

# CREEPLY CRITTERS OF THE PORT!

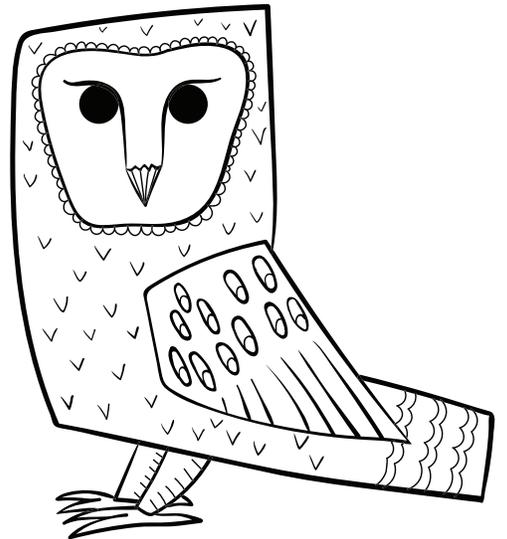


From the Seattle waterfront to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, there are many amazing animals that make their homes in and around the Port of Seattle.

Guess WHO WHO?  
Likes to live near the port?

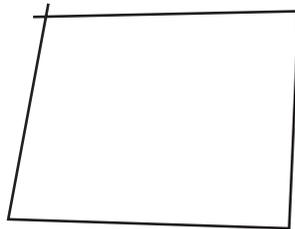
## OWLS!!!

These native birds are great for the environment, but we want to keep them safe from airplanes. To help owls, we move them to new homes when they roost too near the airport.



Since 2001 we have moved owls from around Sea-Tac to a safer home:

- 50 Barn Owls
- 25 Barred Owls
- 15 Great Horned Owls
- 2 Short-eared Owls
- 2 Snowy Owls

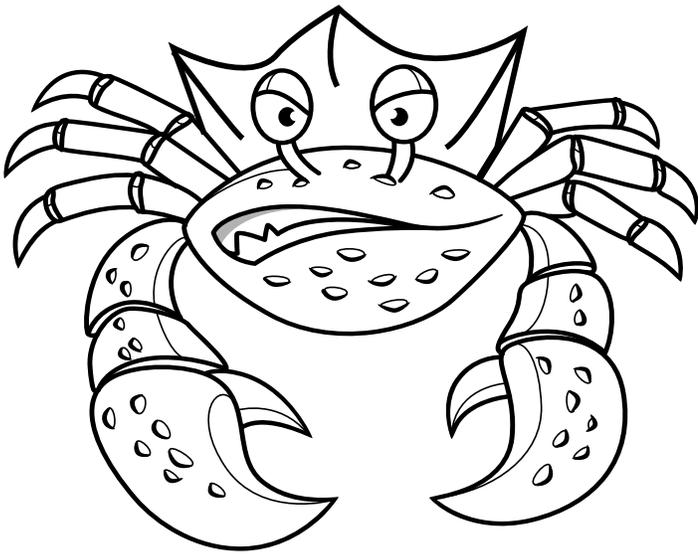


## YOUR TURN!

How many TOTAL owls has the port relocated since 2001?

Guess who's so crabby under  
Bell Harbor Marina?

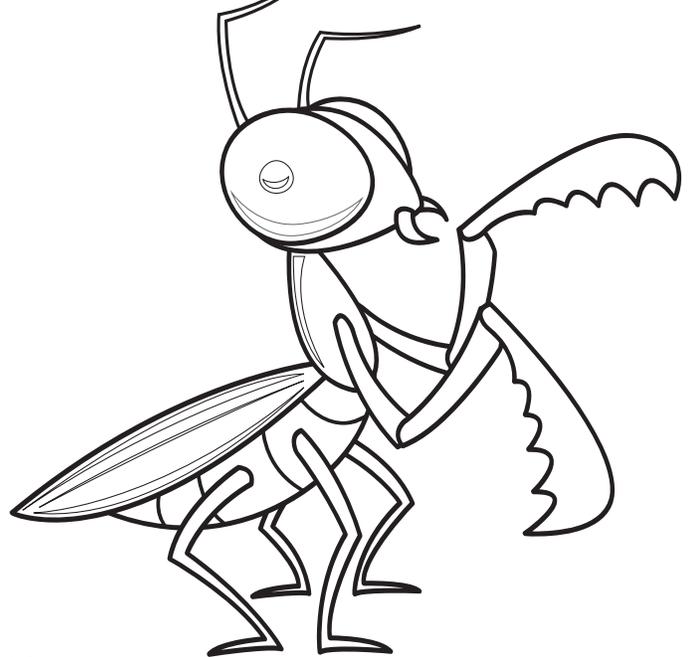
# THE KELP CRAB!!



These small crabs like to live in kelp forests up and down the Pacific Coast including right here in Elliott Bay! They love to munch on yummy kelp! These long-legged crabs may appear small and delicate, but they are fierce and strong. So watch those fingers if you find one!

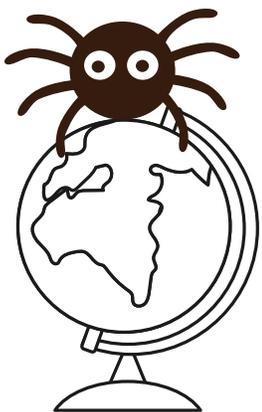
Guess who bugs the bugs at  
Sea-Tac Airport?

# PRAYING MANTIS!!



Did you know we have lots of mantises that live around Sea-Tac? The most common species here is the European Mantis. They kill and consume a good number of pests like caterpillars and flies! Who knew?

## DID YOU KNOW?

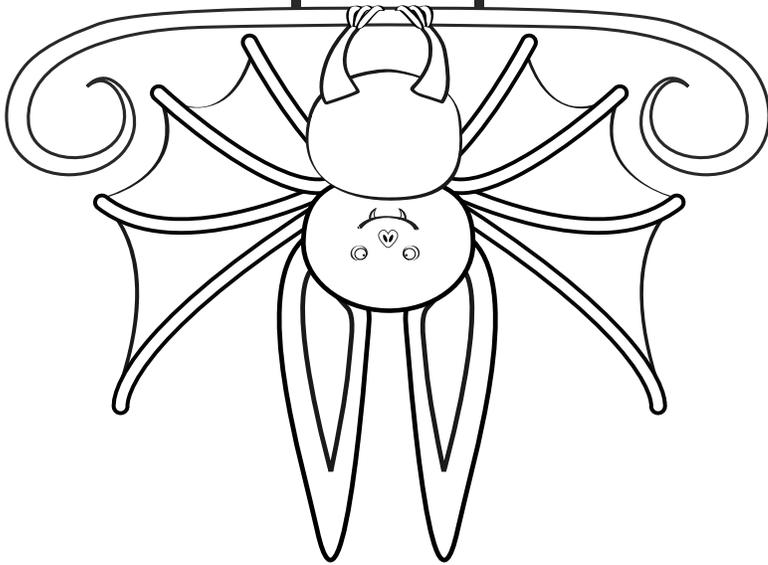


The Kelp Crab and the Praying Mantis are distant Cousins?

The praying mantis is an insect and Kelp Crabs are crustaceans. Both of these are called arthropods. (The word arthropod comes from the Greek words for "joint" and "foot."). Arthropods have hard, external shells called "exoskeletons," segmented bodies and jointed legs. Along with arachnids, insects and crustaceans are members of the largest category of creatures on the planet! WOW! We should call Earth an antro-planet!

Who is feeling batty at the port?

# VESPER BATS!!



Also known as evening bats or common bats, Vesper Bats are the largest and best-known family of bats. Over 300 species are distributed all over the world, on every continent except Antarctica. These bats love to munch on bugs around both the seaport and airport! Take that you pesky mosquitoes!

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think bats are cute or creepy?  
(Pick One & ask your friends and family!)

Cute?  CREEPY?

Keep a tally here

Cute	CREEPY

## DID YOU KNOW?

Bats are very misunderstood. Bats are great for the environment. They help with:

### Insect Control

Bats that eat insects are called "insectivorous." When bats are around to eat insects, there are fewer insect pests causing damage to crops.

### Pollinators & Seed

#### Dispersal

Many types of plants rely on bats for pollination and seed dispersal, such as the blue agave.

### Prey

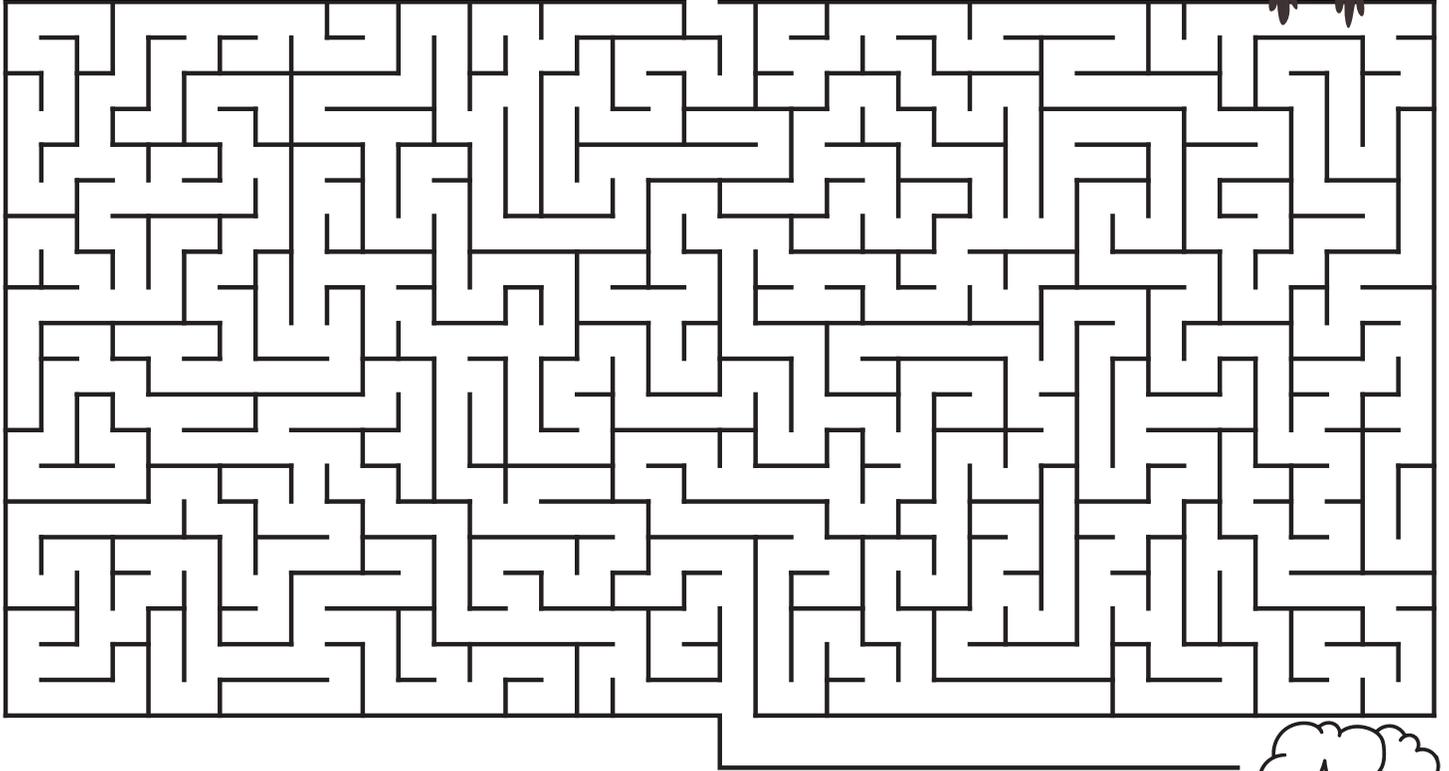
Just as some bats rely on thousands of insects each night for survival, other animals in the ecosystem rely on bats for their calories. Hawks, falcons, and owls eat bats.

# HELP OSCAR!



Large birds and airplanes don't mix.  
Help Oscar the Owl find a safer home!

Start here!



Yeah! A big forest!



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Port of Seattle runs Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, fishing, maritime, cruise and industrial facilities!  
Wow that's a lot of stuff!

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Port!

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