

Black Swan

Black swans are an Australian bird that live mostly in the southeastern or southwestern part of the country. Their black feathers are tipped with white. They have a red bill and feet that are grayish-black. They are the only type of swan that is considered completely black. Adult black swans are usually between 43-56 inches (110-142 cm) long and weigh 8.2-19.8 pounds (3.7-9 kg). Their wingspan stretches between 5.2-6.6 feet (1.6-2 meters). A male is called a cob, and a female is called a pen.

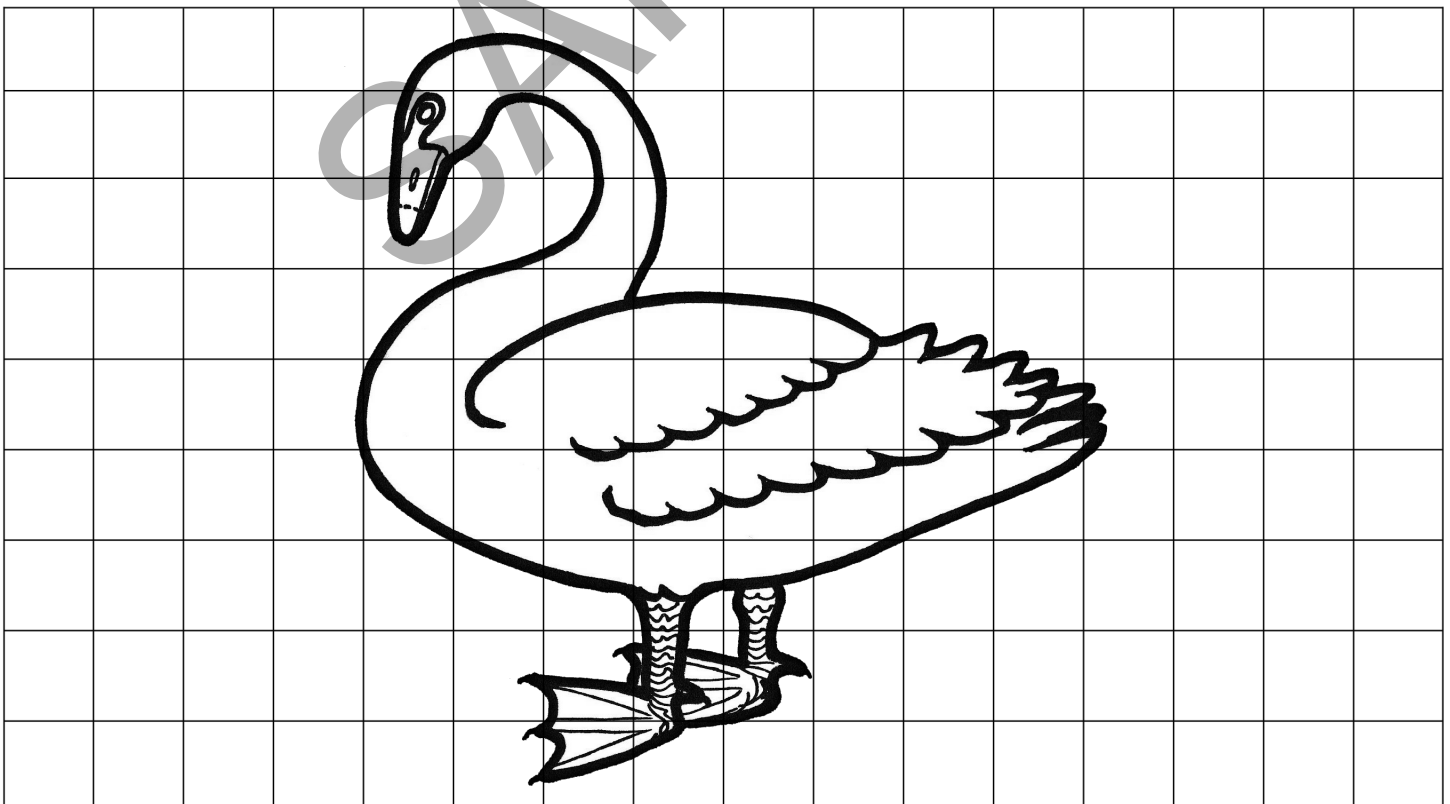
Their favorite place to nest is along the shores of marshes and ponds in the summer and on the shores of large lakes and bays in the winter. This is a good place for them to find their favorite food, water plants and grasses that grow along the shore.

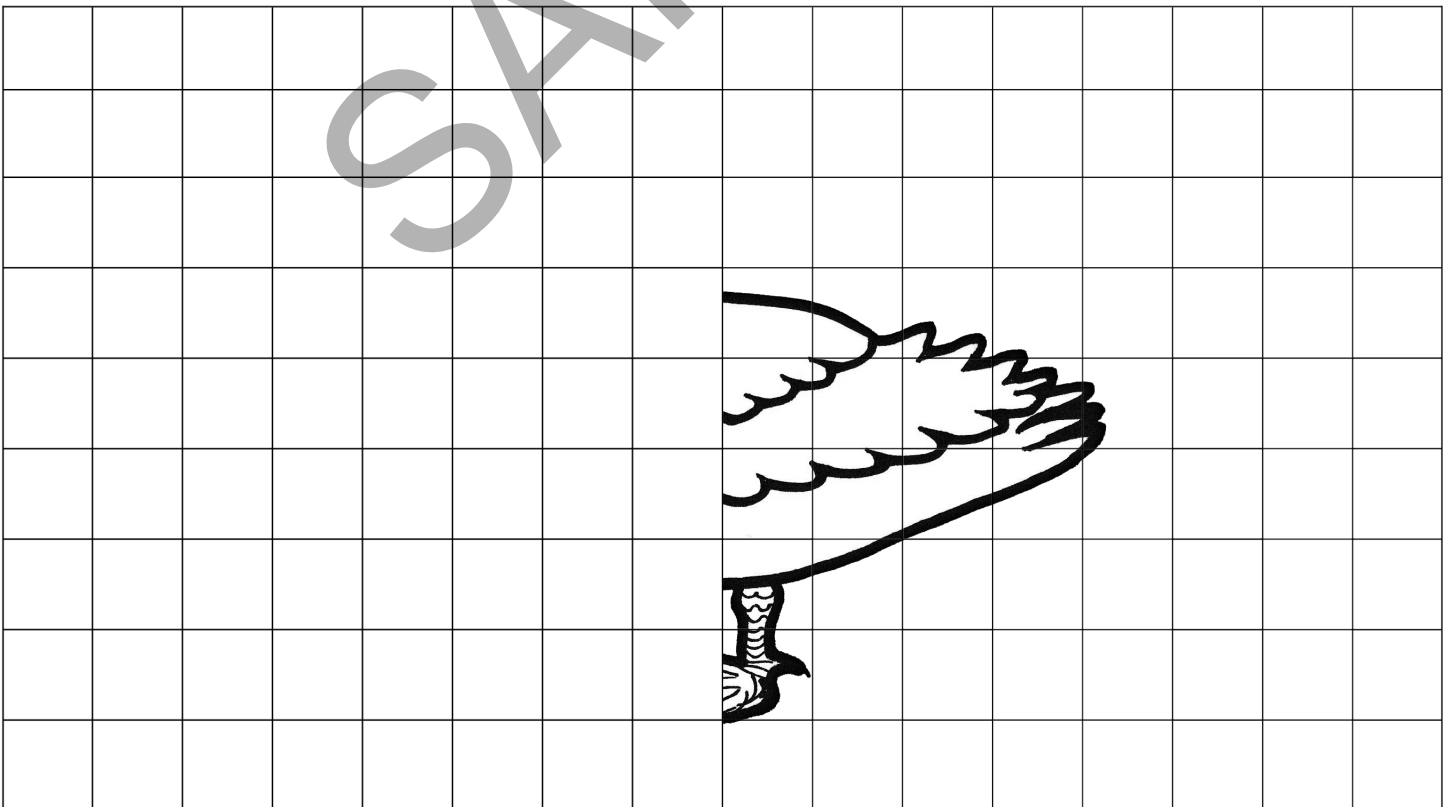
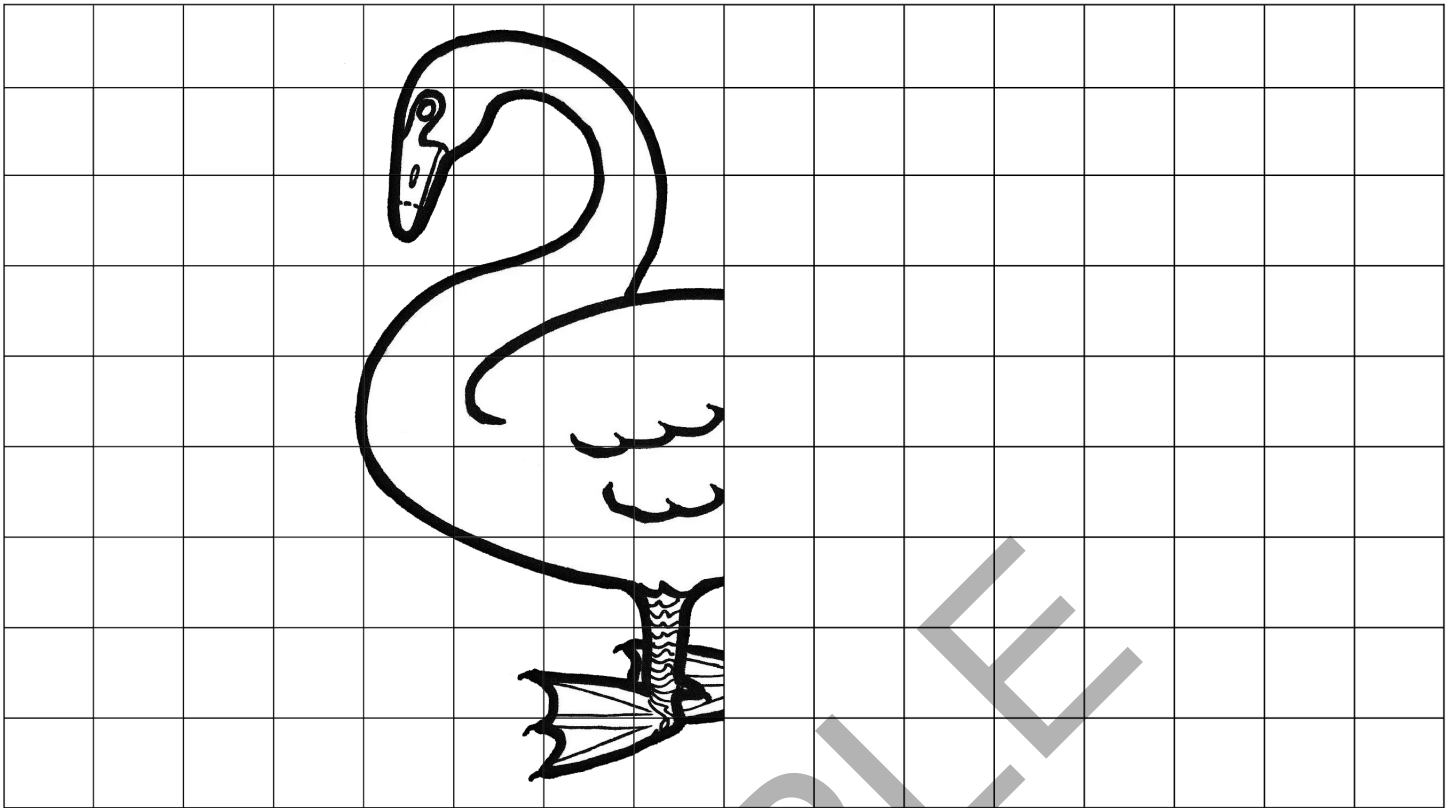
Swans are strong and graceful. When they fly, they move their wings slowly and keep their necks stretched out. When they are migrating, they fly in a V-formation. They are the fastest moving waterfowl in the air or on water.

Once a male and female swan become parents, they usually stay together for life. They build large nests out of plants and grass, where the female lays four to six eggs at a time. Both male and female black swans take turns sitting on the eggs while waiting for them to hatch. When the babies, called cygnets, hatch, both the males and the females help raise the offspring.

Follow these instructions to draw a black swan on the next page like the one shown below:

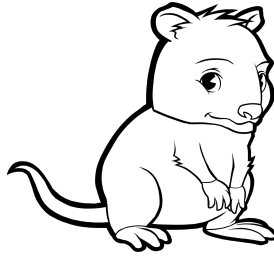
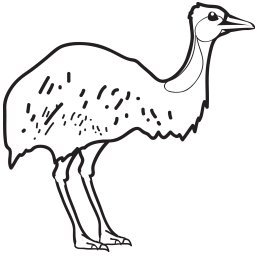
- Decide if you want to draw the right half of the picture or the left half of the picture and draw it in one of the first two grids. You can draw both if you'd like.
- Now, using a blank grid from the back of the book, try drawing the whole picture.



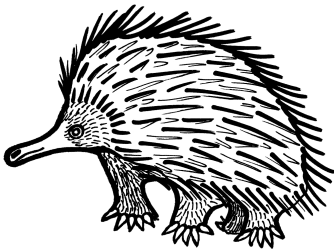


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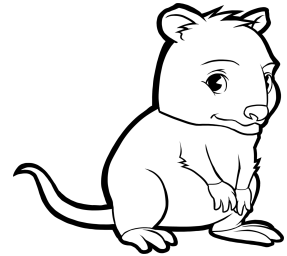
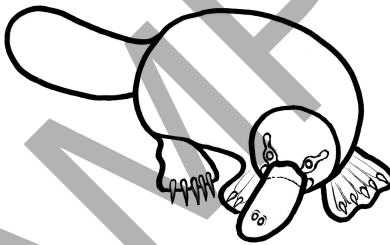
1. Which picture shows a quokka? Circle it.



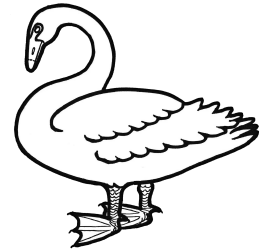
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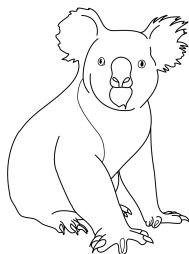
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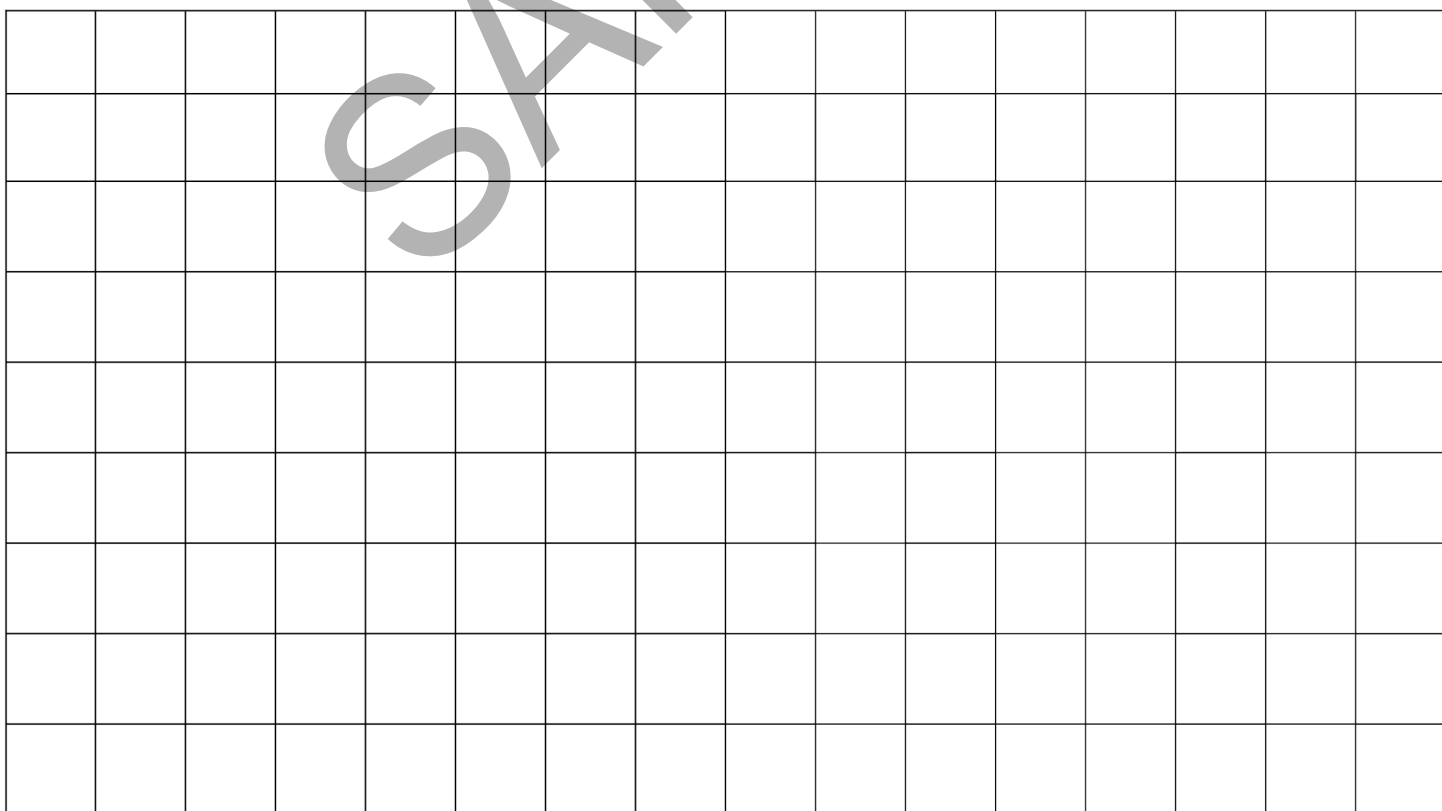
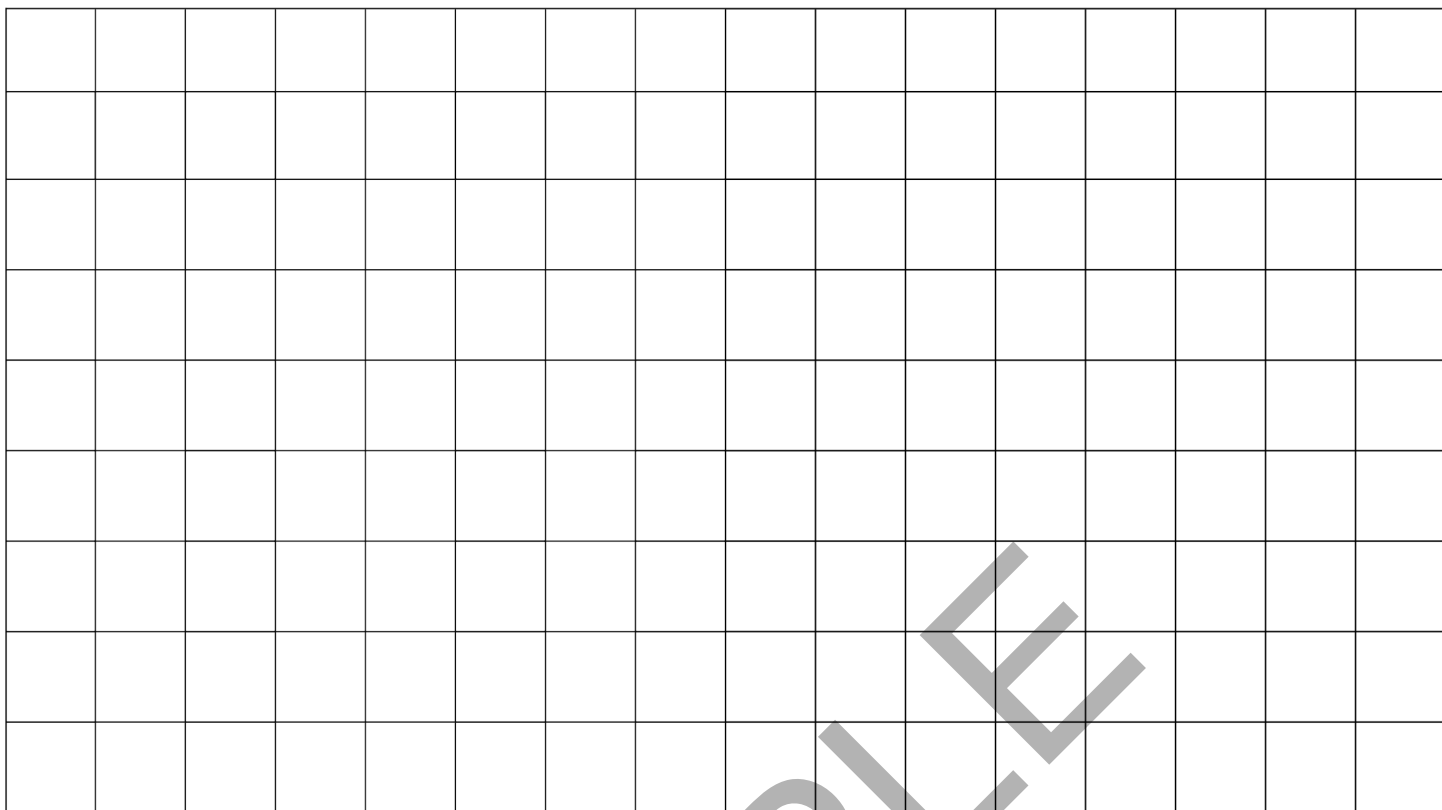


4. Which picture shows a black swan? Circle it.



5. Which picture shows a koala? Circle it.





Answer Key

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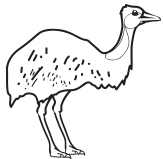
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