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# PROTECT FUN

Help us make sure everyone knows to skip the fertilizer this summer.  
Together, we Floridians can protect our fun.



"A City for All Ages"

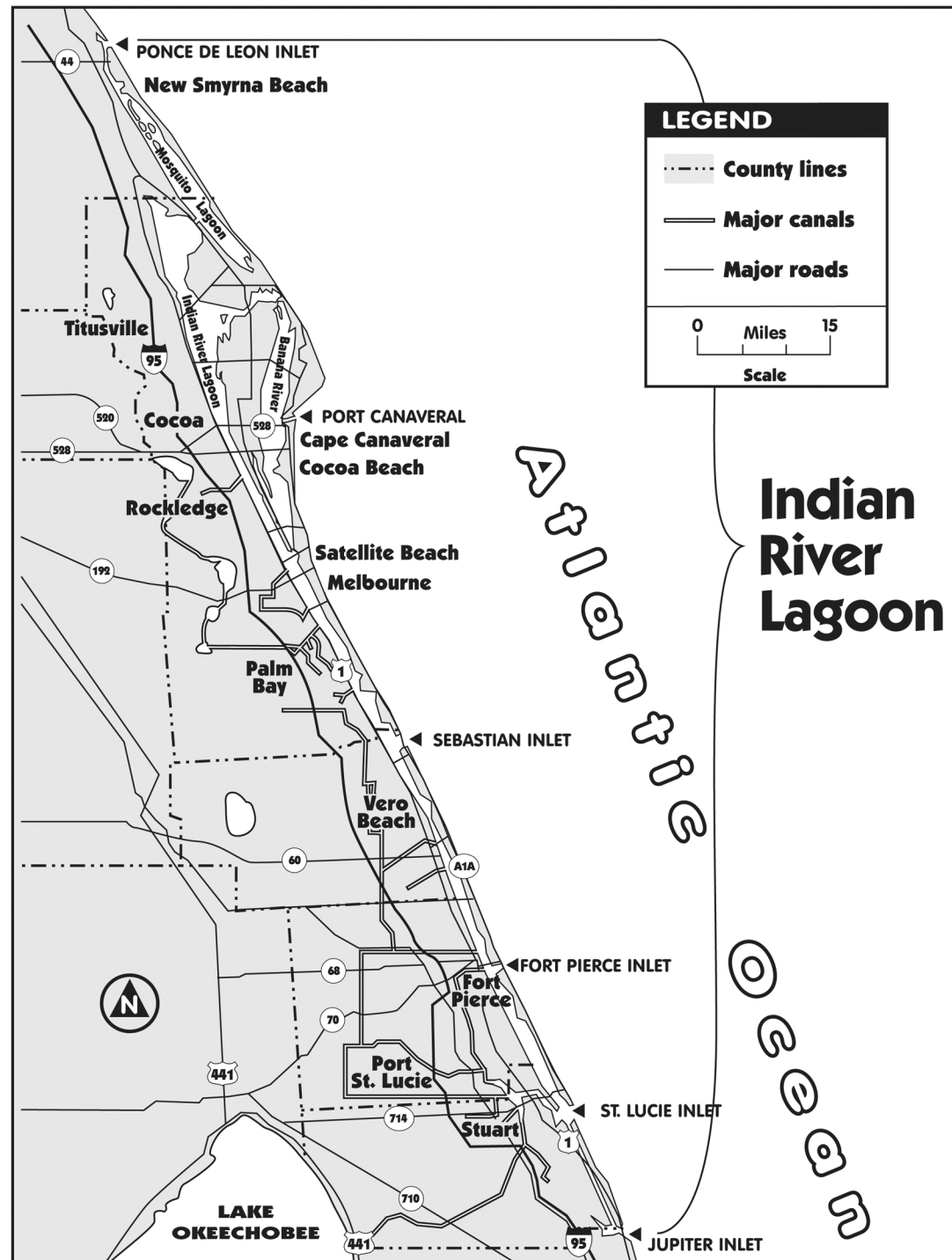


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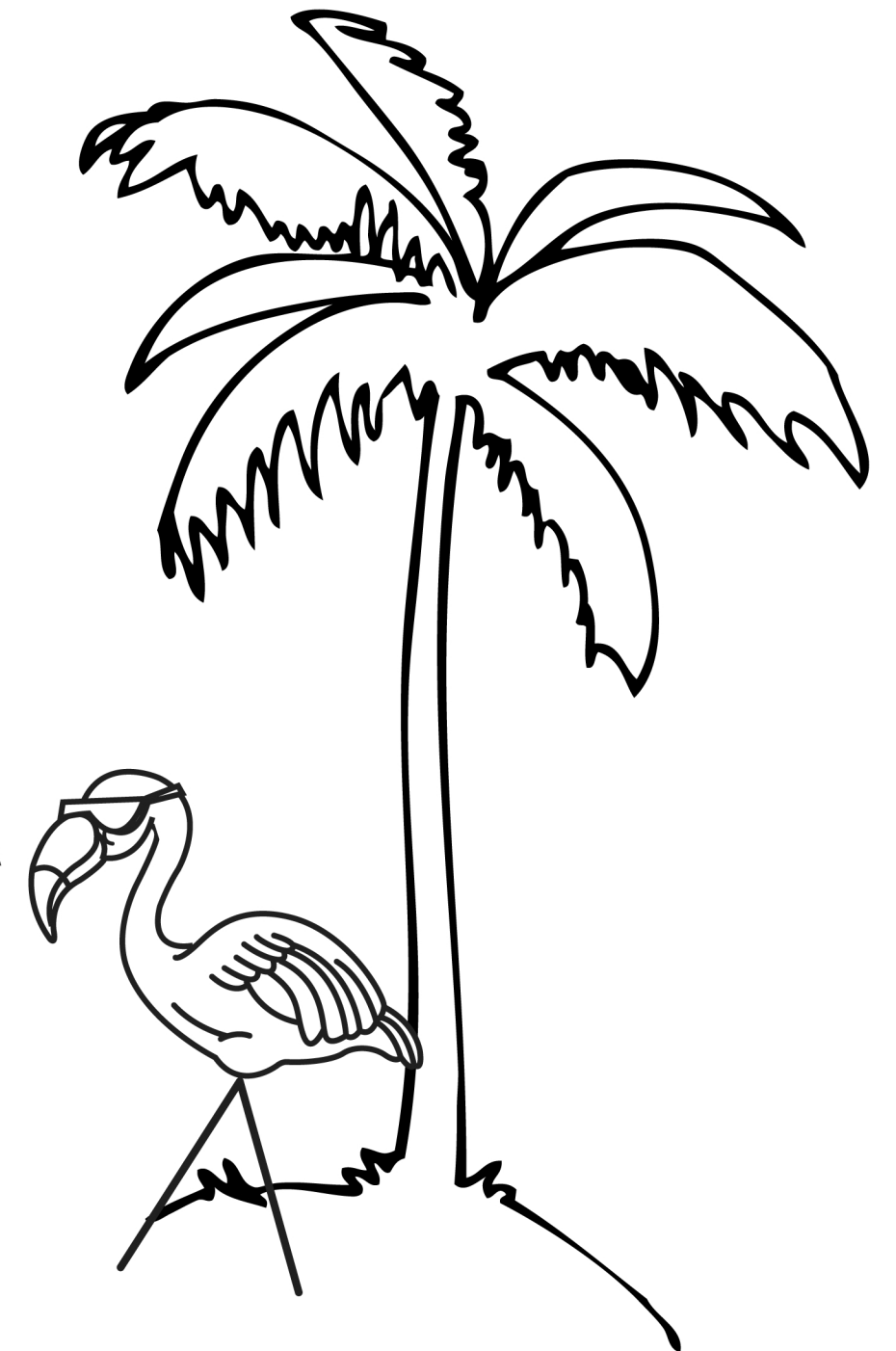


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**HAVE FUN**



# WORD SEARCH

# MEET FELIX

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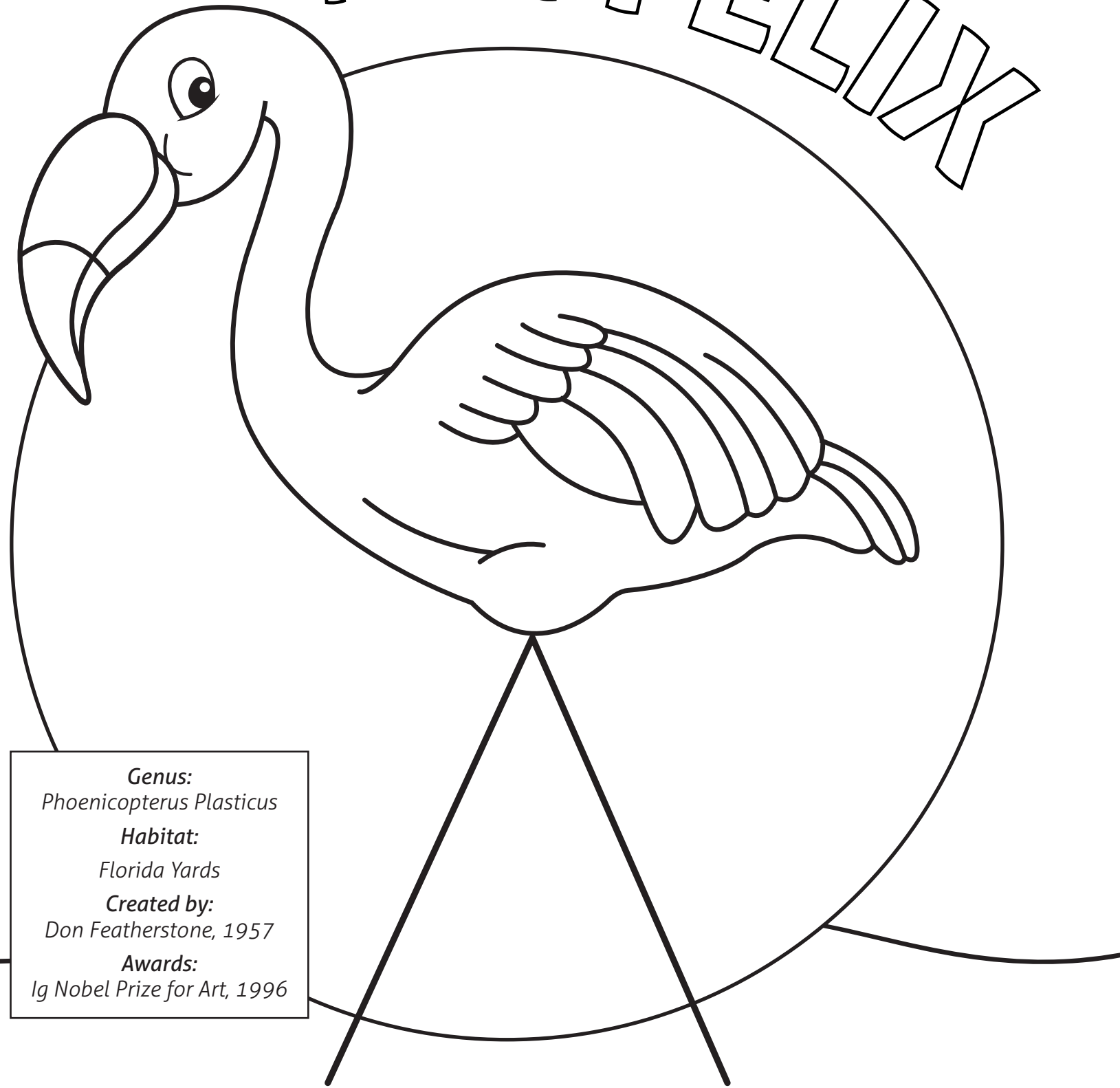
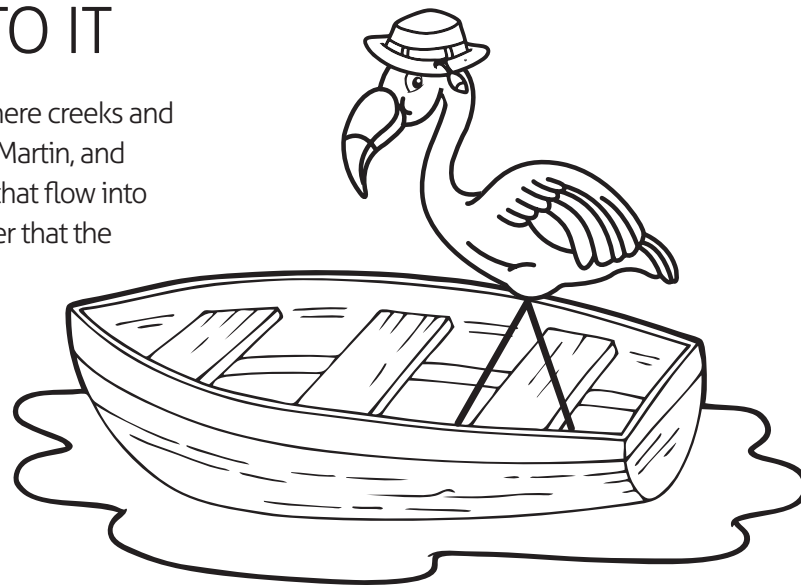
## LAGOON: A RIVER RUNS TO IT

The Indian River Lagoon is an estuary. An estuary is a place where creeks and rivers meet the ocean. Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and northern Palm Beach Counties have lots of creeks and rivers that flow into the Indian River Lagoon. The creeks and rivers carry fresh water that the Lagoon needs to stay healthy.

In the summer, rains wash fertilizer off our yards, into the creeks and rivers, and then into the Lagoon. All that fertilizer makes algae grow. Algae blooms are not just icky to look at. They can be unsafe to swim and boat in. And algae can kill fish and seagrass, creating "dead zones" in the Lagoon where nothing can live or grow.

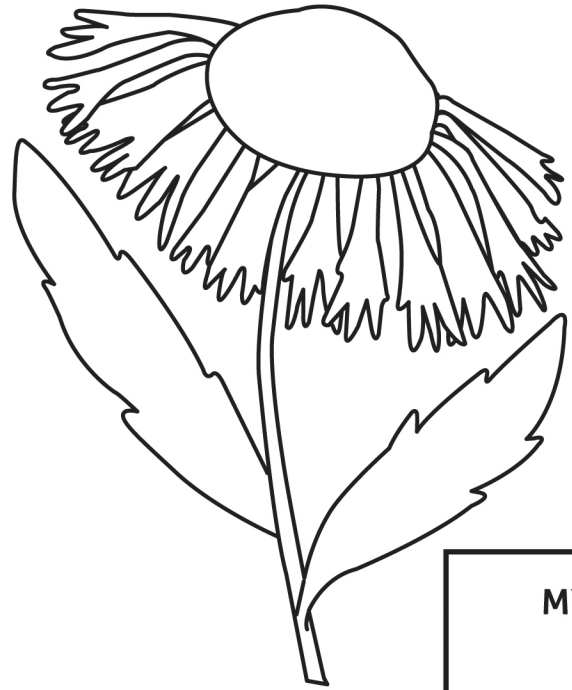
We can help the Lagoon by not using any fertilizer in our yards during the summer rainy season. We can also put litter in trashcans and pick up after our pets. That keeps trash and pet poop out of the water we like to swim and boat in.

Together we can keep our creeks, rivers and the Indian River Lagoon clean and healthy – so they are fun places to play.



**Genus:**  
*Phoenicopterus Plasticus*  
**Habitat:**  
 Florida Yards  
**Created by:**  
 Don Featherstone, 1957  
**Awards:**  
 Ig Nobel Prize for Art, 1996

Felix the Flamingo likes to dress up. Can you draw a funny outfit for him to wear?

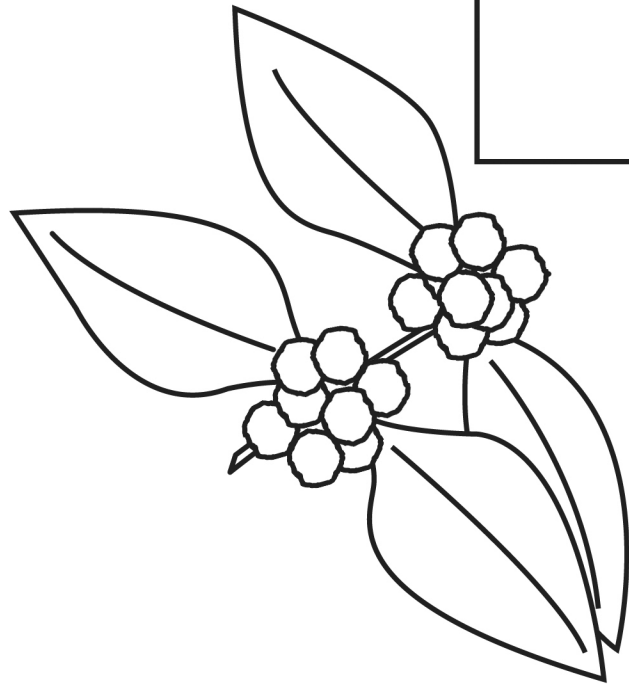


Blanketflower



Pink muhly grass

MY FAVORITE FLOWER

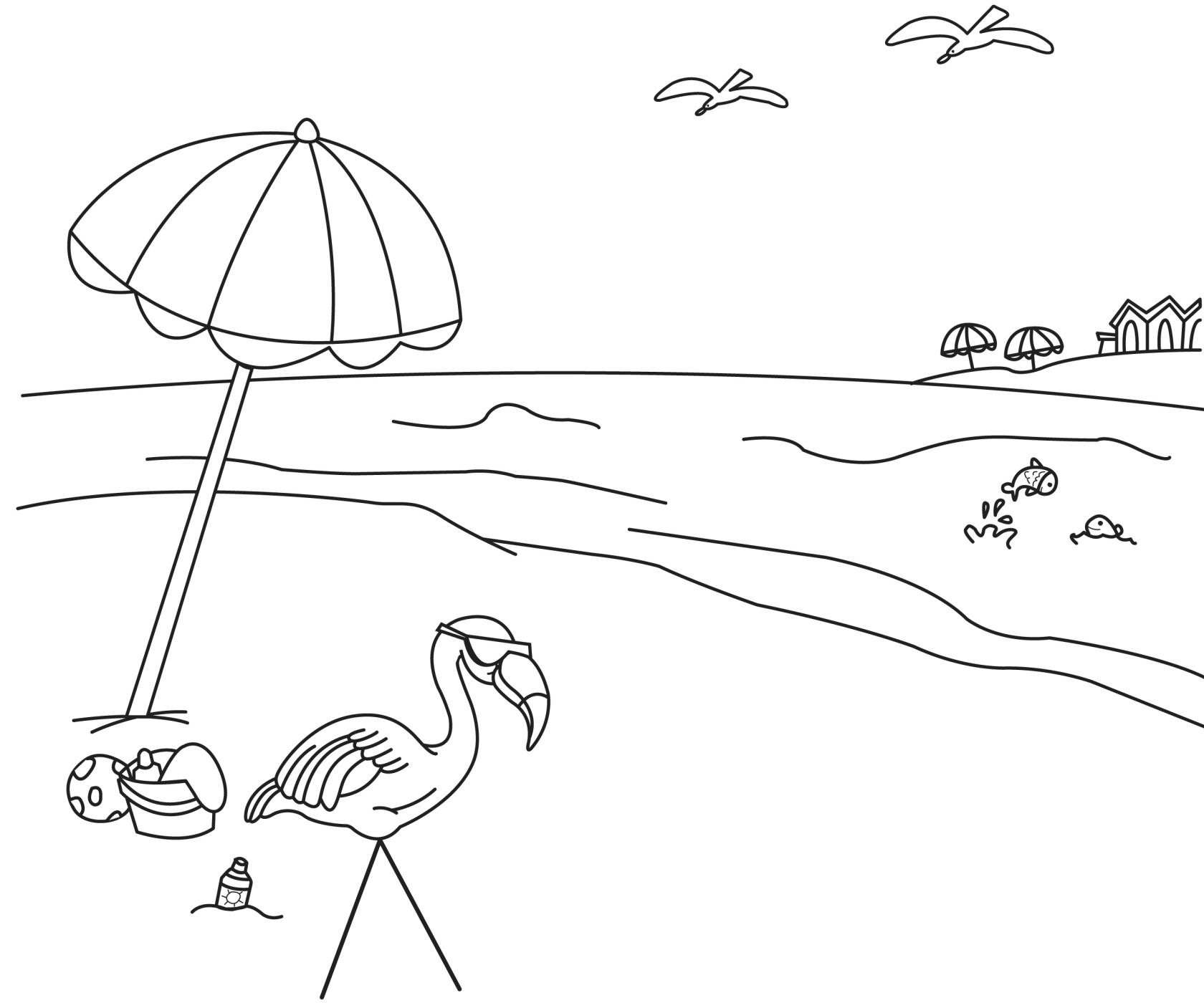


Beautyberry



Beach sunflower

Felix likes plants and flowers that are easy to grow in Florida. These are some of his favorites.  
What is your favorite flower?



Felix likes to relax at the beach. Can you draw yourself having fun with Felix?