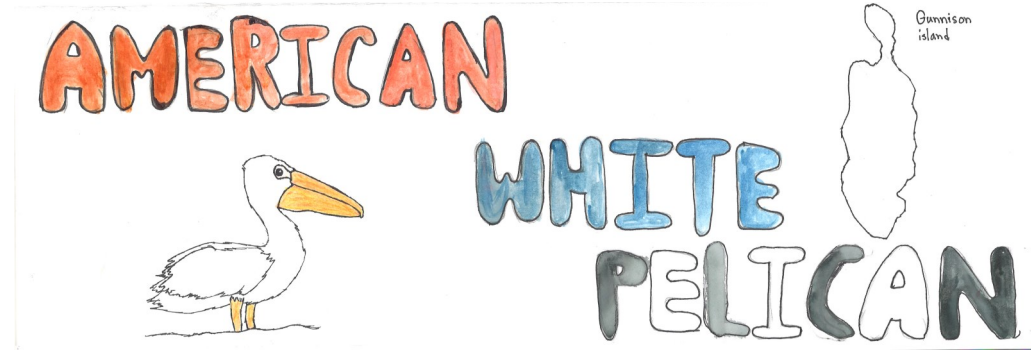
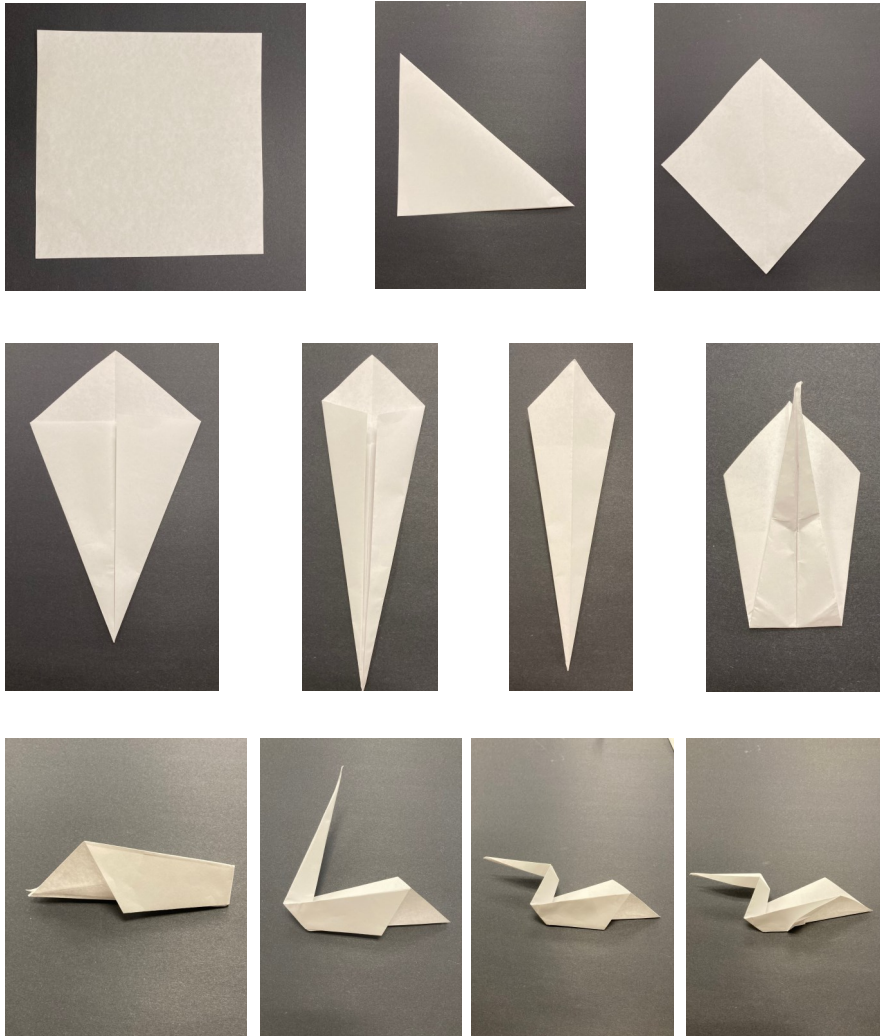


How to make an Origami Pelican



In 2023 American White Pelicans left their breeding grounds on Gunnison Island in the Great Salt Lake.

We have no idea what will happen this year.

Will they come back to Gunnison Island, or will they keep away?

Read on to learn more about the majestic birds and how you can help them.

Teach friends and family how to fold pelicans:

- Make a display in your home or school.
- Send your final pelican count, and a photo, to Nan@nanseymour.com before 10/1/24.
- The dear pelican project will be displayed in the gallery at the Main Branch of SLC Library next Winter.

(Help us fold 10,000 Pelicans.)



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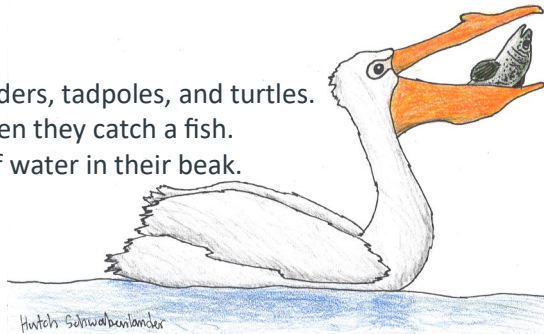
The Problem:

- The GSL is critical for American White Pelicans.
- The population of American White Pelicans on Gunnison Island has drastically decreased from a high of 20,000 to nearly zero in 2022 because it is no longer an island and predators/humans are now frequent visitors.

-With the Great Salt Lake water levels going down the marshes, freshwater lakes, and wetlands are also losing water, so the fish the Pelicans eat are disappearing.

Feeding:

- They eat fish, crayfish, salamanders, tadpoles, and turtles.
- Their beak drains out water when they catch a fish.
- They can hold up to 3 gallons of water in their beak.



Physical Features:

- Weighs 14 lbs.
- Webbed feet
- 3 Stomachs
- 9.5 foot wingspan (same as a California condor)
- 4 feet tall (same as an average 7 year old human)
- Male beaks = 11.3 in./ Female beaks = 10.3 in.

Jack Fuentes

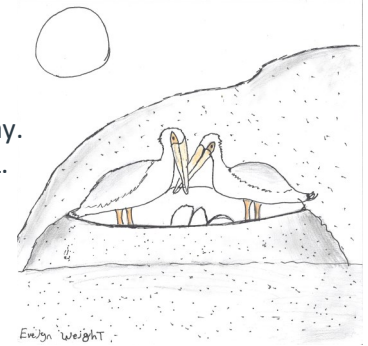
Flight:

- During migration they fly up to 1017.3 miles.
- In March they arrive in Utah and leave in late fall.
- They can fly 30 mph and up to 100 miles per day.
- Pelicans fly in an upward spiral to gain elevation and can go as high as a commercial airplane.



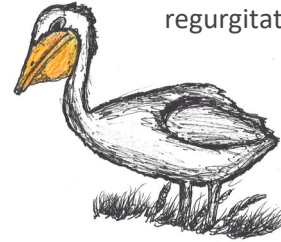
Family Units & Eggs:

- Mating happens through late March to early May.
- Pairs used to nest on Gunnison Island in the GSL.
- The American White Pelicans usually lay 2 eggs and only one baby survives per pair.



Baby American White Pelicans:

- Pelicans must fly up to 60 miles to catch food that they regurgitate to feed their young.



Pelicans

By: Ruby Burrell

Snowy-white wings glide through the air

Dipping down and soaring

Swooping here and there

Charcoal tipped wings flashing in the sky

Pelican, I hear your cry

Your cry for help

Your cry for home

We hear your call

And help will come

How Can You Help?

- Learn how to conserve outdoor water and tell others.
- Lawns can often be watered less.
- There are many water-wise plants we can grow instead of lawns.
- Let People Know You Love the Lake and the Birds!
- Tell your friends and family about pelicans and the Great Salt Lake.
- Write letters to lawmakers and tell them that you care.
- Write your own "Dear Pelican poem".
- Share this information.
- Teach friends and family how to fold origami pelicans.

(More information on the back.)