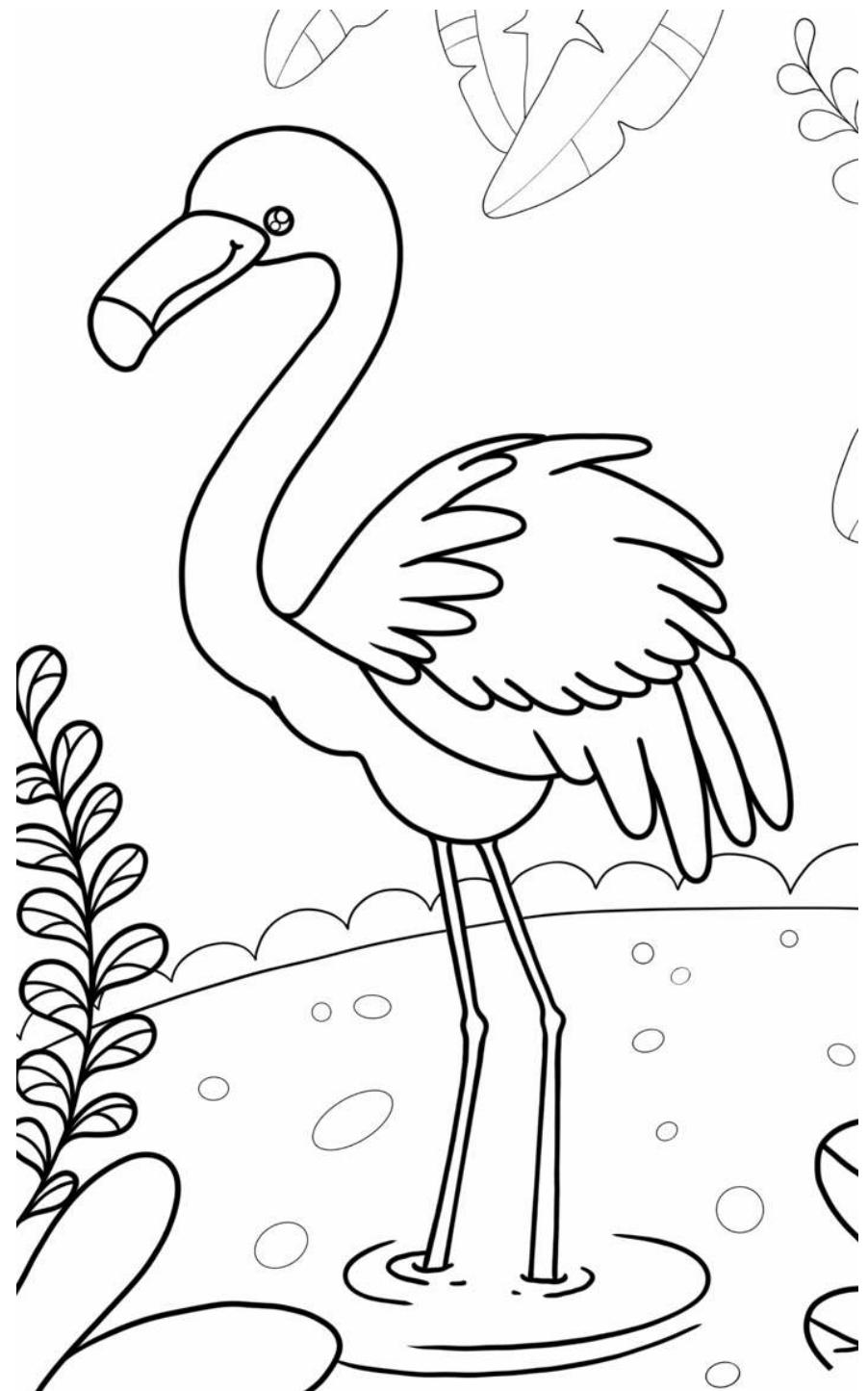
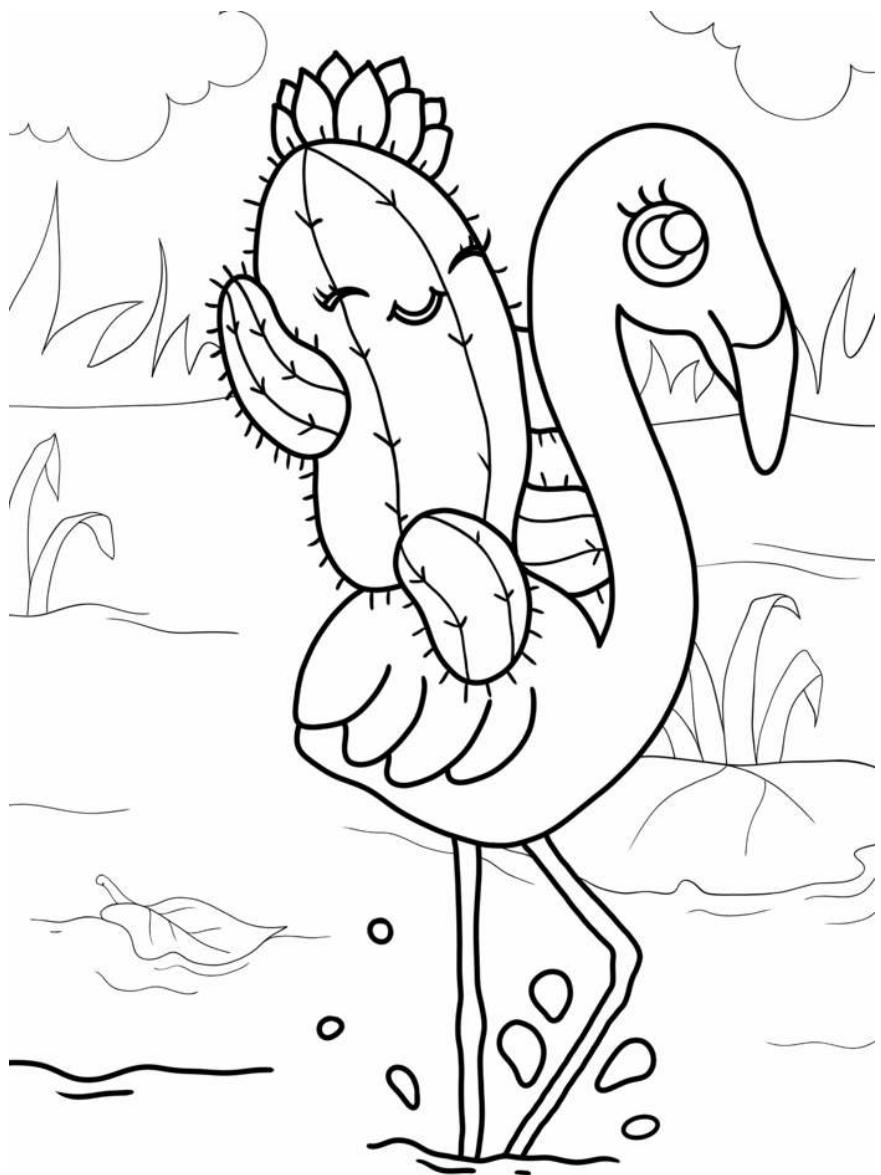


FLAMINGOS OR FLAMINGOES

There are four flamingo species distributed throughout the Americas, and two species native to Afro-Eurasia. A group of flamingoes is called a "flamboyance"





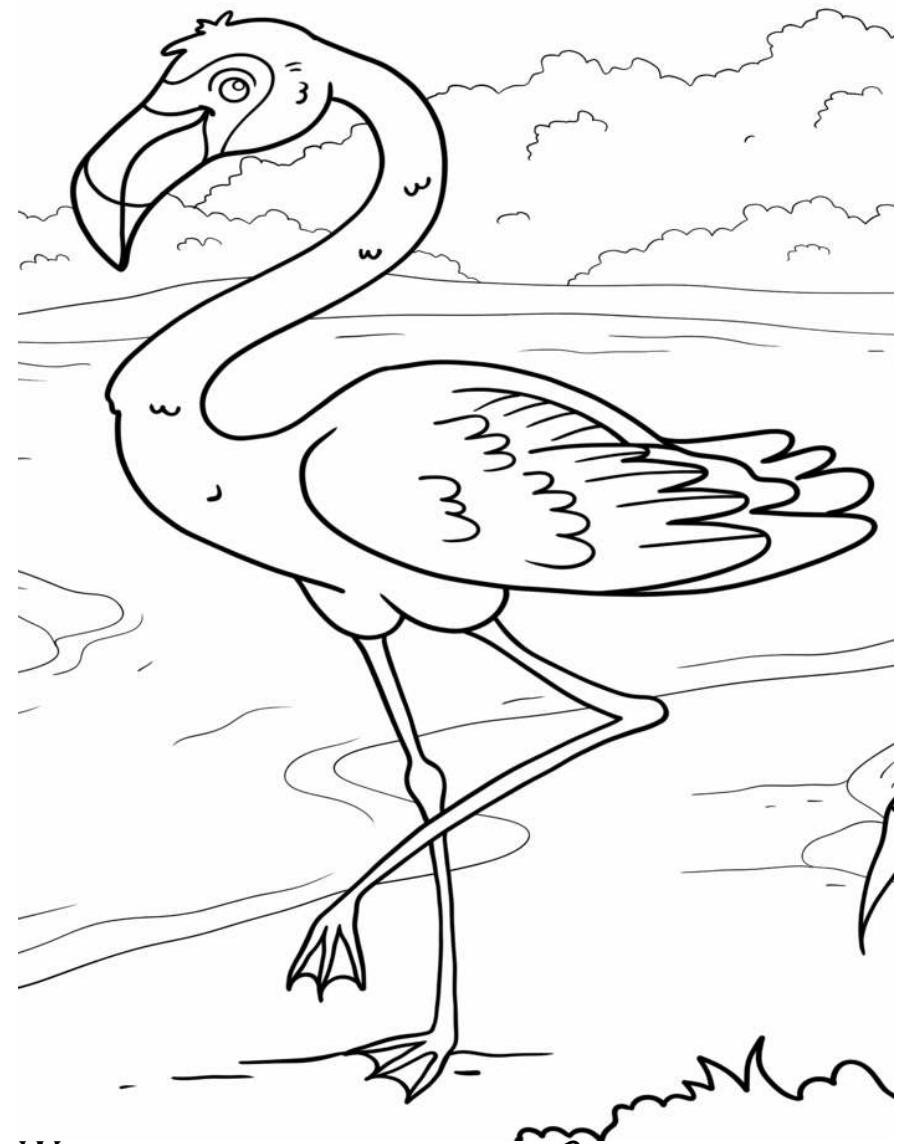
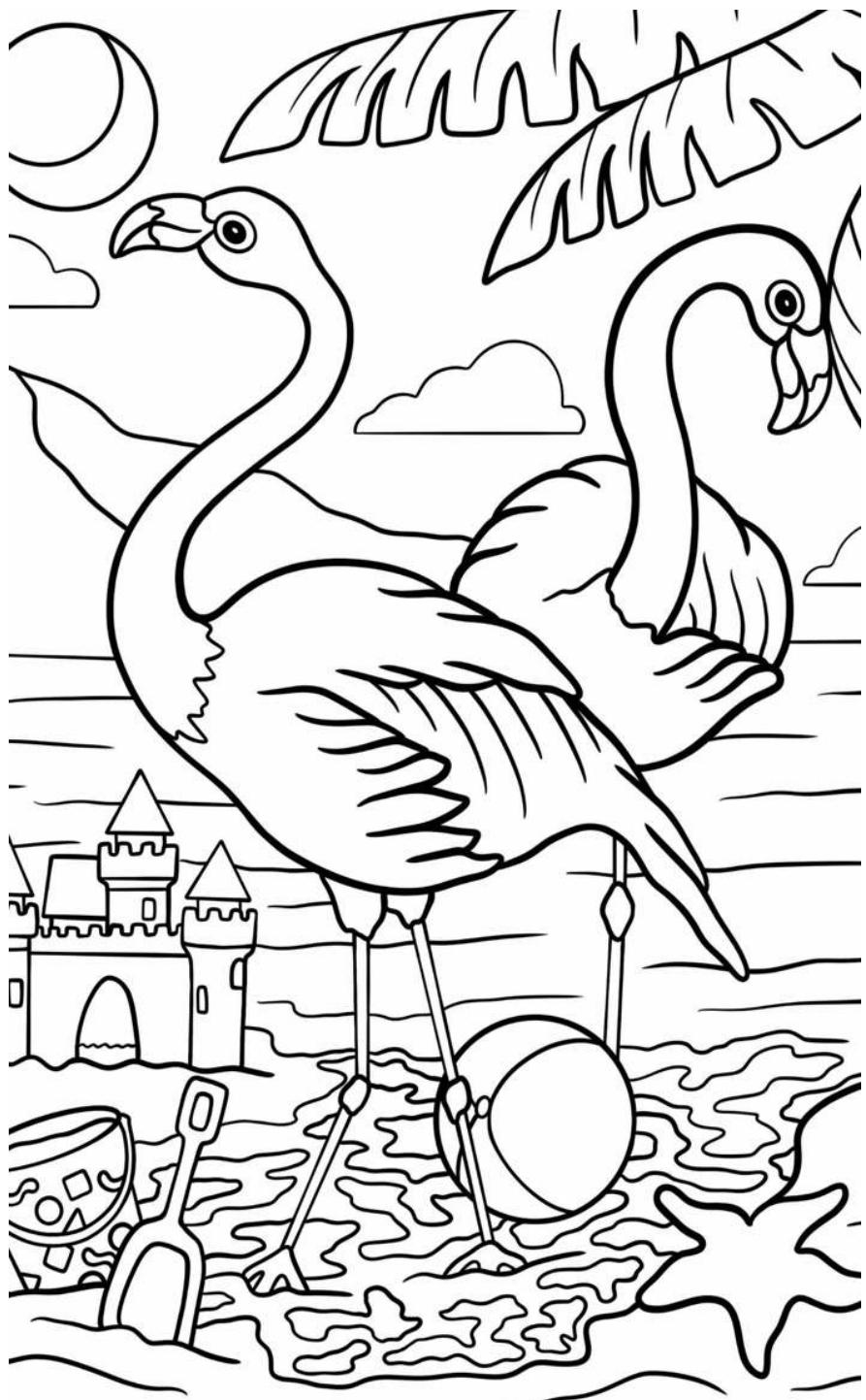
WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT FLAMINGOS?

With their distinctive pink feathers, long spindly legs and the ability to stand on one leg for up to four hours our Chilean flamingos are instantly recognizable. Did you know that when a flamingo chick is born, it isn't pink at all? In fact it's a dull gray color. The familiar pink color comes from their diet.



WHERE DO FLAMINGOS LIVE?

Chilean, Andean, and Puna flamingos are found in South America; greater and lesser flamingos live in Africa, with greater also found in the Middle East; the American or Caribbean flamingo is native to Mexico, the Caribbean, and the northernmost tip of South America.



WHAT DO FLAMINGOS EAT?

Blue-green and red algae, diatoms, larval and adult forms of small insects, crustaceans, molluscs, and small fishes make up the main diet of flamingos. A flamingo's pink or reddish feather, leg, and facial coloration come from a diet high in alpha and beta carotenoid pigments, including canthaxanthin.