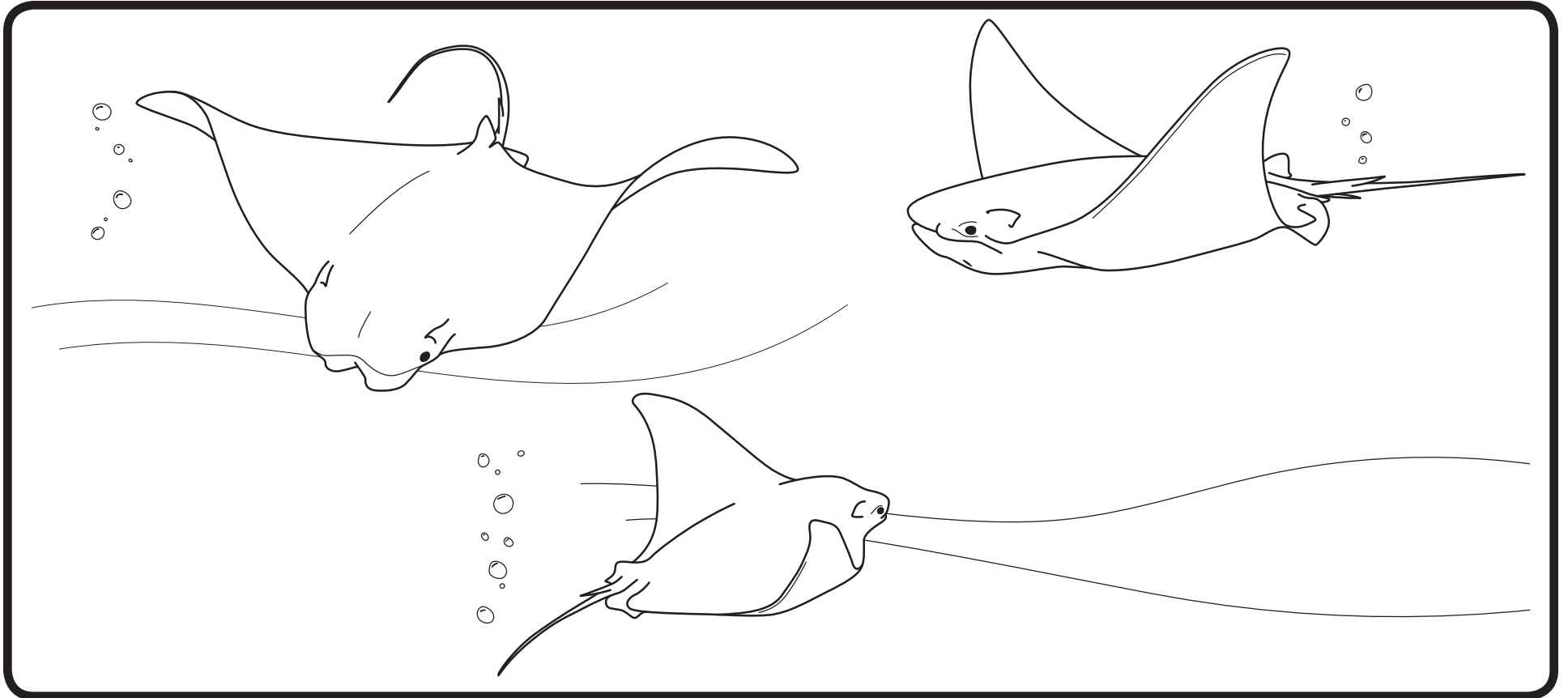


# Cownose ray

*Rhinoptera bonasus*



## FAST FACTS

1. Did you know that rays are flat sharks? Like sharks, rays have cartilage in their bodies instead of bone. You have cartilage in your ears and nose! What does it feel like? Which do you think is harder: cartilage or bone?
2. There are many different kinds of rays including stingrays, manta rays, sawfish and more. Cownose rays are a type of stingray. Can you see the spines on the cownose rays above?
3. Some rays spend most of their time resting or hiding in shallow areas. Other rays, like cownose rays, spend most of their time swimming. Pretend to swim like a cownose ray by putting your arms out to the side and flapping them like ray wings.