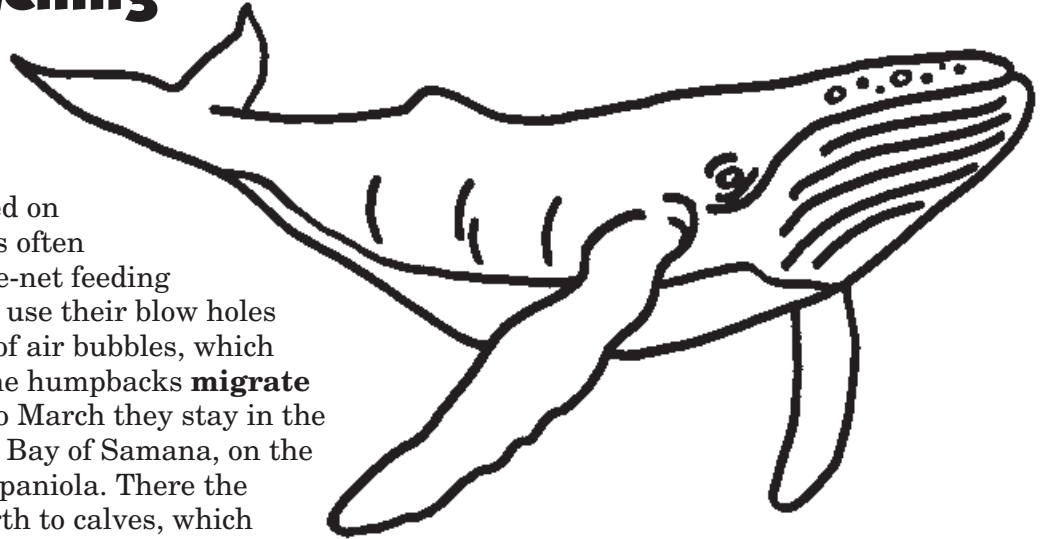


Whale Watching

Humpback whales spend most of the year in the cold Arctic oceans. During these months the whales feed on small fish. Humpbacks often use an amazing bubble-net feeding technique, where they use their blow holes to form a circular net of air bubbles, which trap schools of fish. The humpbacks **migrate** south; from January to March they stay in the warm waters near the Bay of Samana, on the northeast shore of Hispaniola. There the female whales give birth to calves, which can weigh up to 2,000 lbs. at birth!



The Dominican Republic is a great place to go whale watching during the early months of

the year. The humpbacks can easily be seen swimming on their backs and also throwing their entire bodies out of the water.

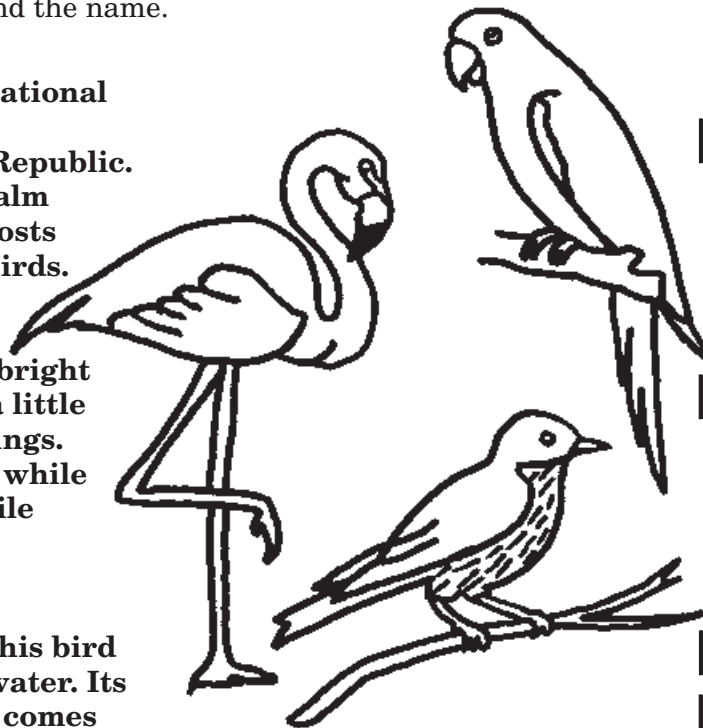
Match the Birds

There are around 300 species of birds found on the island of Hispaniola. More than 25 kinds are only native to that island. Read the description of each bird and match it to the illustration and the name.

This is the national bird of the Dominican Republic. It nests in palm trees and roosts with other birds.

This bird is bright green with a little red on its wings. It screeches while flying or while perching.

The diet of this bird is found in water. Its bright color comes from the food it eats.



Flamingo

Palmchat

Hispaniolan Parakeet