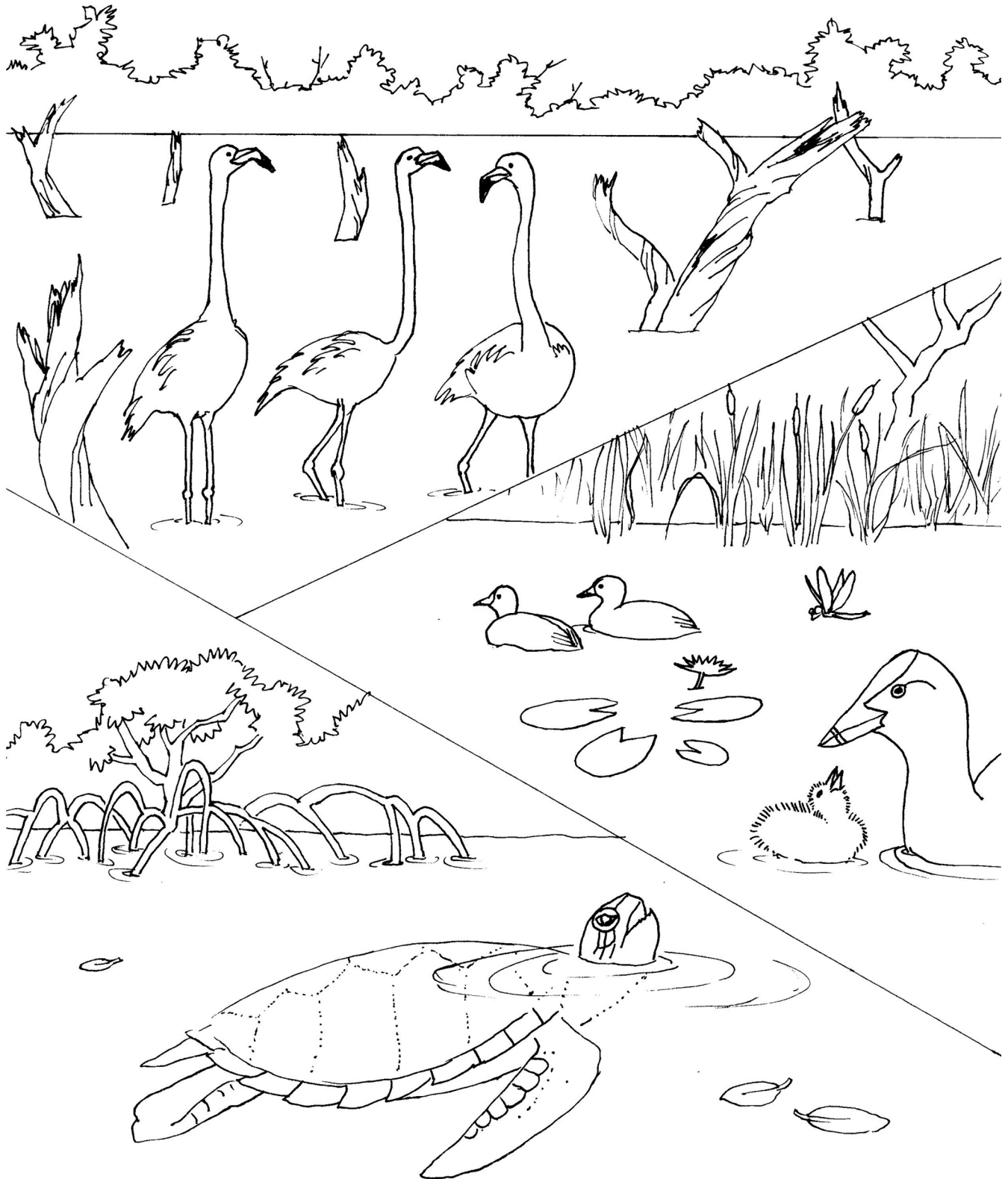


**Kk**

# Kinds of wetlands



In the Caribbean alone there are about 100 different types of wetlands that have been described. Some are known as ponds, lakes, Salinas and creeks. In the Bahamas, wetlands can be divided into 2 main groups depending on their connection to the sea.

Wetlands that are connected to the sea are known as Coastal wetlands, better known as “Creeks” in the Bahamas. Creeks have water that is salty just like the sea.

The wetlands that are far from the sea and cut off from it are known as Inland wetlands, better known as “Ponds”. Some ponds get lots of rainfall and are considered to be “fresh water” ponds but there are some that get very little rain and the sun evaporates the fresh water away so fast that they are more salty than sea water is. We call these “Hypersaline ponds” (hyper = more than normal, saline = containing salt). Hypersaline ponds are very typical for the southern Bahamas.