

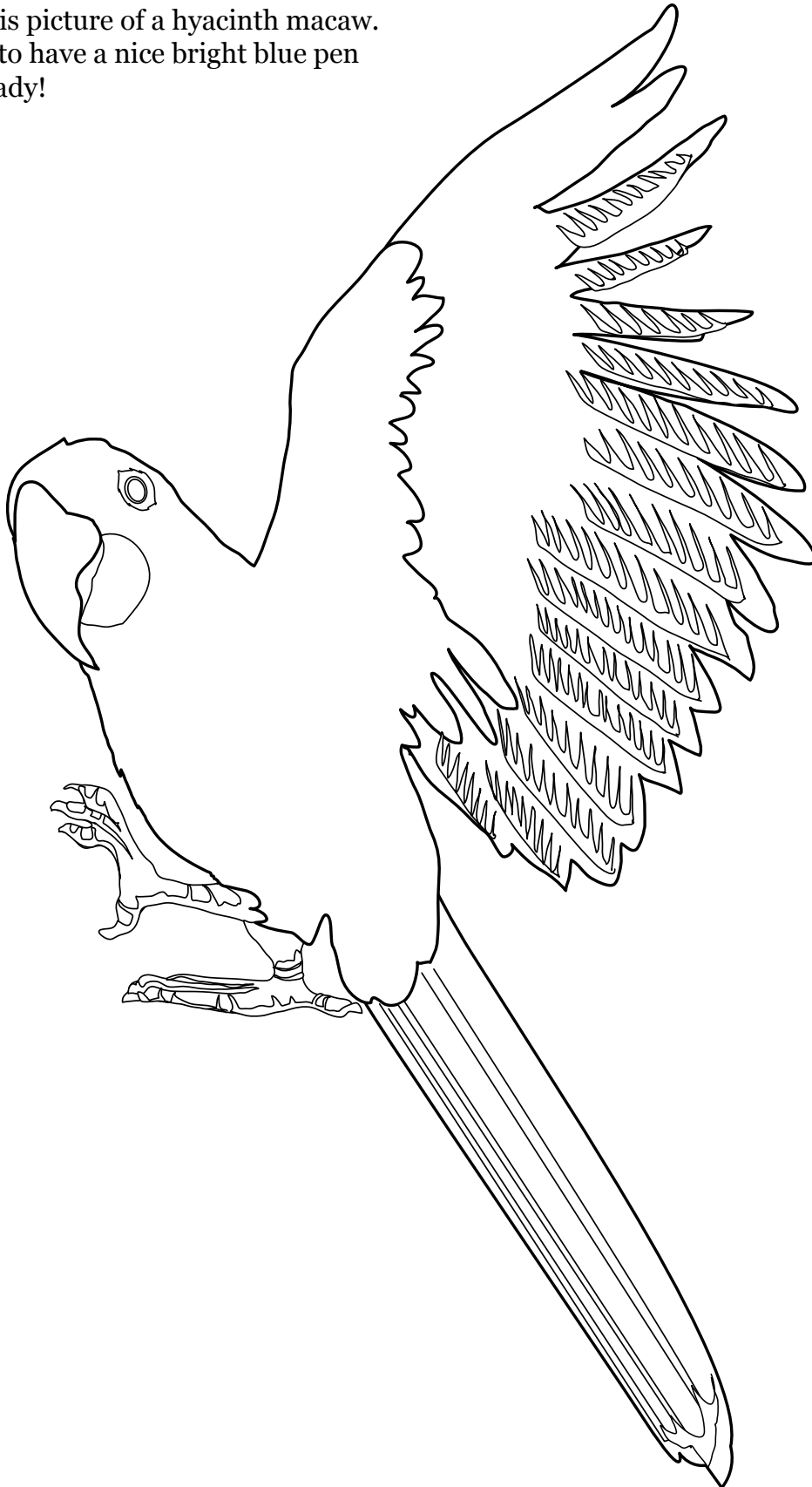
Activity sheet - Americas

Neiva and the hyacinth macaw



Hyacinth Macaws are such beautiful birds – it's not surprising that Neiva was inspired to protect them.

- 1 Colour in this picture of a hyacinth macaw. You'll need to have a nice bright blue pen or pencil ready!



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- 2 What country is the Pantanal in?

- 3 Around how many hyacinth macaws were captured by poachers in the 1980s?

- 4 How much could the poachers have sold each of the birds for in the 1980s?

- 5 What do the people who buy the macaws want them for?

- 6 There used to be only 1,500 hyacinth macaws in the Pantanal. Thanks to the work of Neiva's team, the WWF and their partners, how many are there now?

- 7 Have a look at the hyacinth macaw fact file on the Go Wild website wwf.org.uk/gowild and answer the following questions:
 - A. What do hyacinth macaws eat?

 - B. What do they measure from beak to tail?

 - C. What do hyacinth macaws share with their mates?





Story board - Americas

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Draw a picture for each part of the story.

1

Neiva was visiting the Pantanal in Brazil when her professor told her the hyacinth macaw were a threatened species.

2

He told her that their beautiful feathers made them a target for poachers who captured them to sell illegally as pets.

3

This made Neiva very sad so she set up the Hyacinth Macaw Project.

4

WWF started supporting the project in 1990 through providing special radio collars to be fitted on the birds.

5

Neiva's work has helped stop the illegal trade of the bird in this area.

6

The hyacinth macaw population has increased from 1,500 to 5,000 in the Pantanal region.