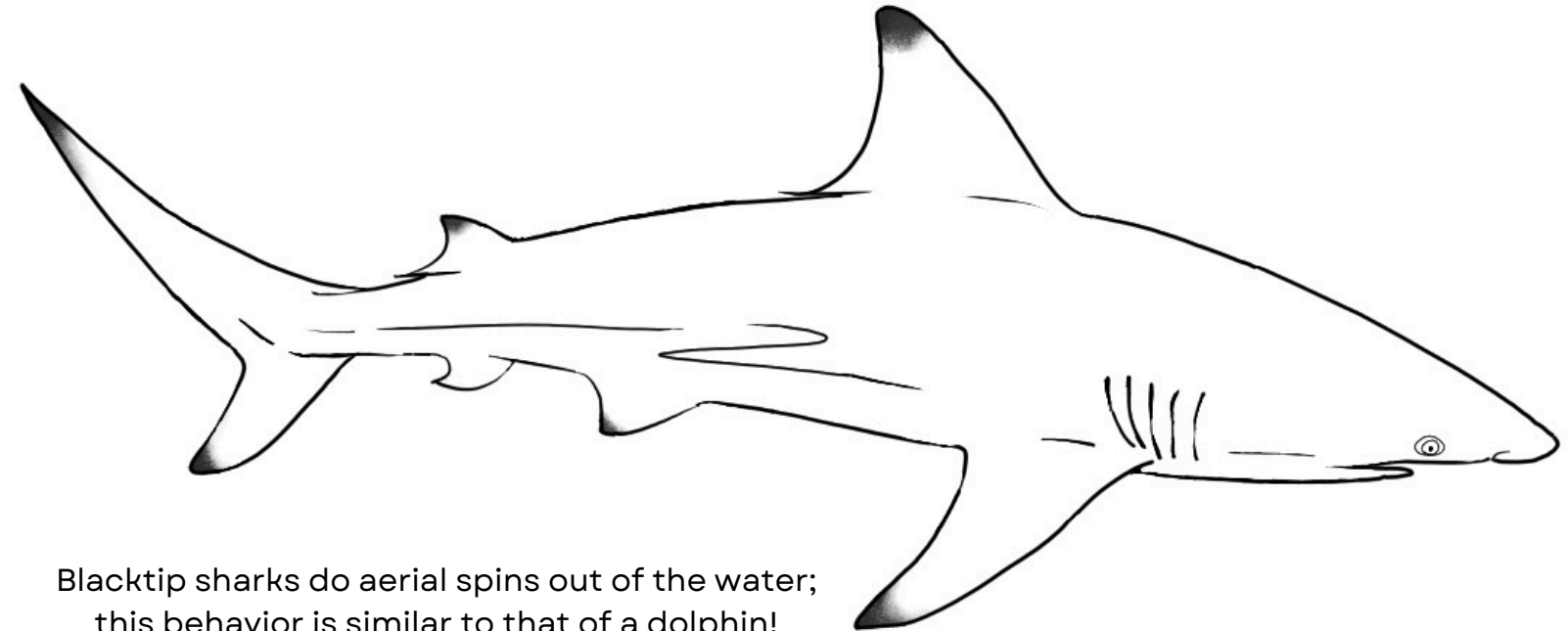


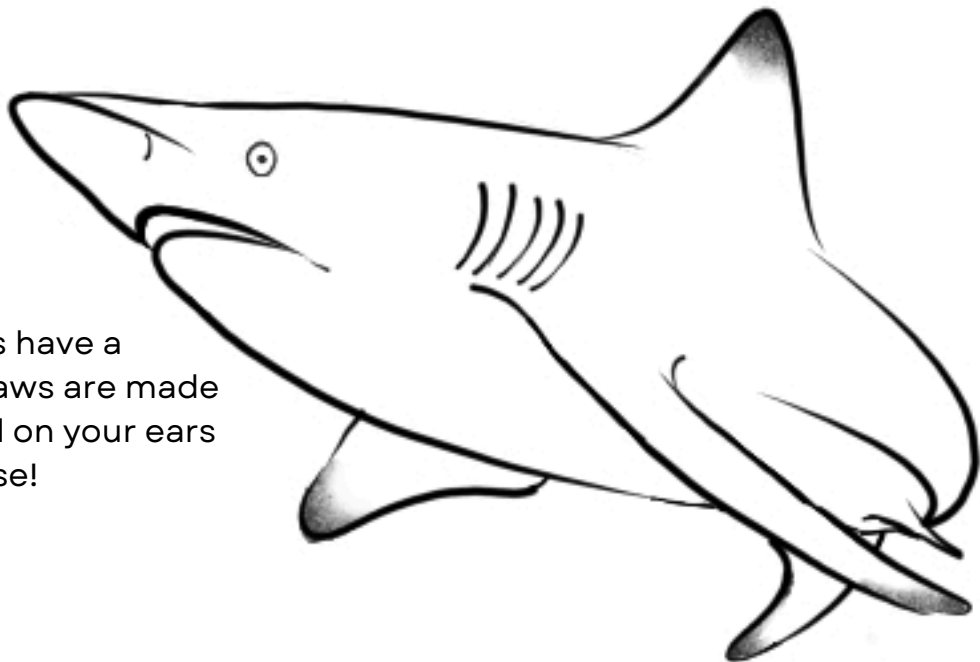
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Blacktip sharks, *Carcharhinus limbatus*, are important to south Florida because during their annual migration they bring balance to the coastal ecosystem.



Blacktip sharks do aerial spins out of the water; this behavior is similar to that of a dolphin!

Blacktip sharks, are usually around 5 feet long, and their bodies are shaped like a torpedo, so it is easy for them to swim through the water.



Like all sharks, blacktip sharks have a cartilagenous skeleton. Even their jaws are made of cartilage! Cartilage can be found on your ears and on the tip of your nose!