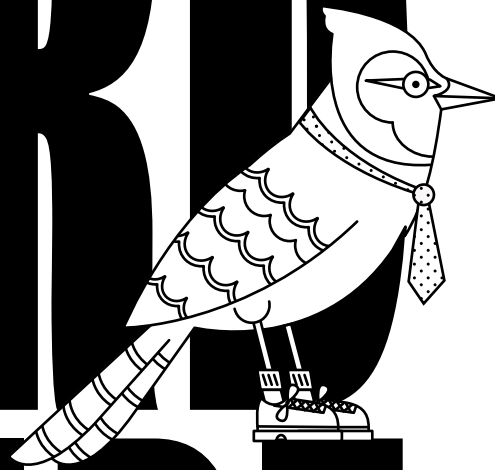


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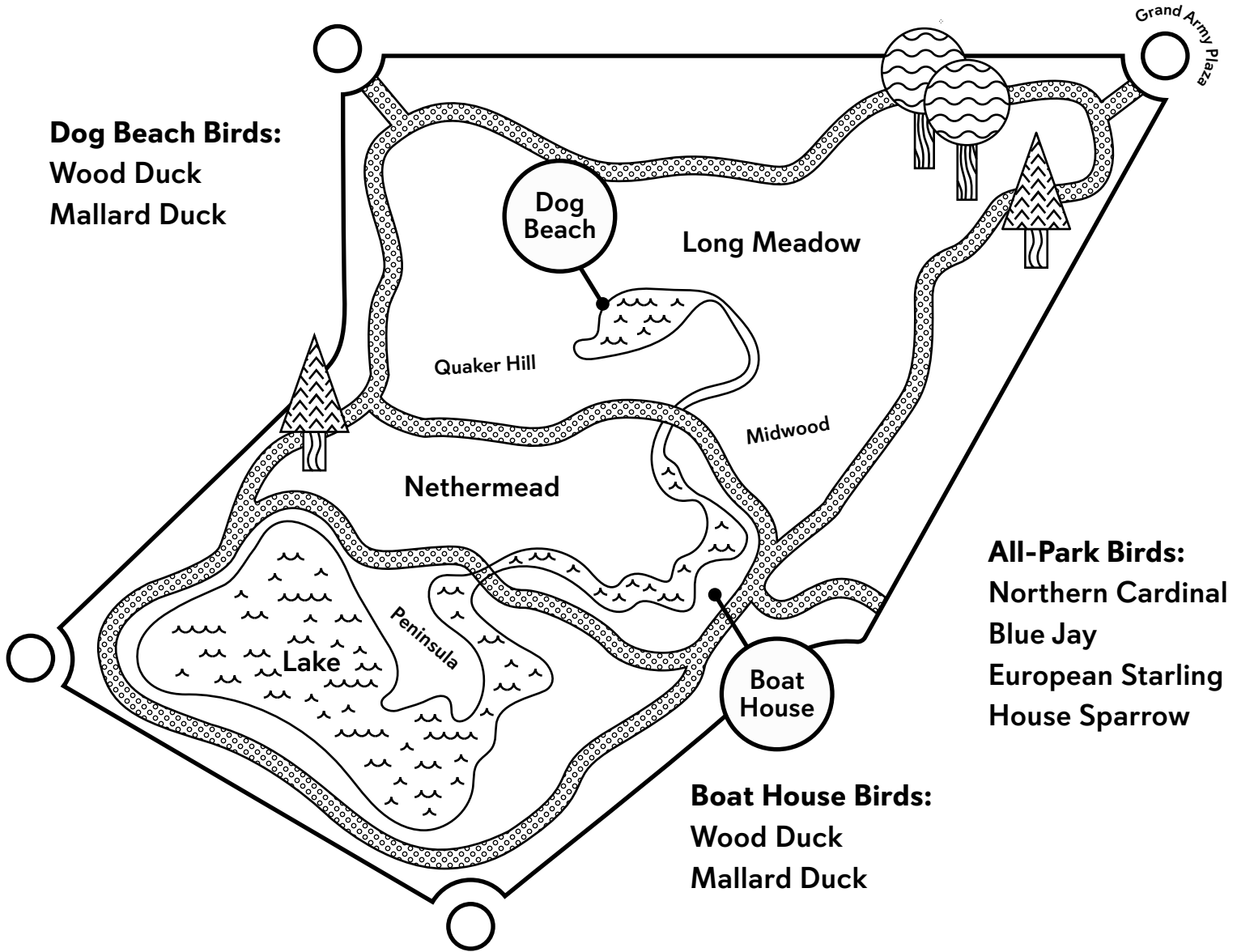


# PROSPECT PARK BIRD MAP

## How to go birding:

**Step 1:** The key to birding is noticing that there are birds around you — probably many more than you thought!

**Step 2:** Start identifying them! Just start by looking around. As you get more interested, ask a grown-up for some binoculars and a handy paperback bird guide.

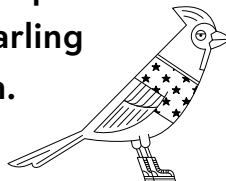


## Bird Size Guide:

Blue Jay  
9-12in.



European  
Starling  
9in.



Northern  
Cardinal  
9in.



House  
Sparrow  
6in.



# ALL-PARK

## NORTHERN CARDINAL

Bright red with a crest and just smaller than a Robin. They like to hang out in trees and if you see a bright red male Cardinal, there's a good chance there is a pale brown female Cardinal nearby.



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## BLUE JAY

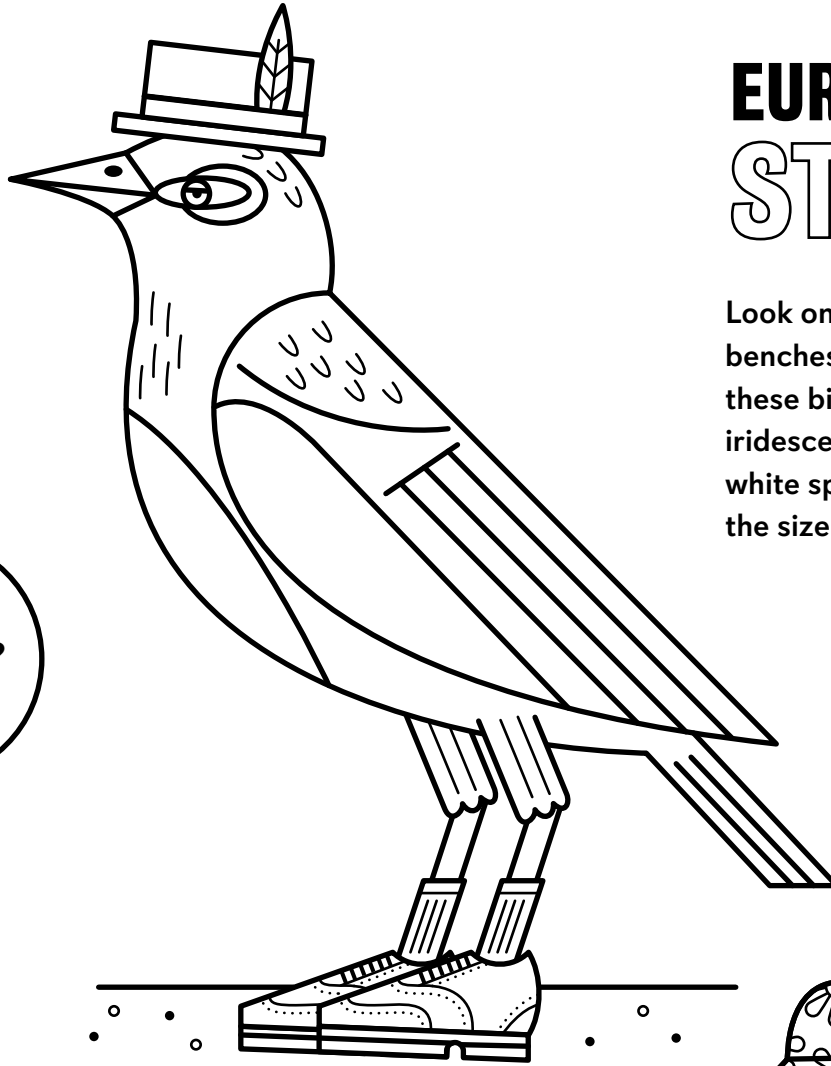
Look for them perched in the trees that line the lawns or foraging on the lawns. They have beautiful blue, white, and black plumage (feathers) and an awesome crest (mohawk).

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# ALL-PARK

## EUROPEAN STARLING

Look on the grass and park benches or picnic tables for these birds. They're glossy, iridescent black with small white spots and are about the size of a Robin.

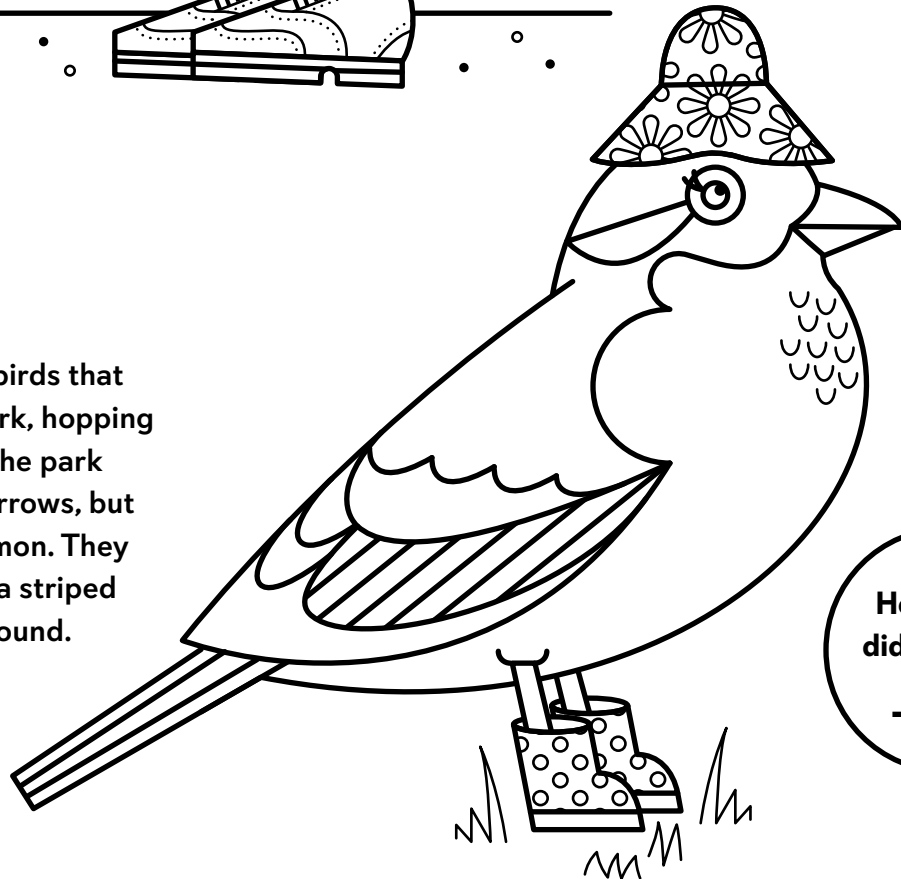


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## HOUSE SPARROW

These are small, brown birds that you'll see all over the park, hopping around on the ground. The park has several types of sparrows, but these are the most common. They are brown all-over with a striped back and are adorably round.



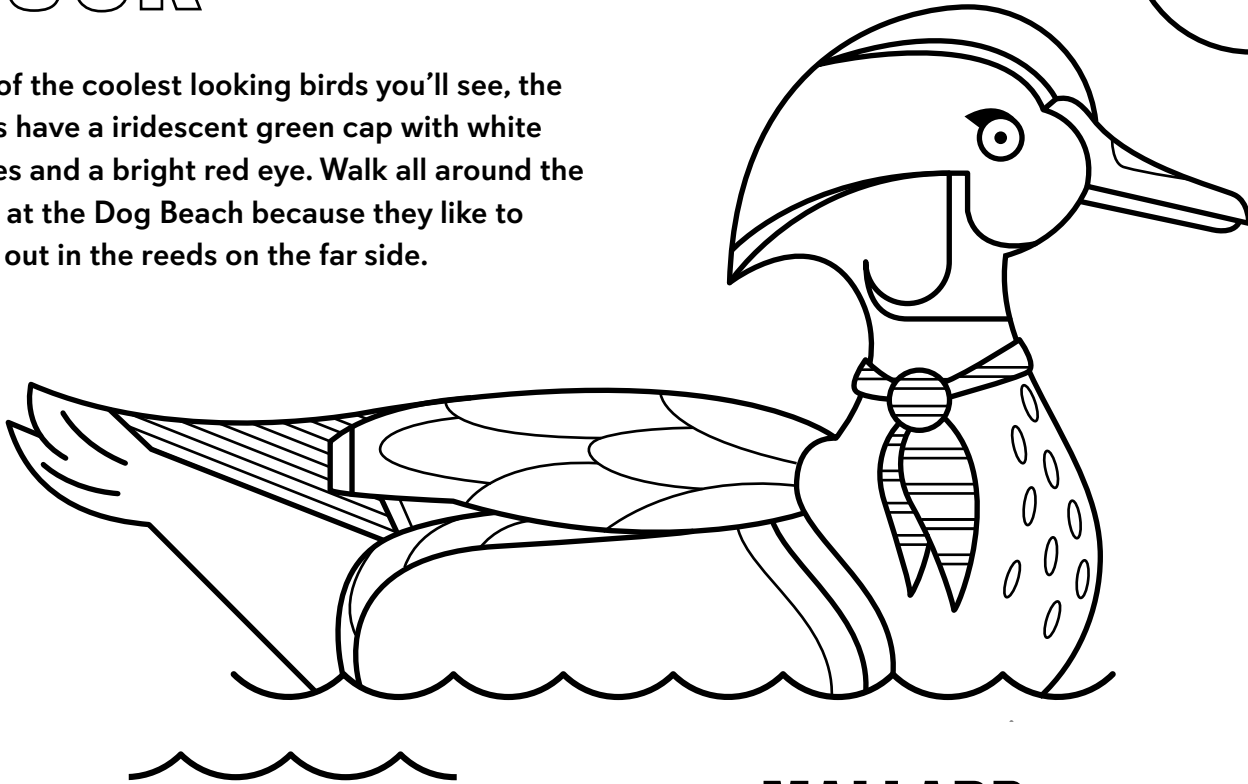
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# DOG BEACH

## WOOD DUCK

One of the coolest looking birds you'll see, the males have a iridescent green cap with white stripes and a bright red eye. Walk all around the pond at the Dog Beach because they like to hang out in the reeds on the far side.



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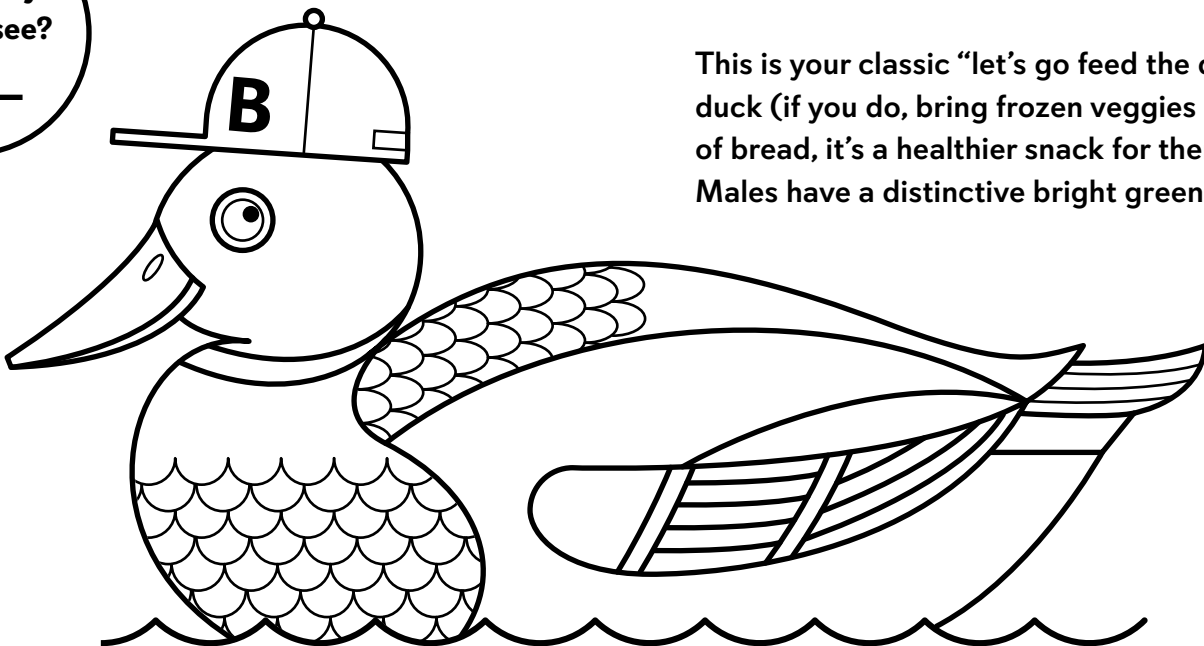
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## MALLARD DUCK

This is your classic “let’s go feed the ducks” duck (if you do, bring frozen veggies instead of bread, it’s a healthier snack for them). Males have a distinctive bright green head.

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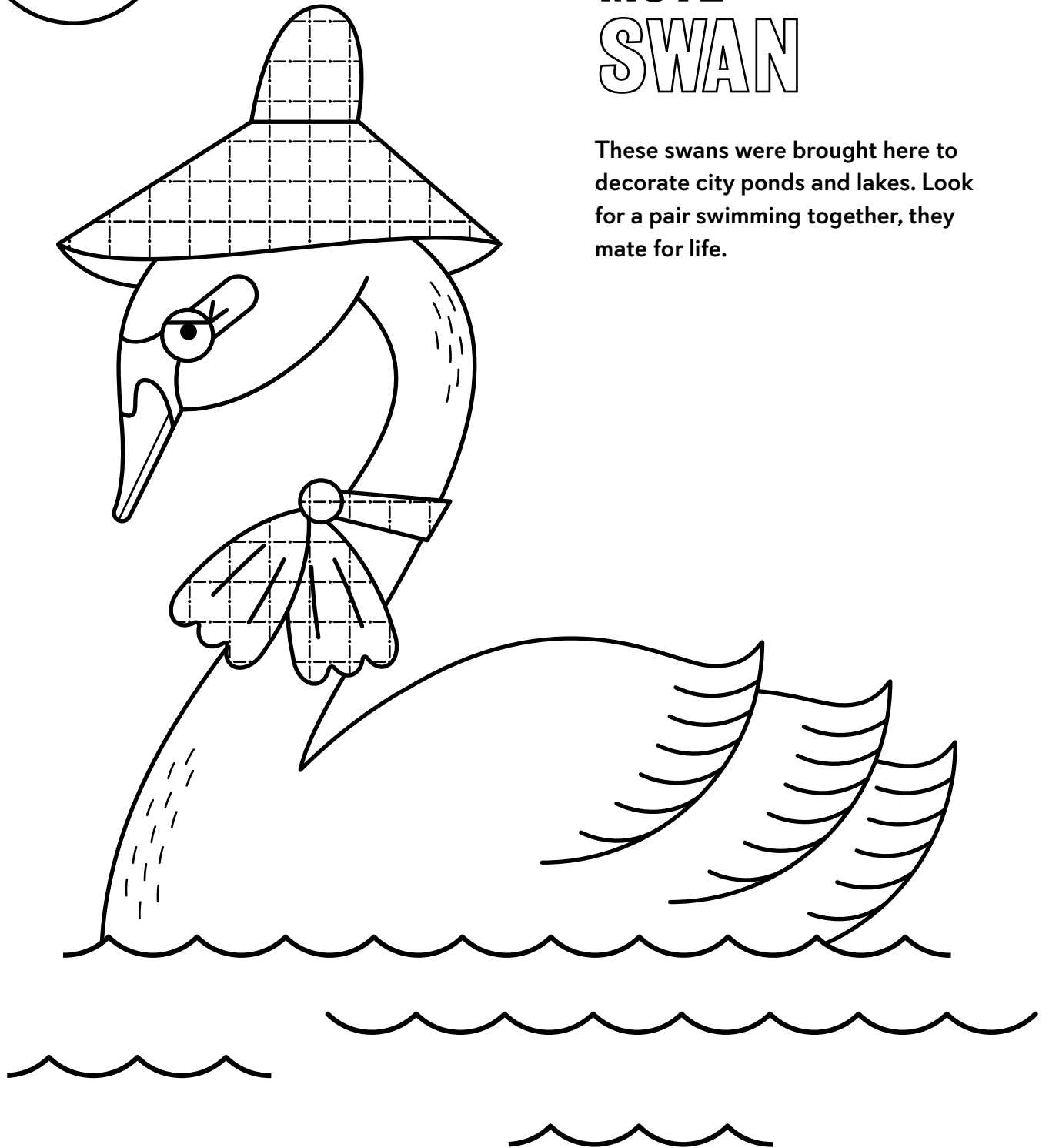
# BOAT HOUSE

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## MUTE SWAN

These swans were brought here to decorate city ponds and lakes. Look for a pair swimming together, they mate for life.



# **BOAT HOUSE**

## **GREAT BLUE HERON**

These are big, dinosaur-looking birds. Look for them standing along the shoreline of the lake, where they are fishing. Sometimes you'll see one perched on the rental pedal boats docked by Wollman Rink.



How many  
did you see?

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