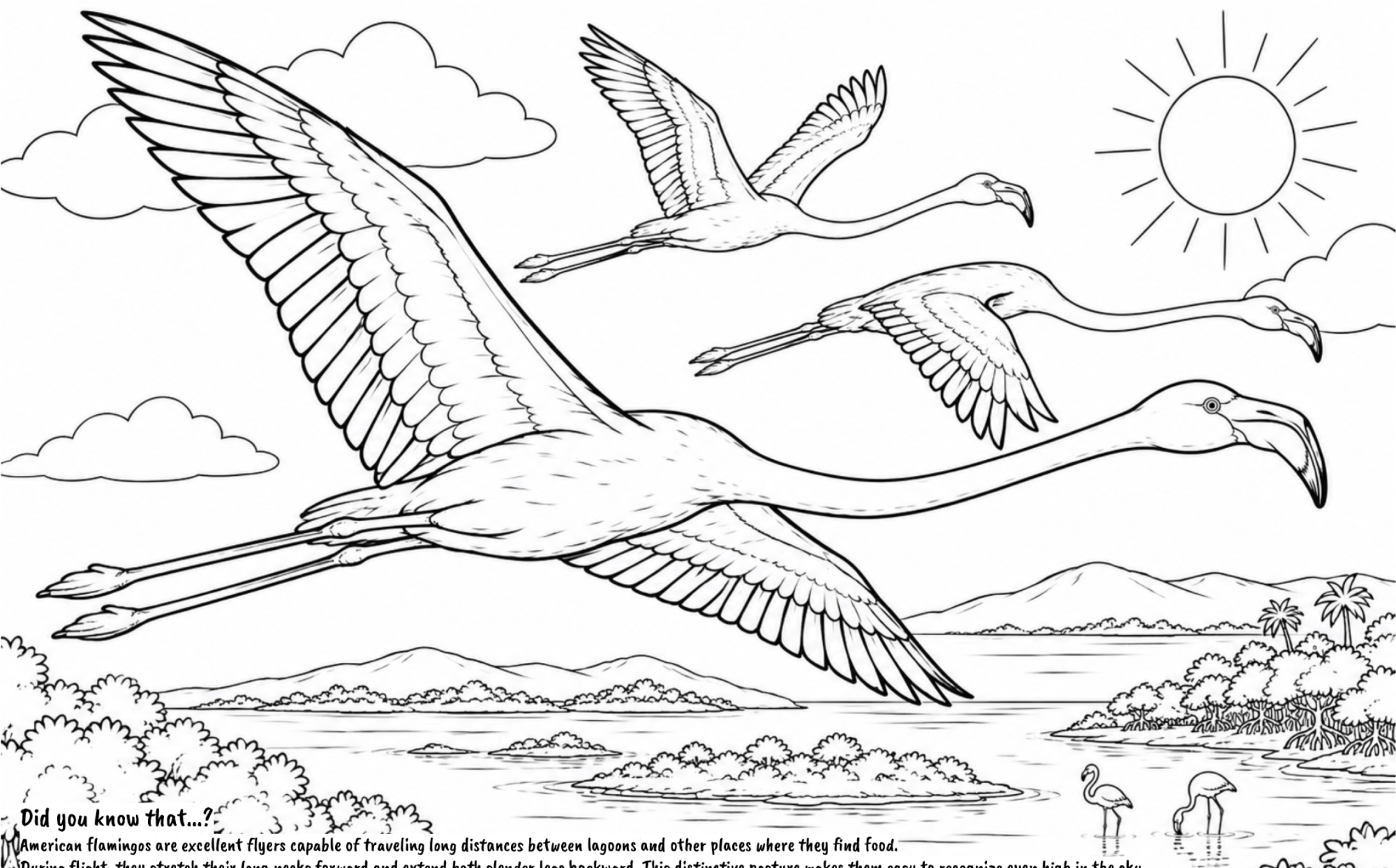


Did you know that...?

American flamingos are excellent flyers capable of traveling long distances between lagoons and other places where they find food.

During flight, they stretch their long necks forward and extend both slender legs backward. This distinctive posture makes them easy to recognize even high in the sky.

Flamingos have large, powerful wings that allow them to reach speeds of around 50–60 km/h (31–37 mph). Although they may look somewhat awkward on land, they move gracefully through the air.

American flamingos have beautiful pink to reddish-pink feathers, but their flight feathers are mostly black. This striking color contrast is most visible when they spread their wings during flight.

Flamingos often fly in groups and may form long lines or different formations. They travel together between places where they rest, nest, or search for food.

American flamingos inhabit shallow lagoons and salt lakes throughout the Caribbean and nearby tropical coastal regions.

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