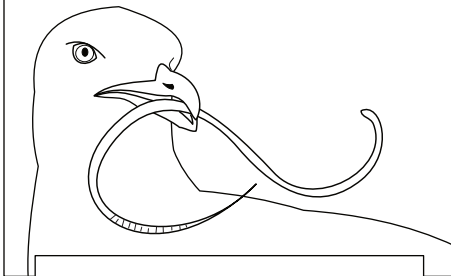
Species in North America: At least 23

Most common species: Herring gull

Lifespan: 10-20 years

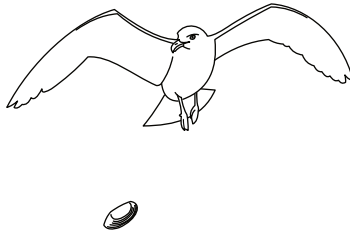
FACT OR FICTION?

Gulls stamp their feet to imitate rain and trick worms into coming to the surface



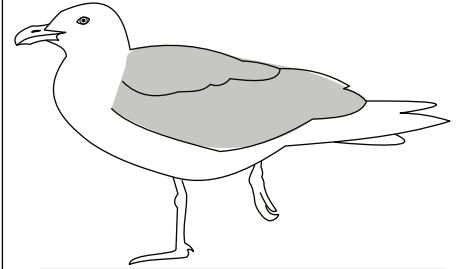
FACT

Gulls drop mollusks onto rocks to break them open to eat



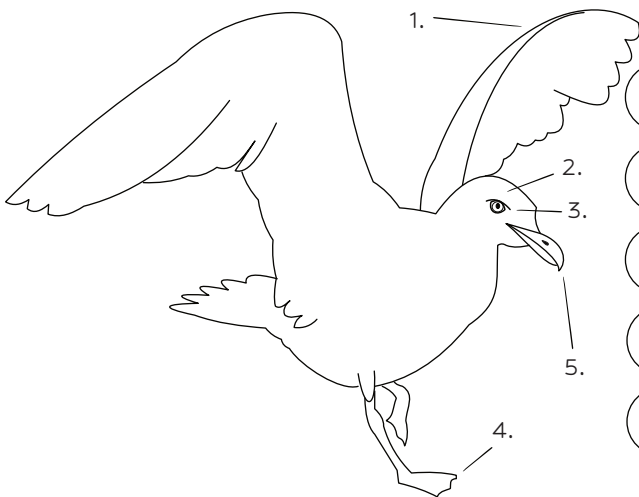
FACT

Gulls stand on one leg to keep cool



FICTION
They do this to stay warm

Match each feature with its corresponding function:



1 Broad wings

2 Supraorbital glands

3 Eyes

4 Webbed feet

5 Hooked bill

Allows them to drink salt water! Extra salt is excreted from their nostrils .

Helps gulls to swim, float and maintain position on the water

Provides ability to fly with a fine balance between soaring and maneuverability

Gives them far-seeing panoramic vision and ability to see UV light

Aids gulls' opportunistic and diverse feeding habits. Used for grasping and tearing food, and carrying objects

Favorite Gull Fact: