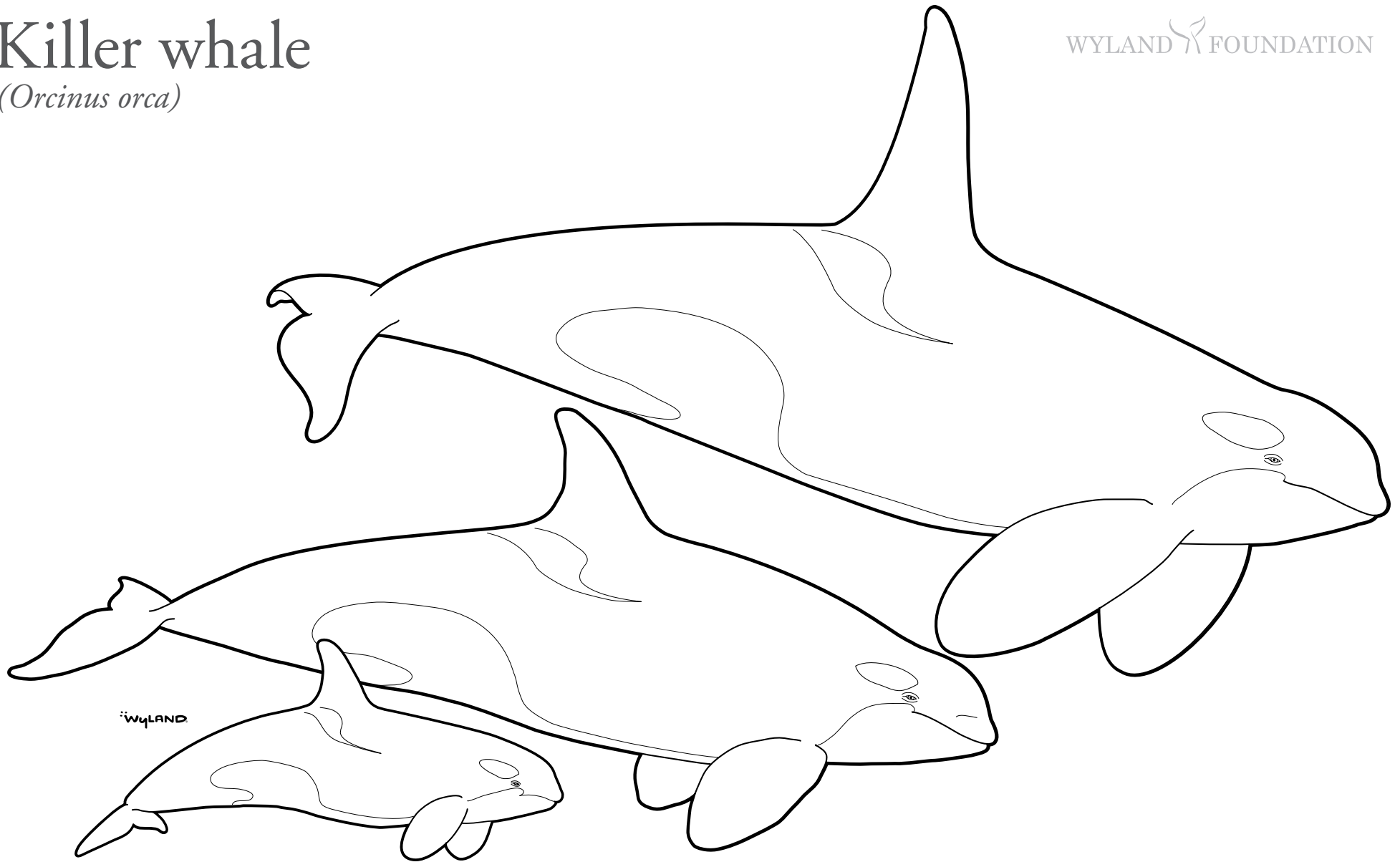


Killer whale

(*Orcinus orca*)



Size:

Up to 32 feet long – that is about the size of a school bus!

What I look like:

Black on top and white on the bottom. A white patch next to the eye, on the side and across the back help the orca hide its body shape so it can sneak up on prey. This kind of color camouflage is called “cryptic.”

Where to find me:

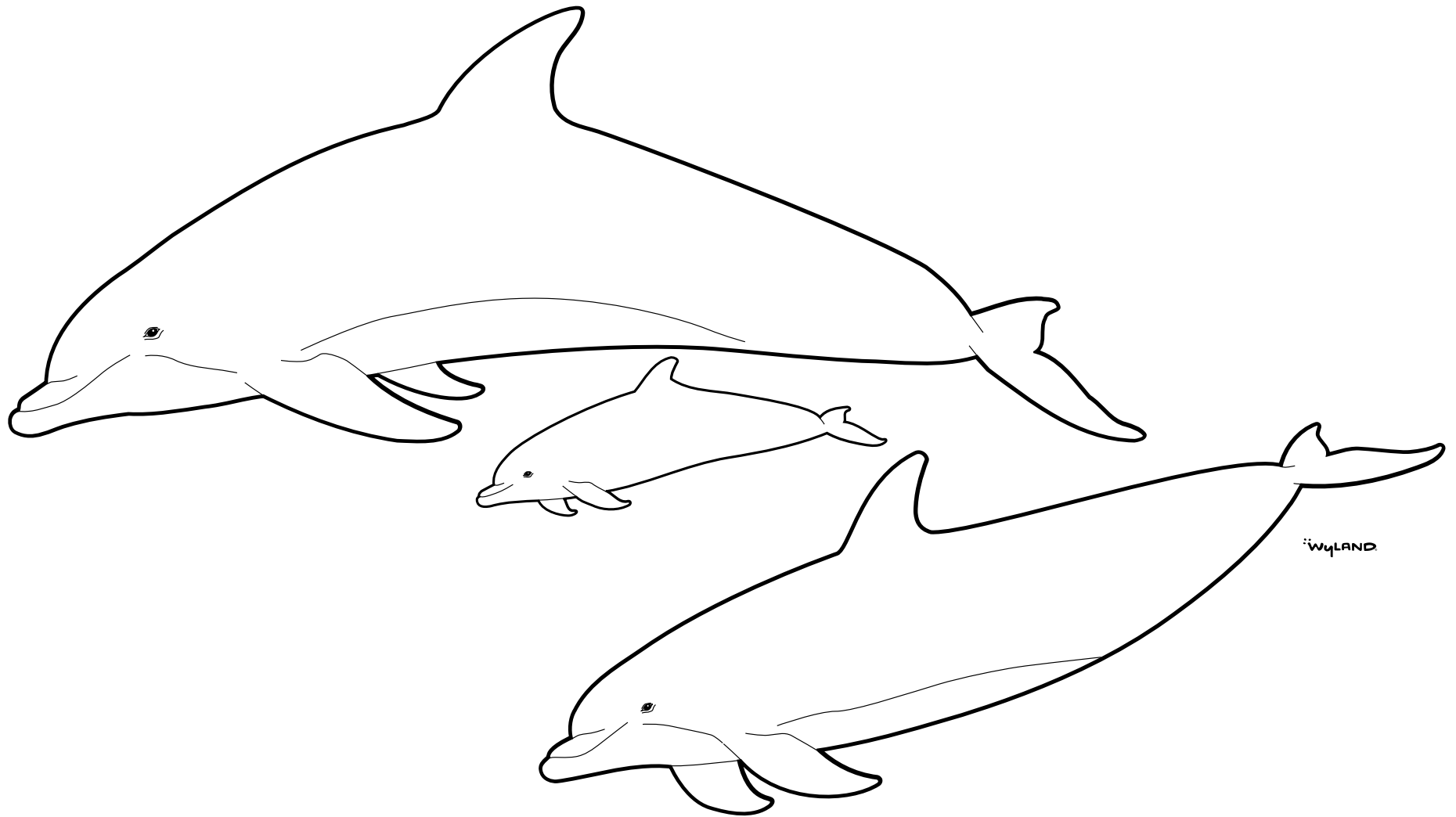
Swimming in the open ocean or near the coast.

Did you know?

Orcas earned the nickname “killer whales” because they have been known to attack and eat other kinds of whales.

Bottlenose dolphin

(Tursiops truncatus)



Size:

Up to about 10 feet in length

What I look like:

Gray on top and white on the bottom. This kind of color camouflage is called "countershading"

Where to find me:

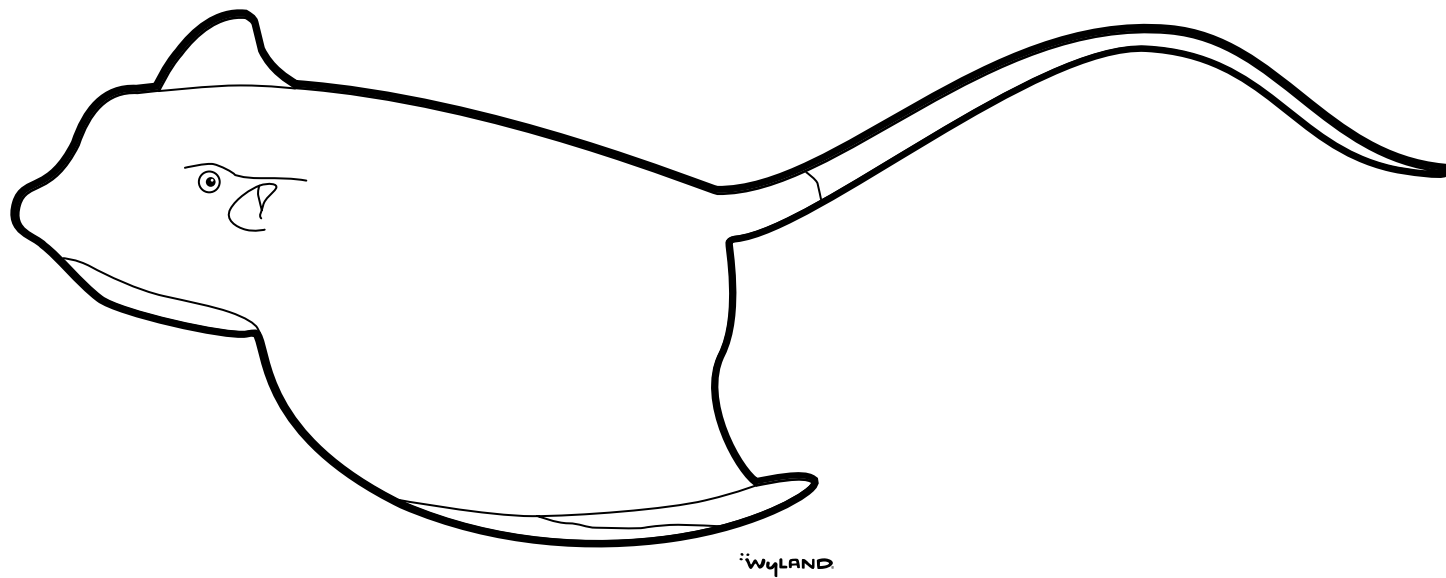
Swimming in the open ocean and near the coast.

Did you know?

Bottlenose dolphins sometimes hunt as a group. They will blow bubbles all around a school of fish to round them up. The dolphins will then take turns catching and eating the fish.

Bat ray

(Myliobatis californica)



Size:

Up to about 6 feet from wingtip to wingtip

What I look like:

Black on top and white on the bottom

Where to find me:

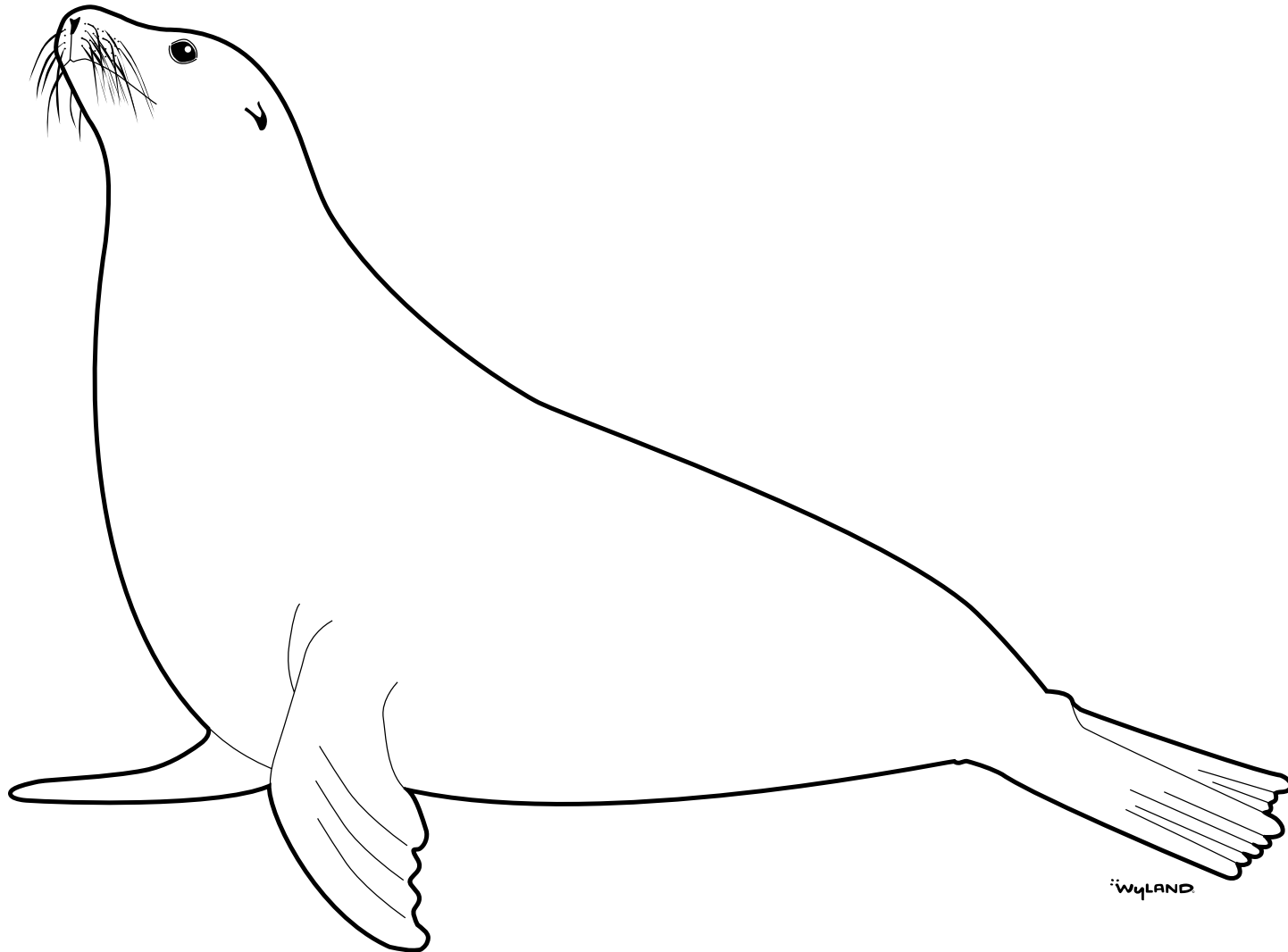
Hiding on the sandy bottom or swimming through water.

Did you know?

Bat Rays have skeletons made of bendy cartilage instead of bones. You have cartilage in your ears and the tip of your nose.

California sea lion

(*Zalophus californianus*)



Size:

Up to about 7 feet long

What I look like:

Brown and furry.

Where to find me:

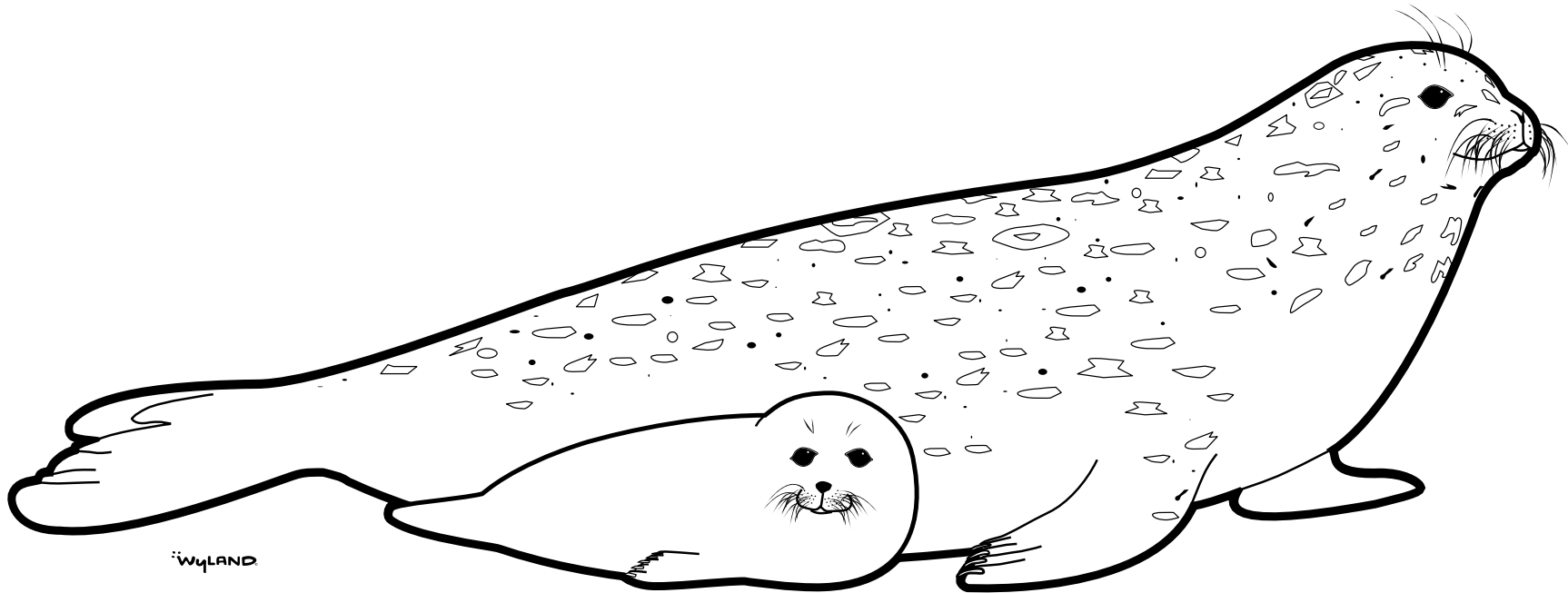
Sleeping on the rocky shore or swimming through the water.

Did you know?

You can tell the difference between a seal and sea lion because sea lions have big flippers and ear flaps. Seals don't.

Harbor seal

(Phoca vitulin)



Size:

Up to about 5 feet long

What I look like:

Furry and spotted, the harbor seal can be any combination of brown, black, grey, and white.

Where to find me:

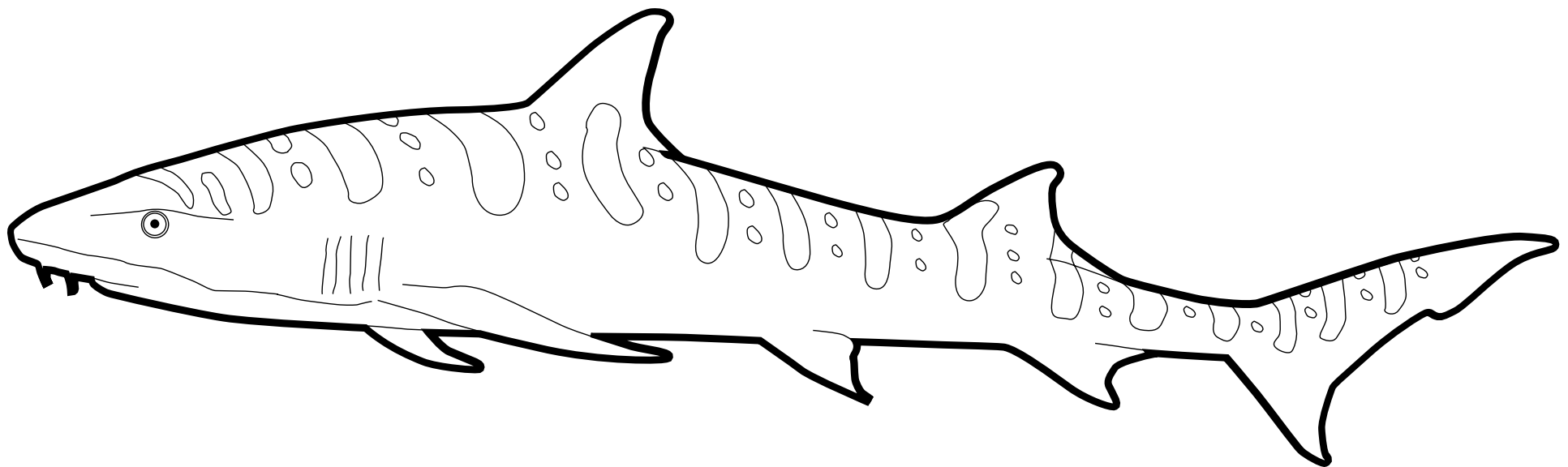
Lying on the sandy and rocky shores or swimming through the water.

Did you know?

Harbor seals can sleep underwater for up to 30 minutes without taking a breath.

Leopard shark

(Triakis semifasciata)



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Size:

Up to about 7 feet long

What I look like:

Gray with darker gray or black bars and spots

Where to find me:

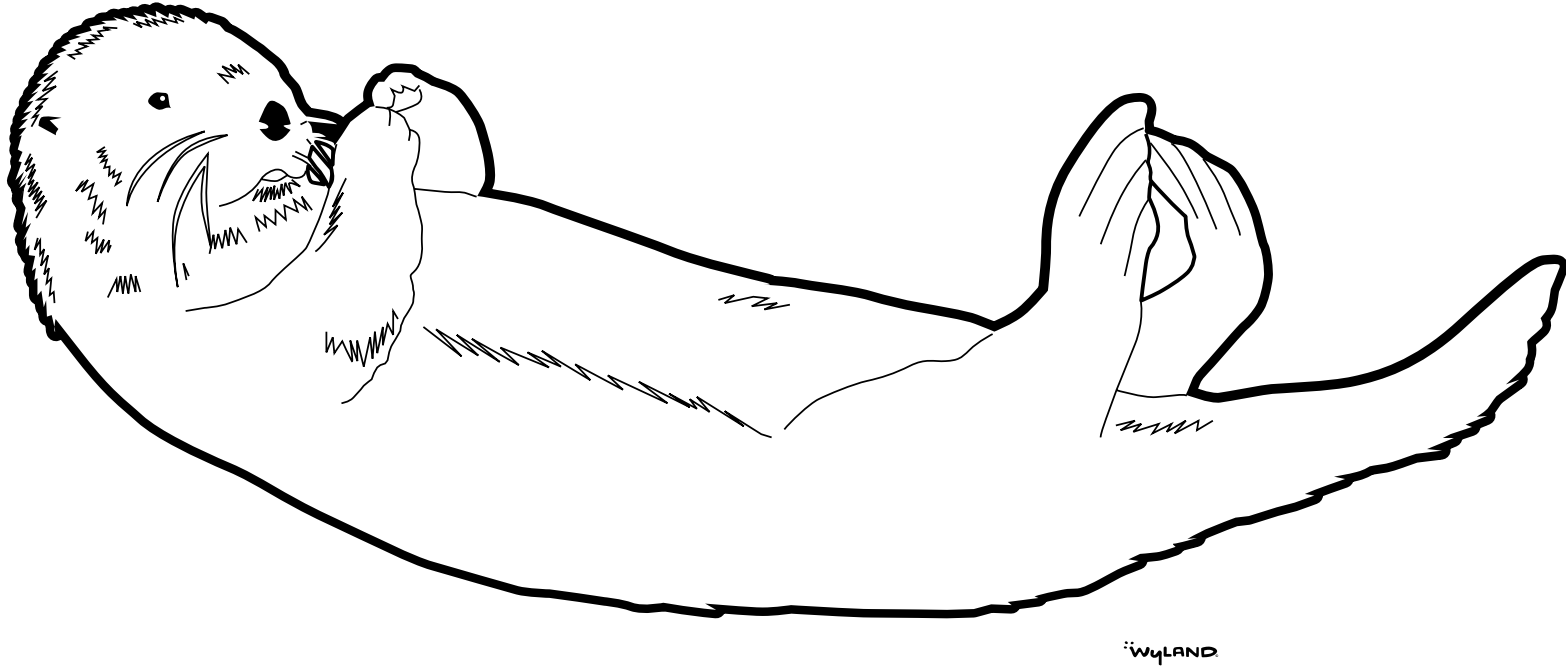
Swimming through the water

Did you know?

Leopard sharks are one of the 300 harmless sharks in the ocean.

Sea otter

(Enhydra lutris)



Size:

Up to about 5 feet long

What I look like:

Brown and furry with light brown to white face.

Where to find me:

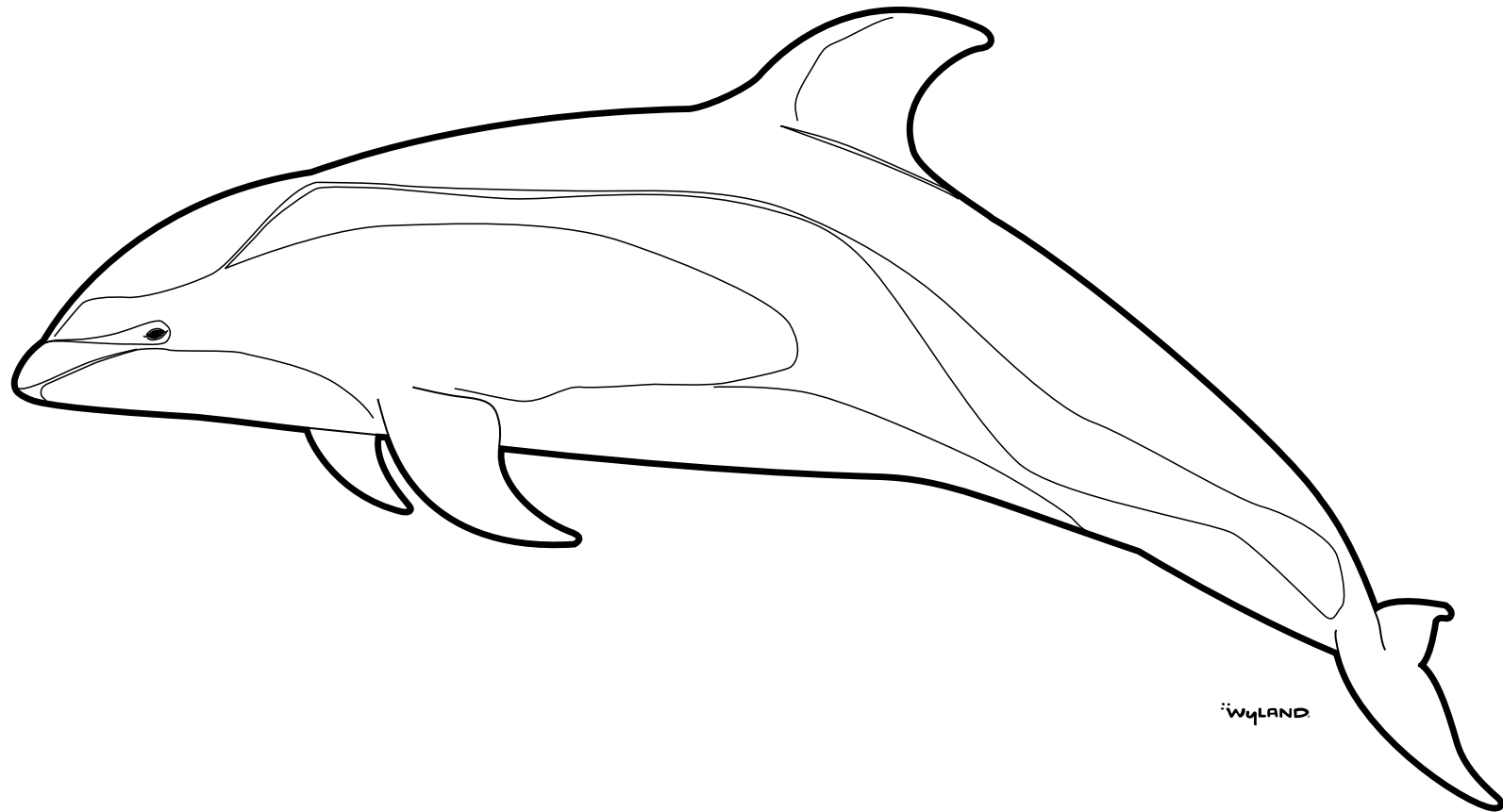
Floating on my back on top of the water or diving to the bottom looking for food.

Did you know?

Sea otters were hunted for their fur and were almost extinct. They are now protected and are doing much better.

Pacific white-sided dolphin

(Lagenorhynchus obliquidens)



Size:

To about 8 feet

What I look like:

Black back with grayish white sides and white underneath

Where to find me:

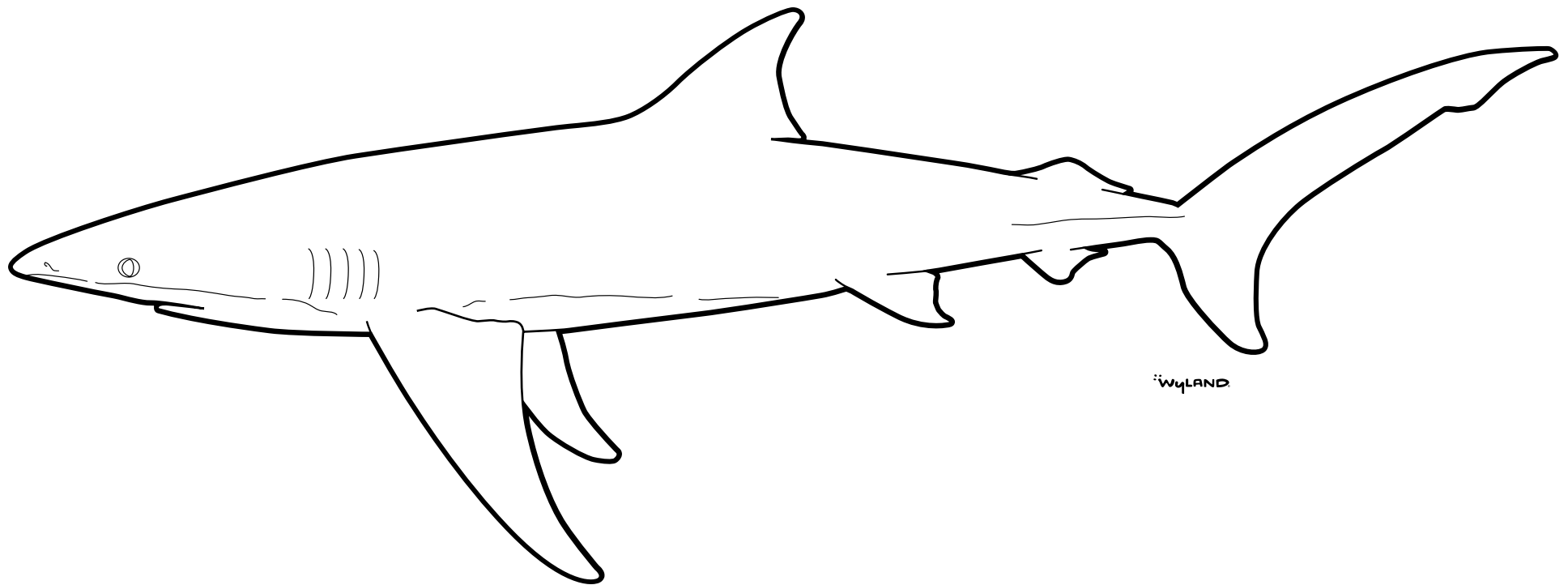
Swimming in the open ocean

Did you know?

These dolphins usually travel in groups of about 50 but have been seen in groups as large as 2,000!

Blue shark

(Prionace glauca)



Size:

To about 8 feet

What I look like:

Dark blue back with light blue sides and white underneath

Where to find me:

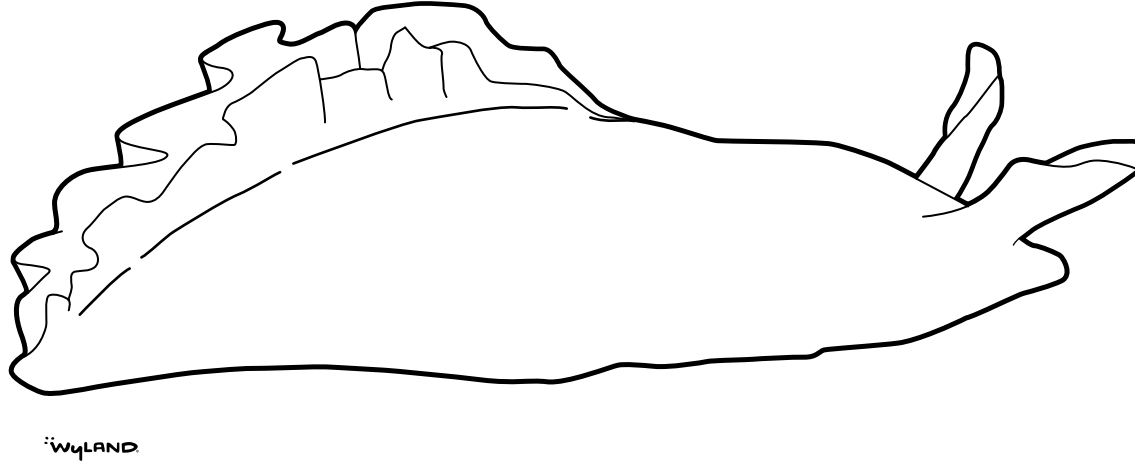
Swimming in the open ocean or looking for food in a kelp forest

Did you know?

Many blue sharks are caught by accident by lines and nets set out for other fish. When an animal is caught by mistake it is called "bycatch."

California sea hare

(Aplysia californica)



Size:
Up to 12 inches

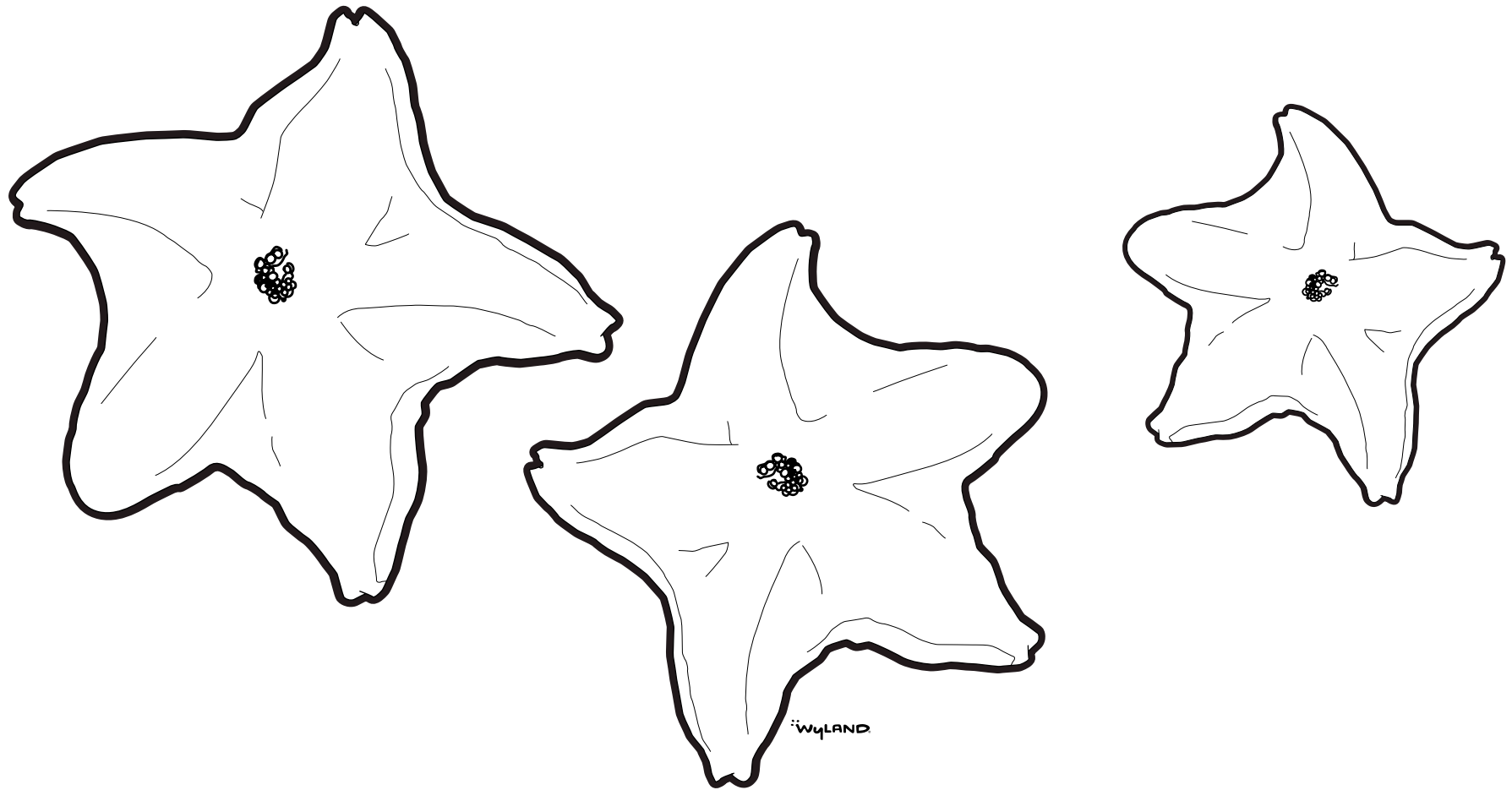
What I look like:
Red-brown with white
and dark brown spots

Where to find me:
Crawling along the bottom of the ocean.

Did you know?
Sea Hares squirt a cloud of purple ink
to protect themselves. They don't have
many predators though because they
taste really bad!

Bat star

(Asterina miniata)



Size:

To about

What I look like:

Colors can be any combination of red, orange, yellow, brown, green, and purple

Where to find me:

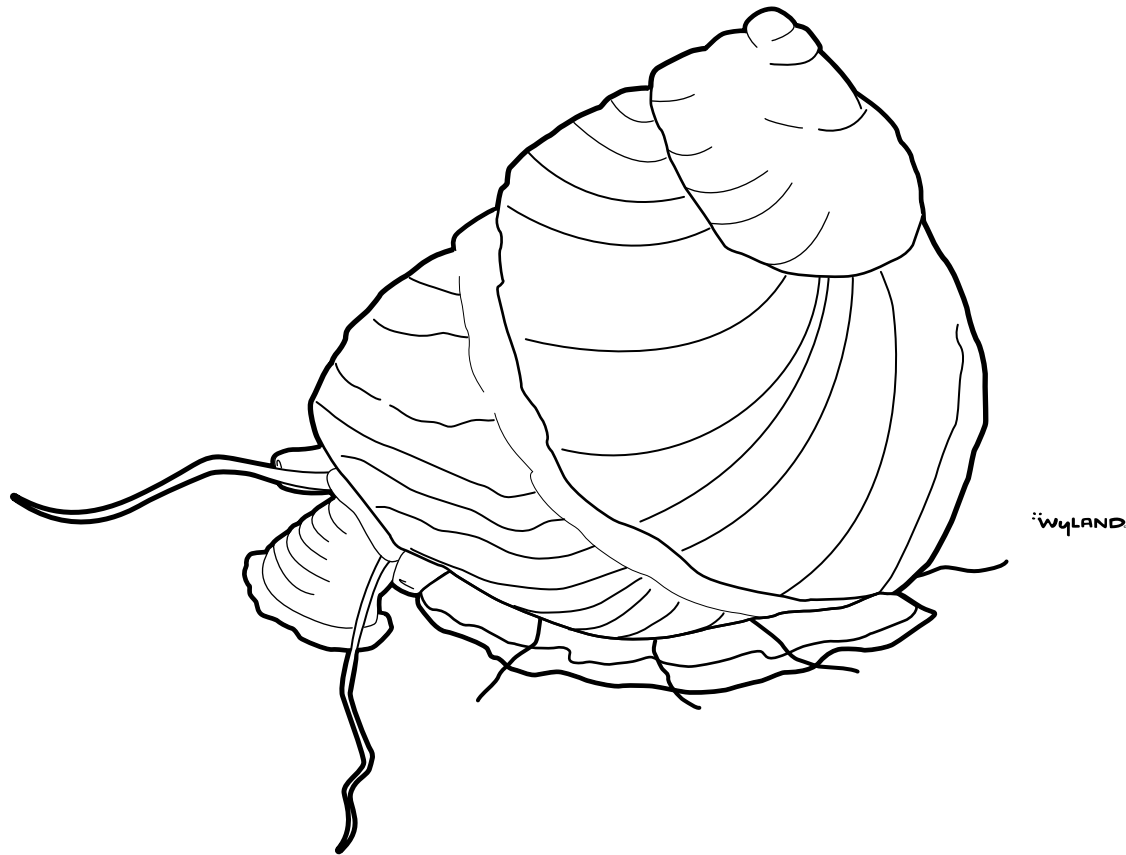
On the rocks

Did you know?

Bat stars push their stomachs out of their mouths to eat.

Wavy top turban snail

(*Lithopoma undosum*)



Size:

Up to about 6 inches

What I look like:

Any combination of white, brown, and dark brown

Where to find me:

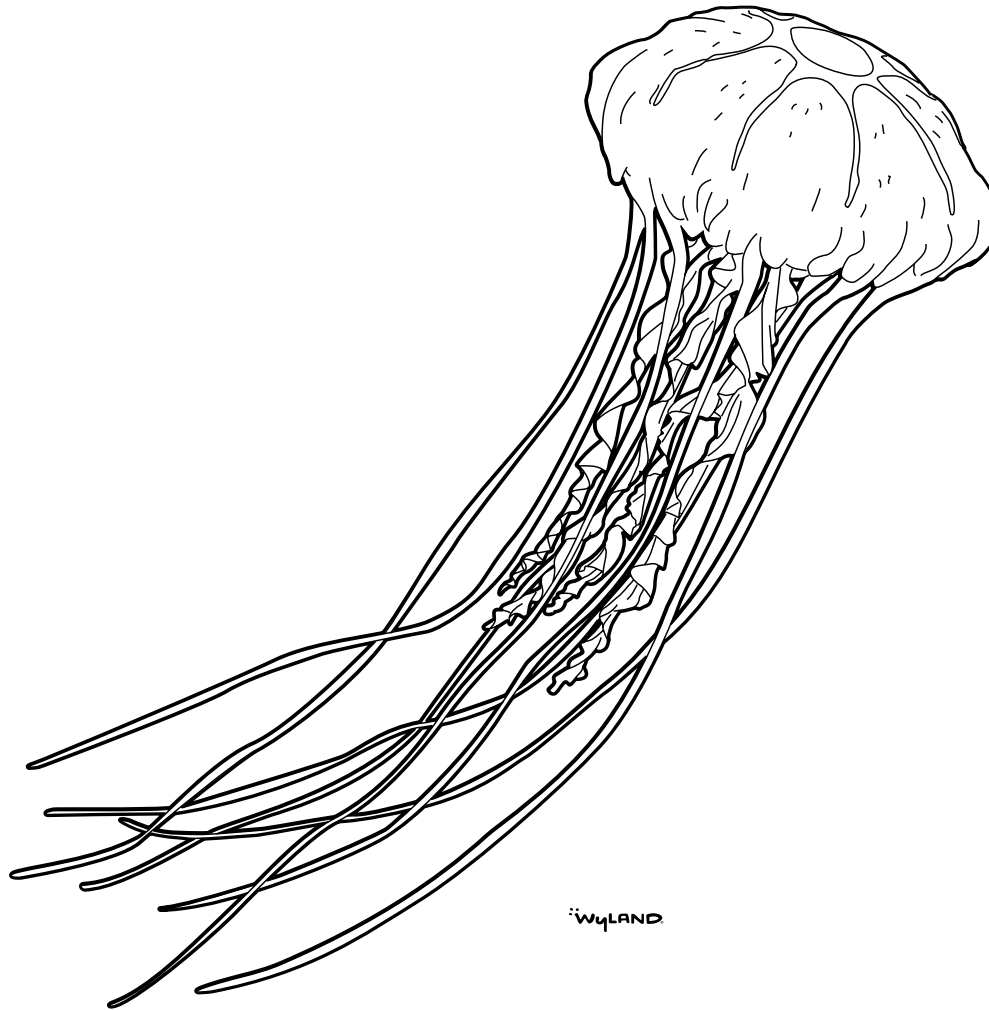
Hiding in the rocks or along the ocean floor looking for kelp

Did you know?

The turban snail's food is kelp and algae. It has a special tongue called a "radula" which is rough like sandpaper so it licks its food like you lick an ice cream cone.

Purple striped jelly

(*Chrysaora colorat*)



Size:

To about 30 inches

What I look like:

White with purple stripes and dots

Where to find me:

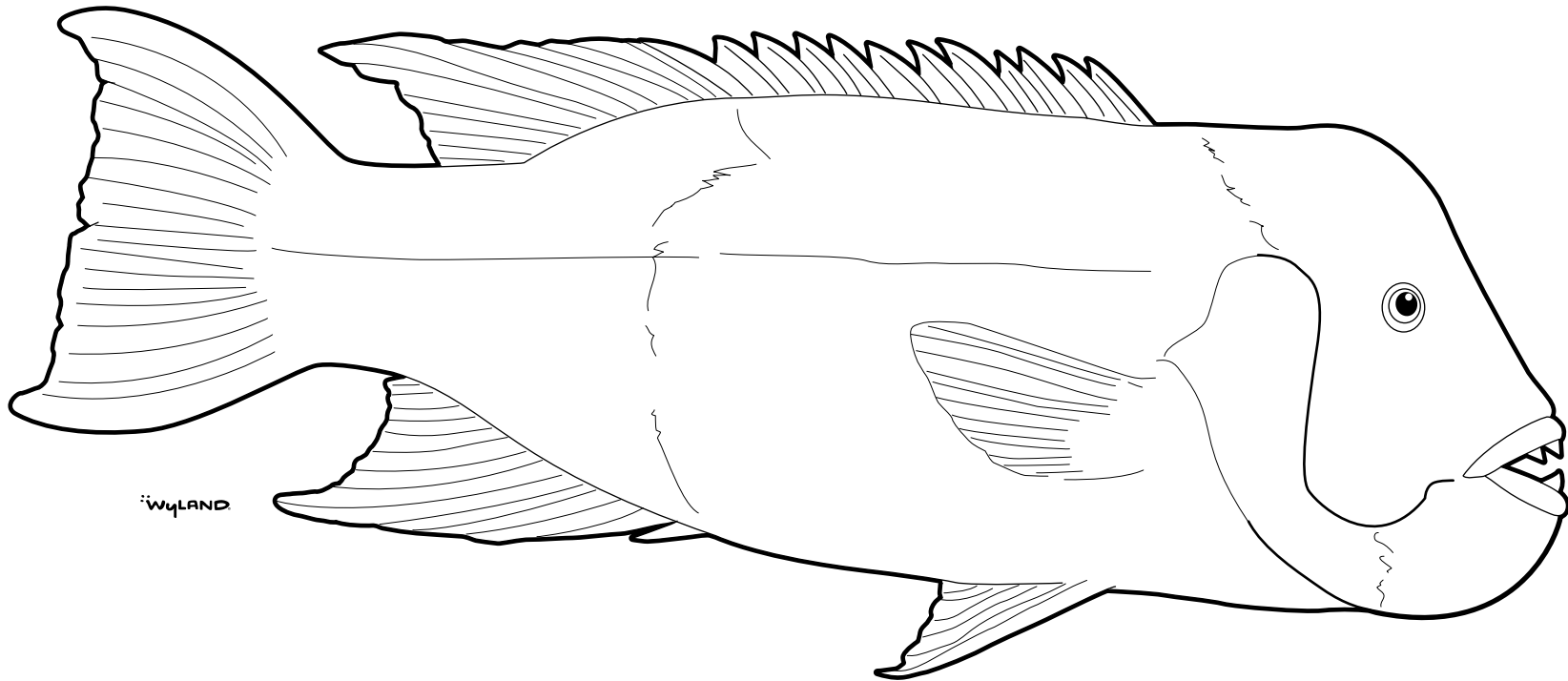
Floating through the water

Did you know?

Jellies don't have brains. To find their food, they float in the water and sting whatever they bump into.

Sheephead

(*Semicossyphus pulcher*)



Size:

To about 3 feet long

What I look like:

Males are red with a thick black stripe in the middle and a white chin. Females are pink with a white chin.

Where to find me:

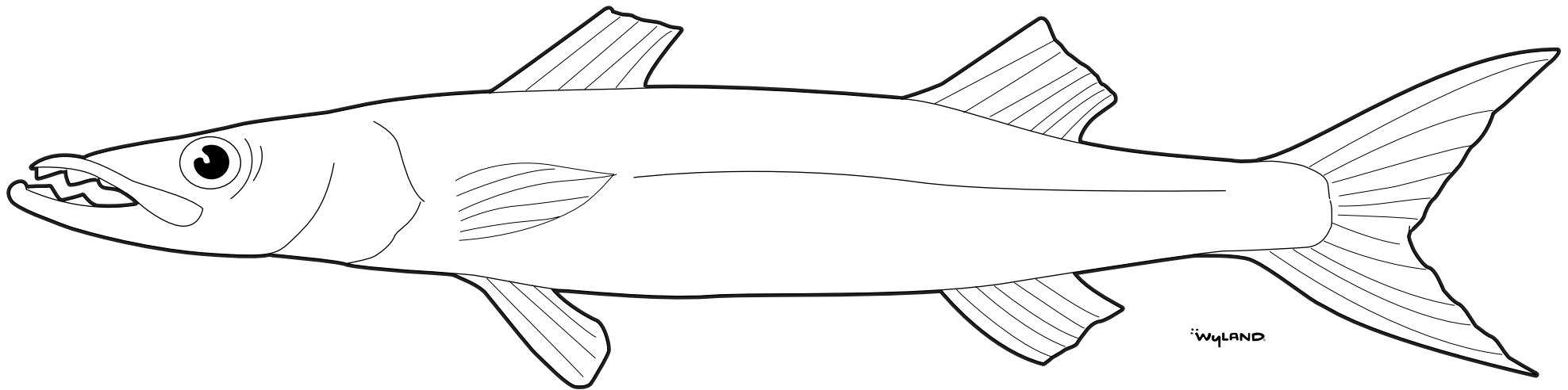
Swimming near the kelp

Did you know?

All sheephead are born female. The largest turn into males later in life.

Pacific Barracuda

(Sphyraena argentea)



Size:

To about 2 feet

What I look like:

Shiny silver with darker blue backs

Where to find me:

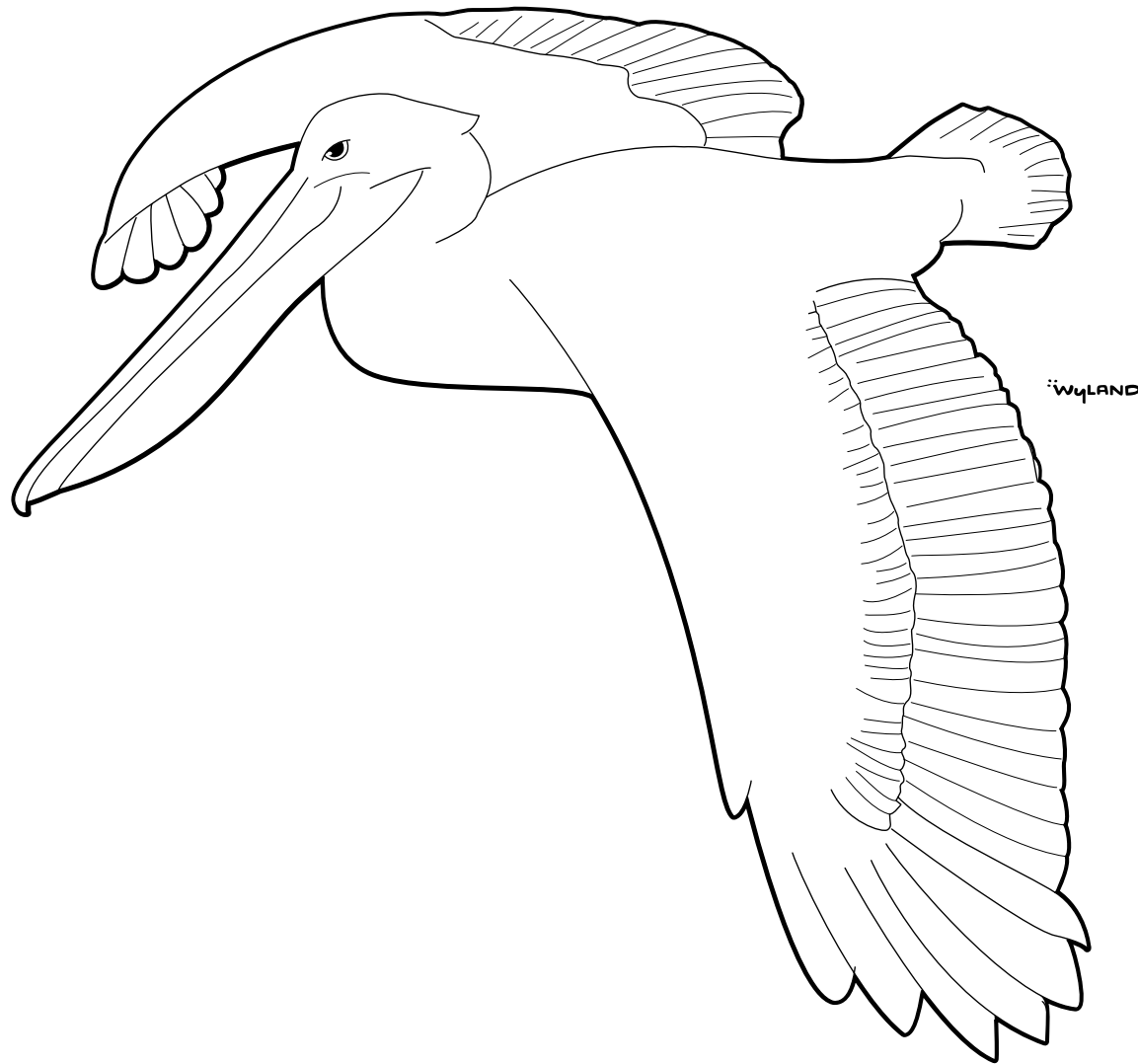
Swimming in a school with other barracuda near the kelp

Did you know?

Barracuda fossils have been found near San Diego, California that are over one million years old.

Brown pelican

(Pelecanus occidentalis)



Size:

Up to 4 feet tall with a wingspan of 7 feet

What I look like:

Different shades of brown with a white belly

Where to find me:

Floating on the surface of the water, flying through the air, or standing on the rocky shore.

Did you know?

Brown pelicans can eat up to 4 pounds of fish every day!

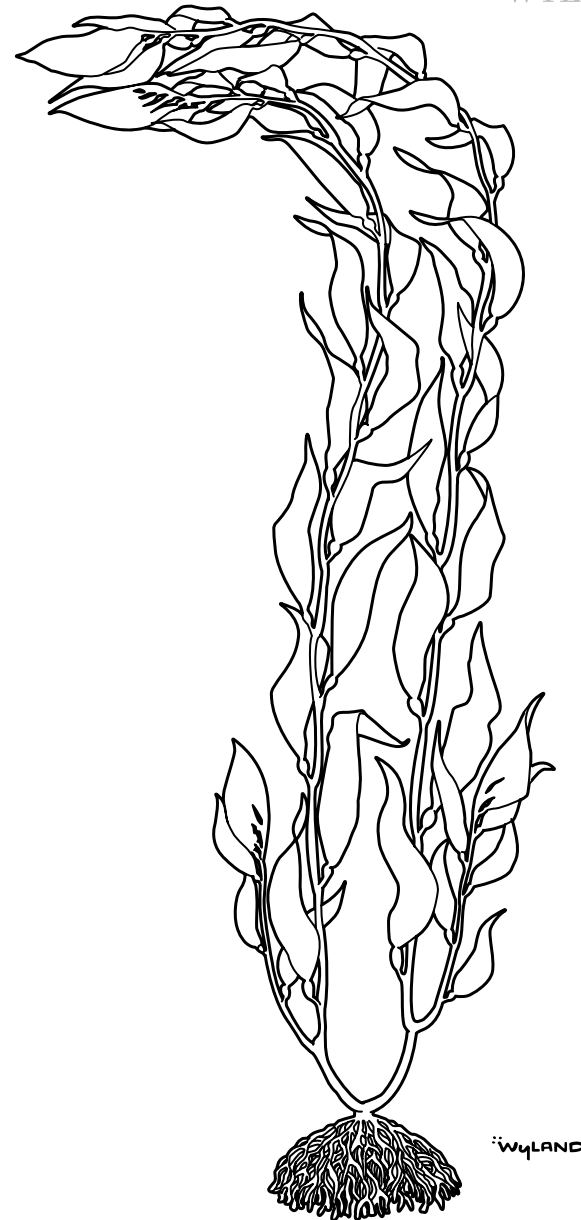
Giant kelp

(*Macrocystis pyrifera*)



Size:
Up to 200 feet tall

What I look like:
Brown or greenish brown

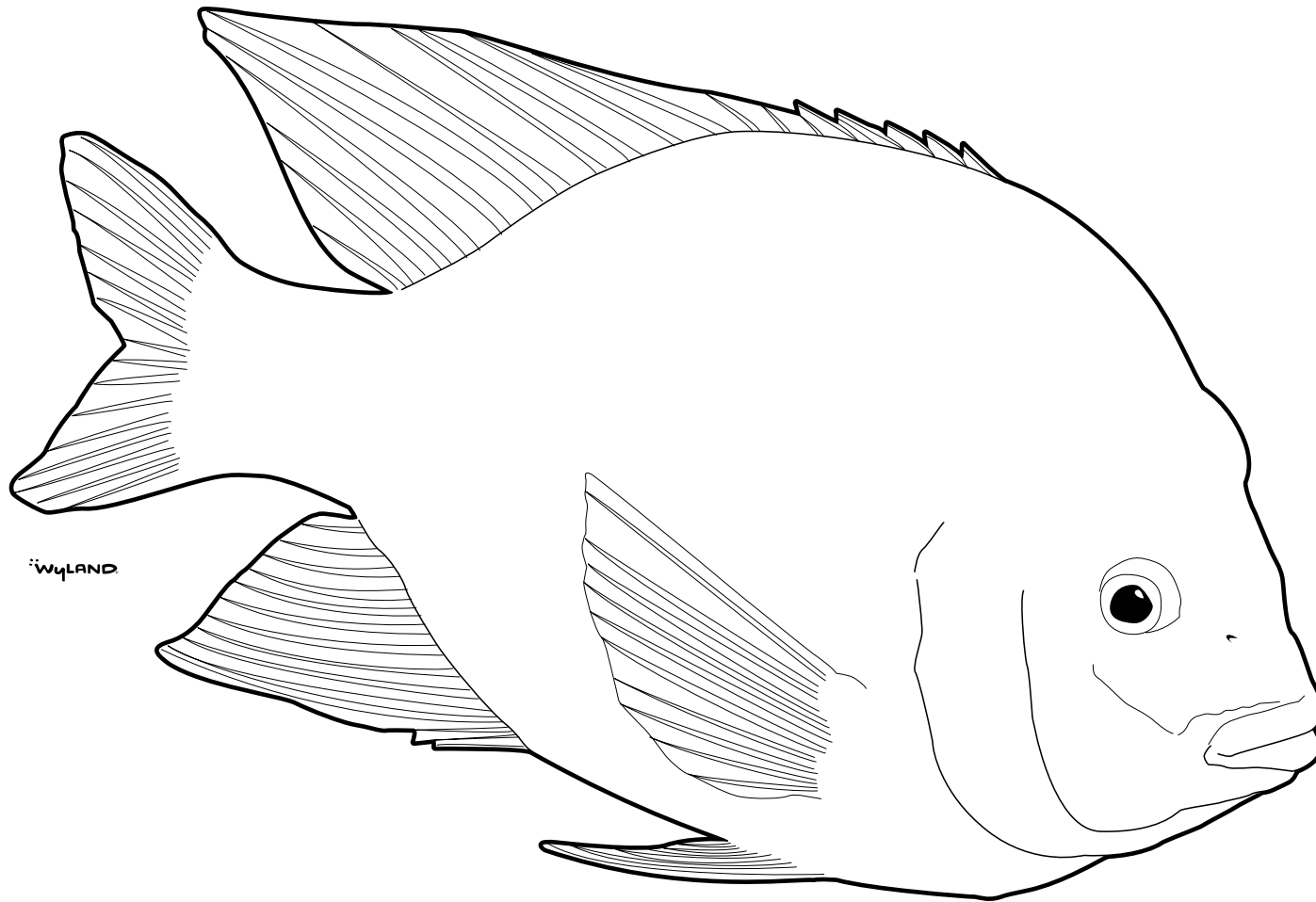


Where to find me:
Attached to rocks on the bottom and growing up to the top of the water

Did you know?
Giant kelp can grow up to 2 feet in just one day!

Garibaldi

(Hypsypops rubicundus)



Size:

Up to about 10 inches

What I look like:

Bright Orange. Young Garibaldi have small bright blue spots.

Where to find me:

Swimming near rocky areas or by kelp.

Did you know?

Garibaldi are bright orange to warn other animals away. When protecting their eggs, they will even chase off sharks!