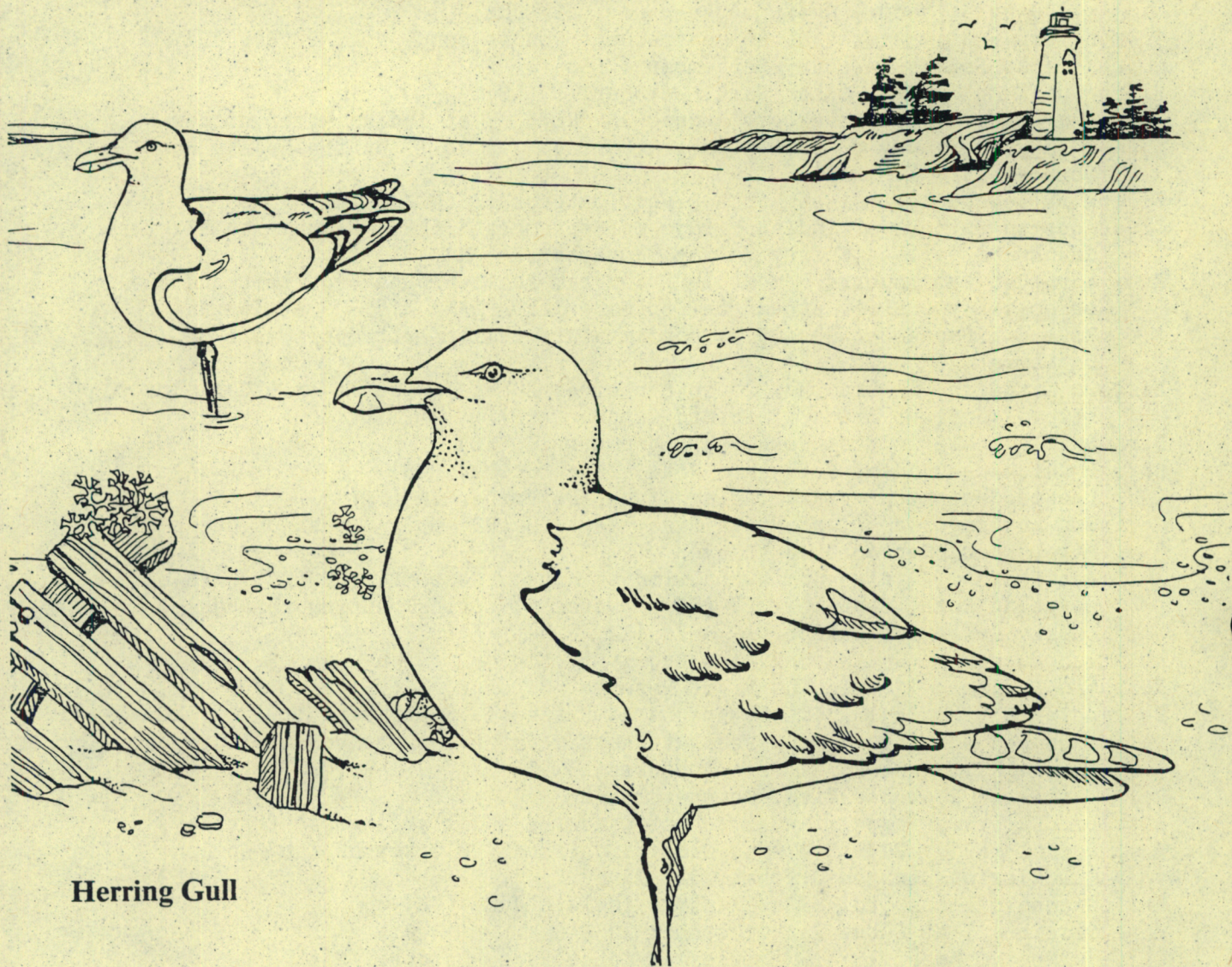


## YOUNG NATURALISTS CORNER

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**Herring Gull**

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The Herring Gull is the familiar "sea gull" on Prince Edward Island all year round. While they are most numerous scavenging fish along the shore, they will often travel inland in search of food, sometimes following a farmer's tractor as he plows the field turning up worms and grubs in the process. The head, neck, breast, belly and tail of the adult Herring Gull are white. The wings and back are grey but the long primary feathers are black with white spots. The legs are pink. The bill is yellow and there is a red spot on the lower mandible. This red spot acts as target which the newly hatched gull chick instinctively pecks in order to be fed. Young Herring Gulls are brown until they are about three years old.