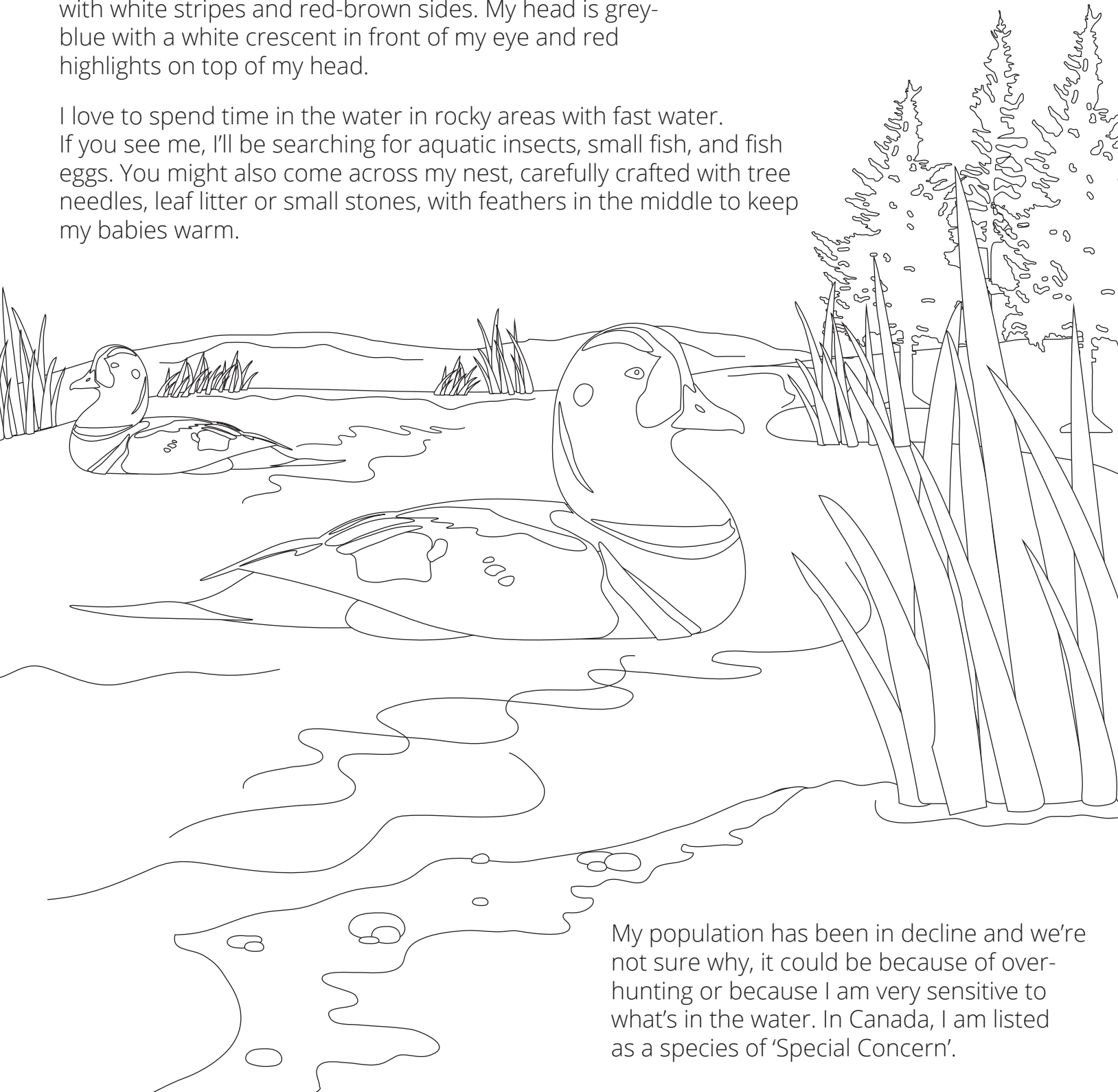
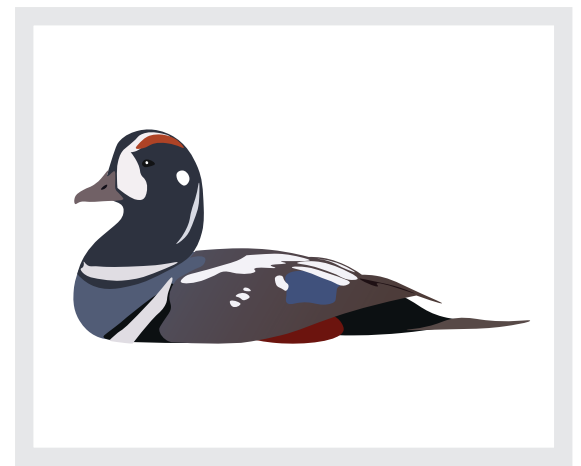


# Hi! I'm a male nûcipâwistikuwesîs (Harlequin Duck)!

I'm about as long as a laptop (34-36 cm), but what I lack in size I make up for with my bright colours. I am blue with white stripes and red-brown sides. My head is grey-blue with a white crescent in front of my eye and red highlights on top of my head.

I love to spend time in the water in rocky areas with fast water. If you see me, I'll be searching for aquatic insects, small fish, and fish eggs. You might also come across my nest, carefully crafted with tree needles, leaf litter or small stones, with feathers in the middle to keep my babies warm.



My population has been in decline and we're not sure why, it could be because of over-hunting or because I am very sensitive to what's in the water. In Canada, I am listed as a species of 'Special Concern'.

