

Let's draw animals! FLAT AS A FLOUNDER!



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Like all flatfishes, the Summer flounder, have both eyes on the same side of their heads. They resemble normal fish when they hatch but the right eye and nostril migrate to the left side as they mature. The jaws, however, do not change, so the adults bite sideways, from left to right. They lie in the sand, blind side down and eyes side up where they blend in with the bottom. Their camouflage protects them from predators and helps them ambush prey.

If your animal is moving take a little time to study it before starting your sketch. If it swims away it will often come back to a similar location and position. It is OK to have multiple quick sketches on the same page. Take pictures if you have a camera.

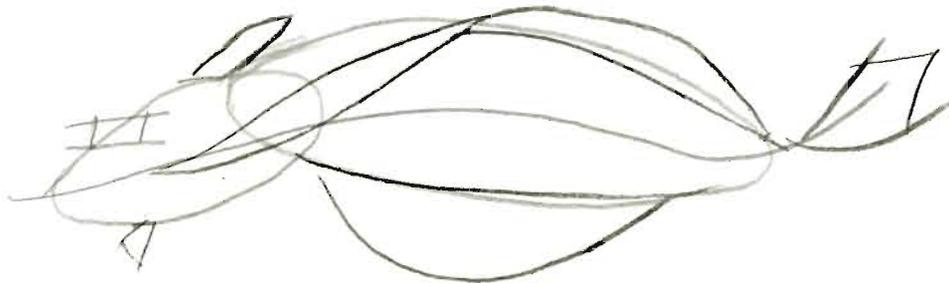


Draw a quick line for the spine. This helps show direction and movement of the body. Draw a box where the eyes will be.

Draw ovals for the head and body. This helps define the body shape.



Gill slits will be on the lower right of the oval you drew for the head. The mouth will be on the left side along the line you drew for the spine.



Draw fins where you see them on the sides, top, bottom and tail. They help show movement and indicate body shape at the sides and edges of the animal.

Add the eyes. You may only see one eye but add a bump on the other side where that eye would be. Connect the shapes you drew and add some detail. You can erase the lines you don't need. Reference books are handy for confirming detail.



Many animals depend on clean water for their homes. You can help by picking up trash, recycling and reusing materials, and picking up pet waste.

