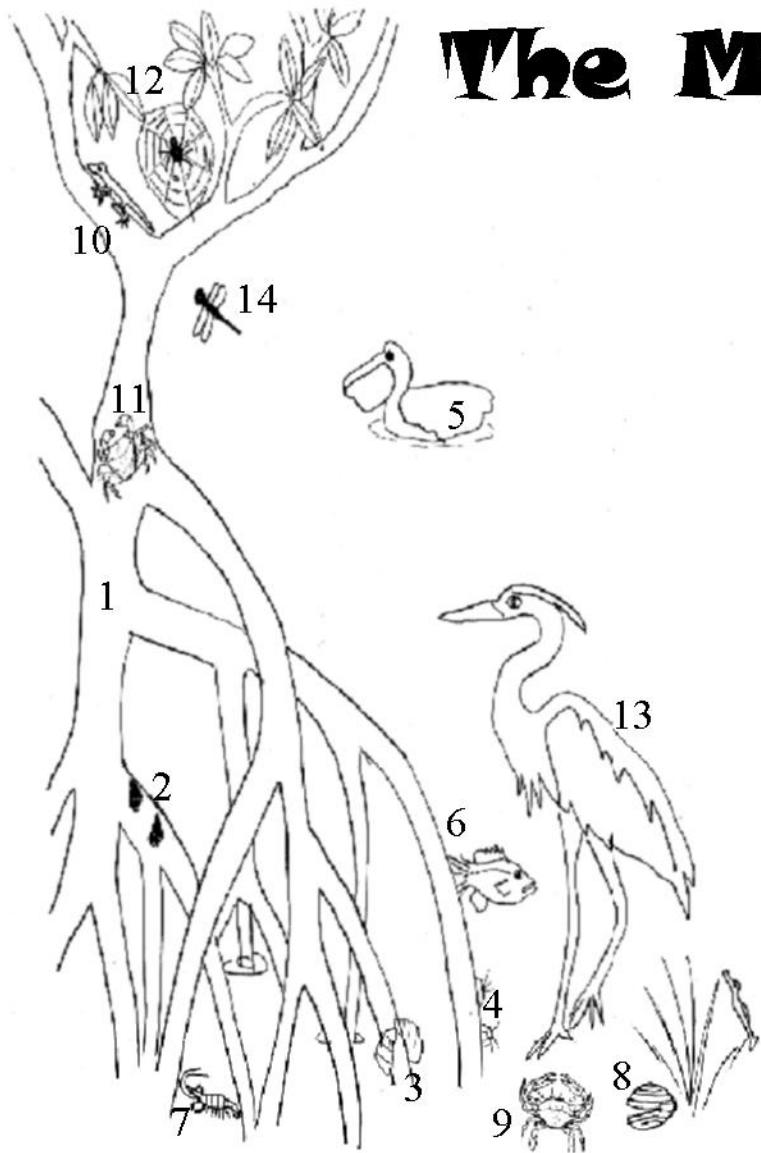


The Mangrove Community

Match the numbers in the drawing with its description.



1. Red mangrove
2. Mangrove snail
3. Oyster
4. Barnacle
5. Brown pelican
6. Mangrove snapper
7. Shrimp

8. Clam
9. Blue crab
10. Anole
11. Mangrove tree crab
12. Spider
13. Great blue heron
14. Dragonfly

- _____ I am a bird that can hold more fish in my beak than in my belly.
- _____ I am a fish swim in the Indian River Lagoon and eat shrimp.
- _____ I live by myself, buried in the detritus. People think I'm tasty.
- _____ I grow along the edge of the Indian River Lagoon—usually in the water. I am called the walking tree because of my special roots.
- _____ I am a reptile that lives in trees and eats insects. I regenerate a broken tail.
- _____ I live in the water. I have strong claws and special swimming legs.
- _____ I stick to mangrove roots and capture tiny floating animals.
- _____ I grow on the roots of the mangrove trees. Raccoons crawl into the water to make a meal out of me.
- _____ I am a tall bird with long legs. I spear fish with my beak.
- _____ I hang in the trees on webs and eat insects that I trap.
- _____ I live in water and eat detritus. People and fish eat me.
- _____ I crawl on the mangrove trees and eat detritus. I'm very slow.
- _____ I crawl on the mangrove trees and eat leaves. I'm very fast.

Story Time

Write a story about how the members of the mangrove community live together. Who eats whom? What does each animal use for habitat? Try to use your new vocabulary words.