



# The Shorebirds and Seabirds Edition!



**"In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous."**

**-Aristotle**



# a Message from the Mermaid and the Frostbitfins Pod



*A birdy told me Birthday Parties with AnneMeridia are the BEST!*



Goodbye April Showers,  
hello May Flowers!

We have been busily working behind the scenes the past couple of months to get ready for the upcoming Seward Mermaid Festival! It is one of our favorite events of the year, and we can't wait to show you what we've been up to!

We have some BIG THINGS coming up later this summer too - just waiting for the last confirmations so that we can announce them.

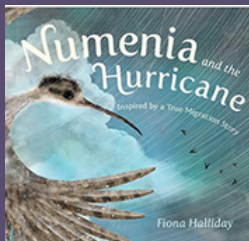
Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for the latest Frostbit Fins news, too. That way, you'll know exactly where to find us, all summer long.

Most of all, we can't wait to splash all during the long Alaskan Summer Days with you, our FeatherFins! Sea you Soon!

With Mermaid wishes and Starfish kisses,  
Your Seafriend, AnneMeridia and the FrostbitFins pod



## LET'S READ!



### Numenia and the Hurricane by Fiona Holliday

When the autumnal equinox arrives, Numenia takes off with her two sisters and thousands of other birds to begin their long migration from the Arctic to the islands of the Caribbean. But there is a dangerous storm brewing on the horizon. When the hurricane hits, fierce winds rip Numenia away from her family.

This small, scrappy whimbrel must make her way through unfamiliar terrain and rough conditions to reunite with her sisters. Battling hunger, loneliness, and raging winds, Numenia finds the strength to endure the elements on her miraculous journey.

Want to learn more about Seabirds and Shorebirds? Visit your local library today!





# MAY FIN FACTS WITH FROSTBIT FINS

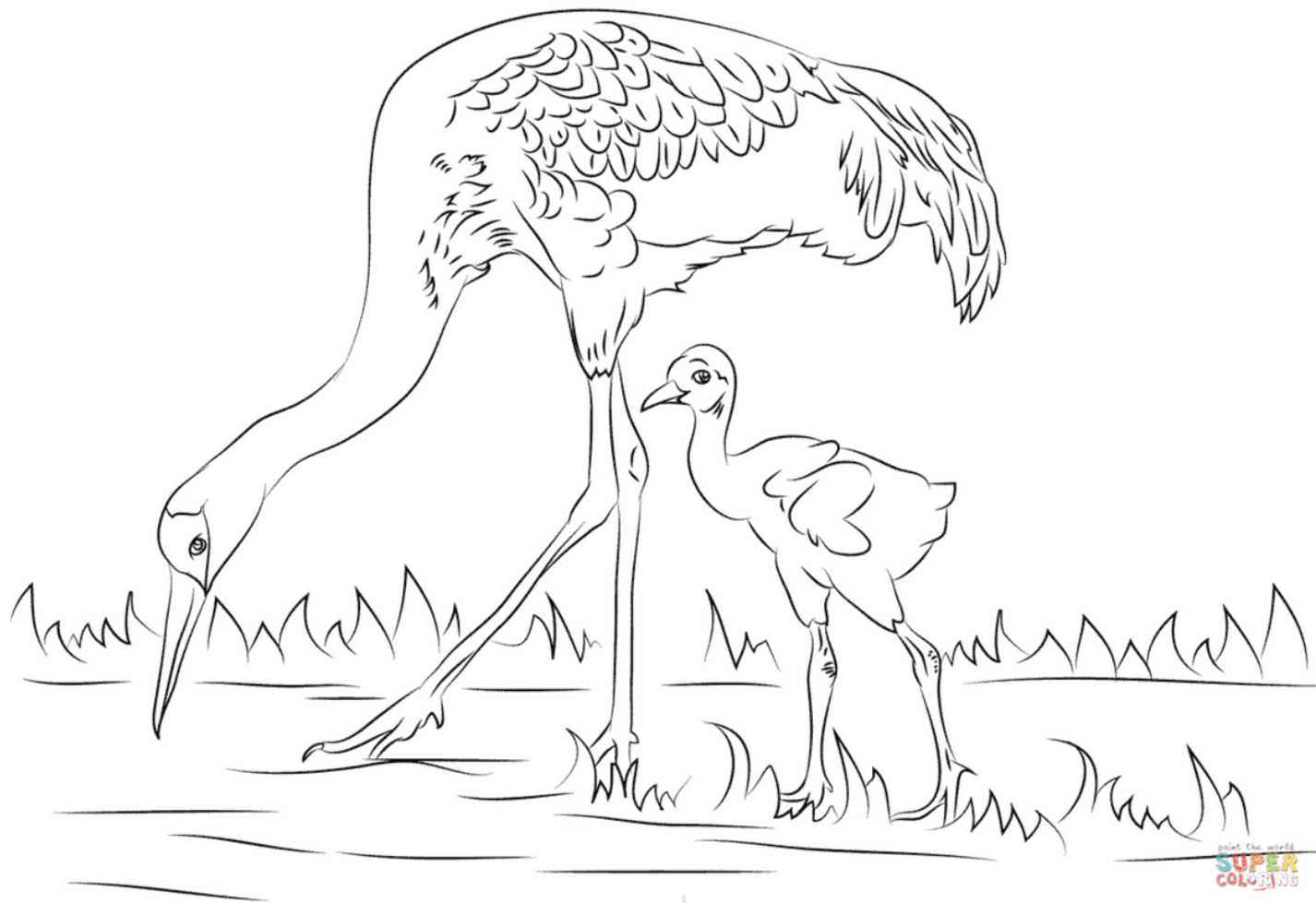
## SHOREBIRDS AND SEABIRDS!



- Alaska has recorded 77 species of shorebirds. That is 1/3 of the total species in the world.
- The terms shorebird and seabird have similar meanings and are often used interchangeably. Shorebirds are birds that are found near the edge of bodies of water. Seabirds are birds that spend most of their time in or flying over coastal waters.
- A puffin's beak changes color throughout the year. It is a dull gray in the winter, then changes to bright orange in the spring.
- The Sea of Cortez, in California, is home to the smallest seabird in the world. The Least Storm Petrel weighs in at only 1 ounce.
- The largest seabird in the world is the Wandering Albatross. It can get as tall as 4 ½' and can have a wingspan measuring a whopping 11'!
- Seabirds have their own natural built-in sunglasses. Their eyes contain special droplets of red oil in the retinas, which act as a sun filter to help with the glare from the sea and sand.
- Flamingoes get their coloring from the microscopic water plants and animals they eat.
- The Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward cares for about 13 different species of birds; approximately 150 individual birds.







## FACEBOOK & Instagram

Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page/s? Have mom and dad put them on Social Media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured in next months FeatherFinFlyer!





# Word Search

## Alaskan Shorebirds and Seabirds

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- BRISTLE THIGHED CURLEW**
- YELLOW BILLED LOONS**
- LONG BILLED DOWITCHER**
- PELAGIC CORMORANT**





# MAY Special Dates!



## Birthday Club!

### A FIN-tastic Birthday to:

- 5/01 Bowie S
- 5/03 Lyla S
- 5/03 Rosalee M
- 5/05 Hallie Dean S
- 5/06 Addison V
- 5/10 Quinn Z
- 5/13 Maeley L
- 5/15 Anna P

### 5/18 AnneMeridia!

- 5/20 Katie M
- 5/23 Avery R
- 5/23 Max H
- 5/29 Josiphena A
- 5/31 Alyeska A
- 5/31 Cat W

# Happy Birthday!

Join the Frostbit Fins Birthday Club on our website at [FrostbitFins.com](http://FrostbitFins.com)

## May Dates of Interest

- 5/02 World Tuna Day
- 5/04 International Respect for Chickens Day
- 5/07 National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
- 5/08 Mother's Day
- 5/13 Frog Jumping Day
- 5/16 National Sea Monkey Day
- 5/20 World Bee Day
- 5/23 World Turtle Day
- 5/26 World Otter Day
- 5/27 National Sunscreen Day
- 5/30 Memorial Day



Be sure to check out the Frostbit Fins store at <http://Frostbit-Fins.square.site> for all your Mermaid Merch needs!



# Guppy Goodies

# Fin Funnies!



## Pirate Munch Party Mix

- 2 c square pretzels (treasure maps)
- 2 c Pirate's Booty White Cheddar Popcorn (pirate's treasure)
- 1 c Goldfish Crackers (fish)
- ½ c blue jelly beans (ocean water)
- ½ c nuts, any kind you like (rocks to hide the treasure under)

- 4 T butter
- 8 T brown sugar
- 1/8-1/4 t cayenne powder
- ¼ t sea salt

Marvelous Mermaid Munchies Pirate's Treasure (optional) (more treasure!)

- In a large bowl add pretzels, popcorn, crackers, jellybeans, and Pirate's Treasure. Set aside.
- In a microwave safe bowl, add remaining ingredients and heat for 30 seconds on high. Stir and heat in 10 second intervals until the sugar is fully melted.
- Pour brown sugar mixture over the other ingredients and stir well to coat. Allow to cool before serving.



What do you call a shorebird who believes anything?

**Gull-ible!**

What kind of bird is always out of breath?

**A puffin!**

What bird steals soap from the bath?

**A robber duck!**

# Fintastic Deals!

## Frostbit Fins Merch

Marvelous Mermaid Munchies, Bathbombs, Soaps and more - all at our online store -with free local pickup!  
<https://frostbit-fins.square.site/>  
 You can find us at Cad-re Feeds in Soldotna, too!



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**HELP RID THE OCEANS OF PLASTIC, ONE SIP AT A TIME!**