

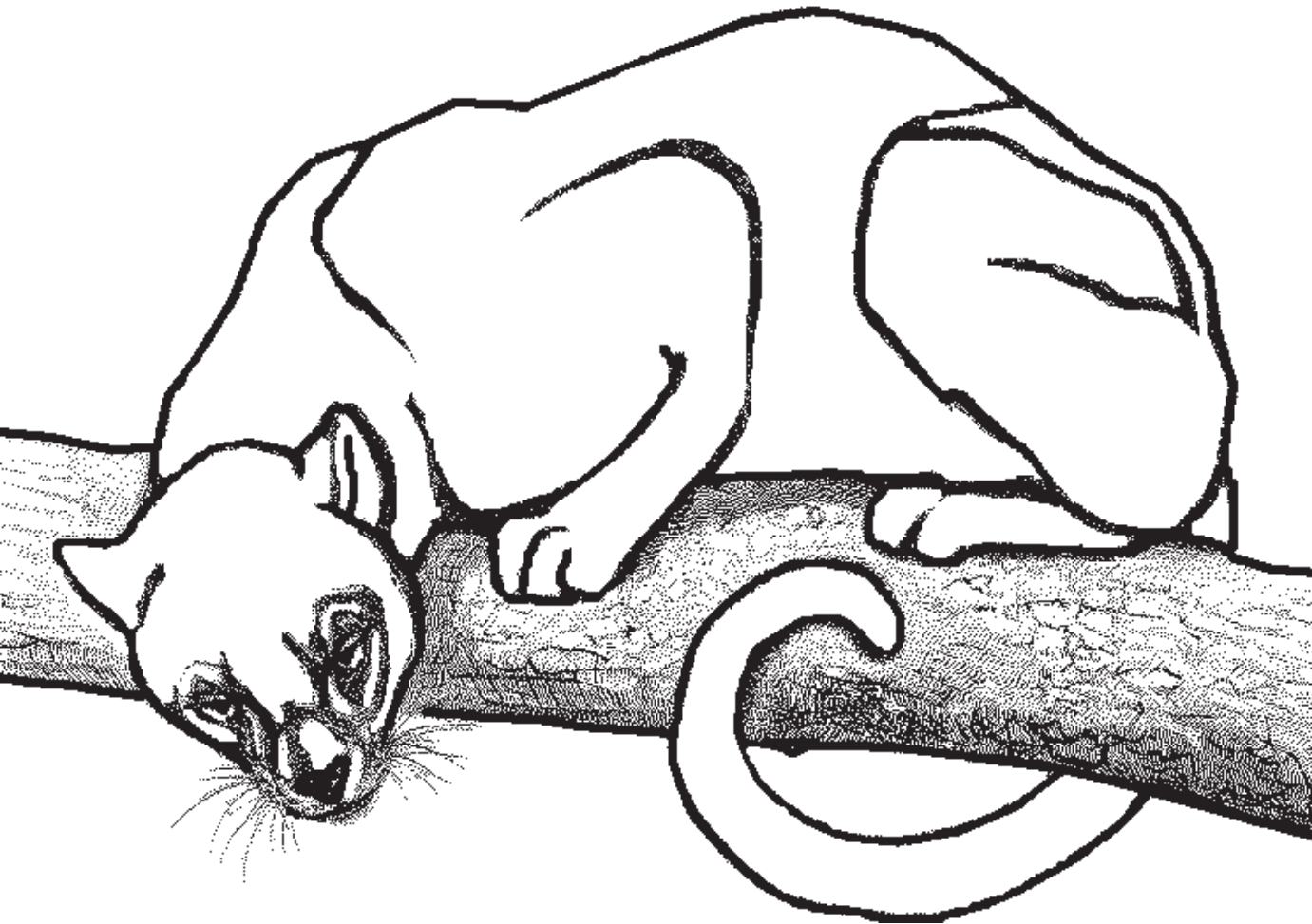


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Florida Panther



Everglades and South Florida

The Florida panther lives in southern Florida and is extremely endangered. Like most big cats, the Florida panther needs a lot of space to roam.

As the climate changes, this threatened feline's habitat could shrink, caught between rising sea levels and Florida's expanding urban development.



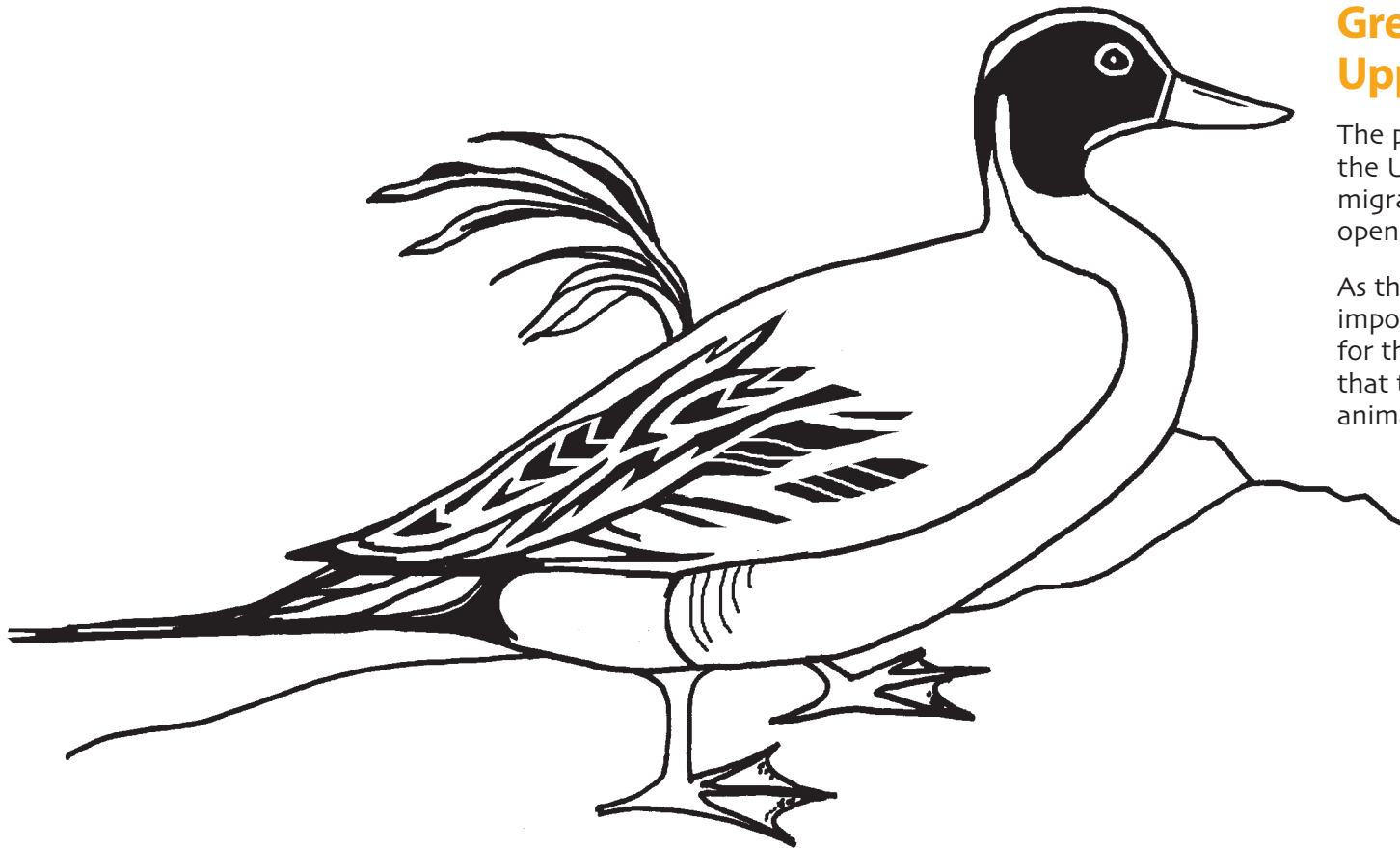
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Pintail Duck



Great Lakes and Upper Midwest

The pintail duck is found in many parts of the United States. Like many ducks, it migrates in winter to warmer areas with open water.

As the climate changes, some of the most important nesting areas and winter habitats for the pintail duck may change so much that they will no longer be suitable for this animal.





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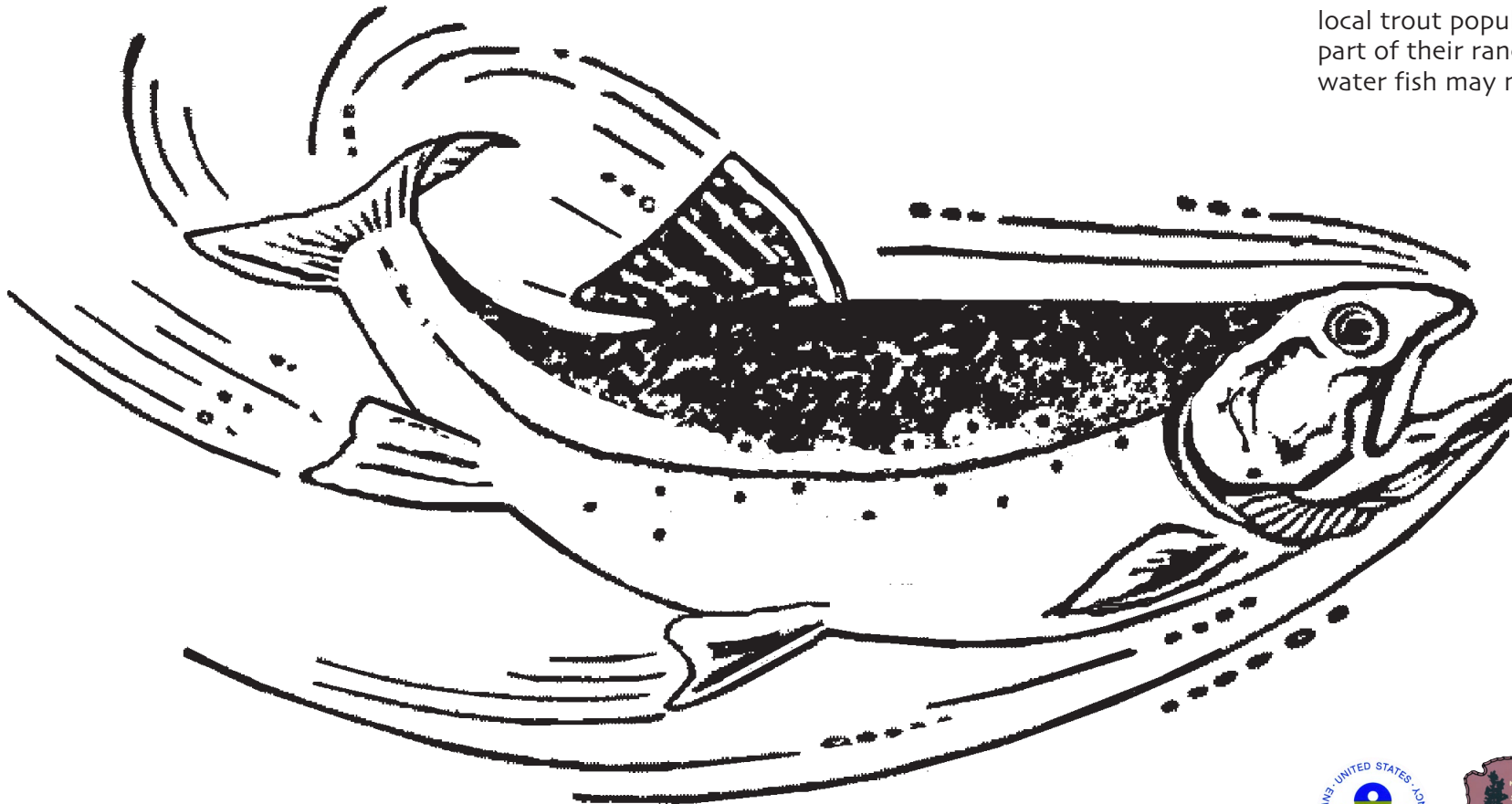
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Trout

Western Mountains

This fish thrives best in cold water.

As the climate changes, the habitat for cold-water fish may shift northward. Some local trout populations in the southern part of their range may die out, and warm-water fish may move in to take their place.



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Baltimore Oriole



Chesapeake Bay and Assateague Island

As the climate warms, habitats for many species will change. Species that cannot adapt to the changes may shift their range north to a higher latitude on the continent or up mountains to a higher altitude in order to survive.

Research by the American Bird Conservancy suggests that the Baltimore oriole may no longer reside in the city of Baltimore by the end of the 21st century. Other species in the United States already may be shifting their ranges in response to changes in climate.

