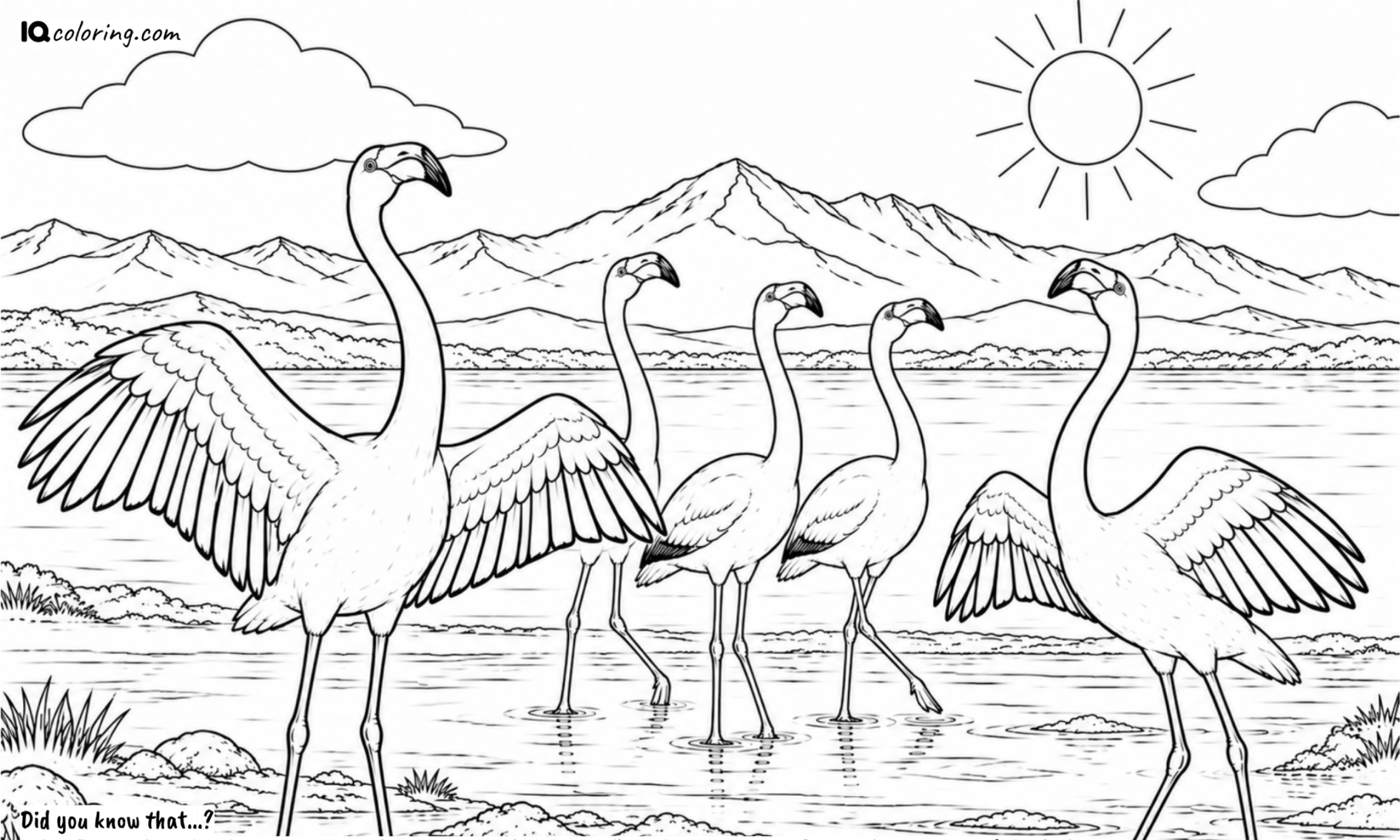
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## Did you know that...?

Andean flamingos live high in the South American Andes, where they inhabit salty and alkaline lakes at elevations often exceeding 3,000 meters (9,800 feet).

During courtship, flamingos perform remarkable group displays. They stretch their long necks upward, turn their heads from side to side, and march together through shallow water.

Courtship also includes spreading their wings to display their striking feathers. These movements help flamingos attract mates and form breeding pairs.

Andean flamingos can be recognized by their yellow legs, yellow-and-black beaks, and distinctive black flight feathers that contrast with their pale pink plumage.

Andean flamingos feed mainly on tiny aquatic organisms, especially diatoms, which they filter from the water using their specially adapted beaks.

The Andean flamingo is a vulnerable species. Its survival depends on protecting high-altitude lakes, which can be threatened by mineral extraction, water use, and climate change.