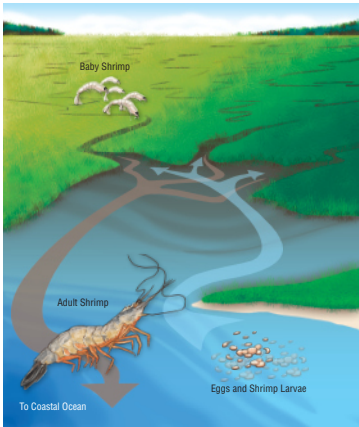




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 Fish & Birds - Hand-rendered & Digital Illustration



**Maximilian Sunflower**  
 Maximilian sunflower blooms in the autumn, forming a 6- to 10-foot tall spine of bright yellow flowers. This beautiful prairie plant was named for the naturalist Prince Maximilian of Germany, who led an expedition through the western United States in the 1830s. Goldfinches and monarch butterflies love these flowers. Monarch butterflies look for nectar in the flowers as they migrate down to Mexico in the late summer. Goldfinches look for seeds, which are very nutritious to other forms of wildlife, too.

**Upland Sandpiper**  
 Sandpipers are birds typically found along the shores of lakes or oceans. The upland sandpiper is unusual because it lives on the grassy prairie, where there are no shorelines for miles. This bird is easily identified by its height (it can be 12 inches tall) and its habit of standing on fence posts. From their perch, upland sandpipers scan the horizon for intruders and maybe look for a grasshopper or two for lunch.

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