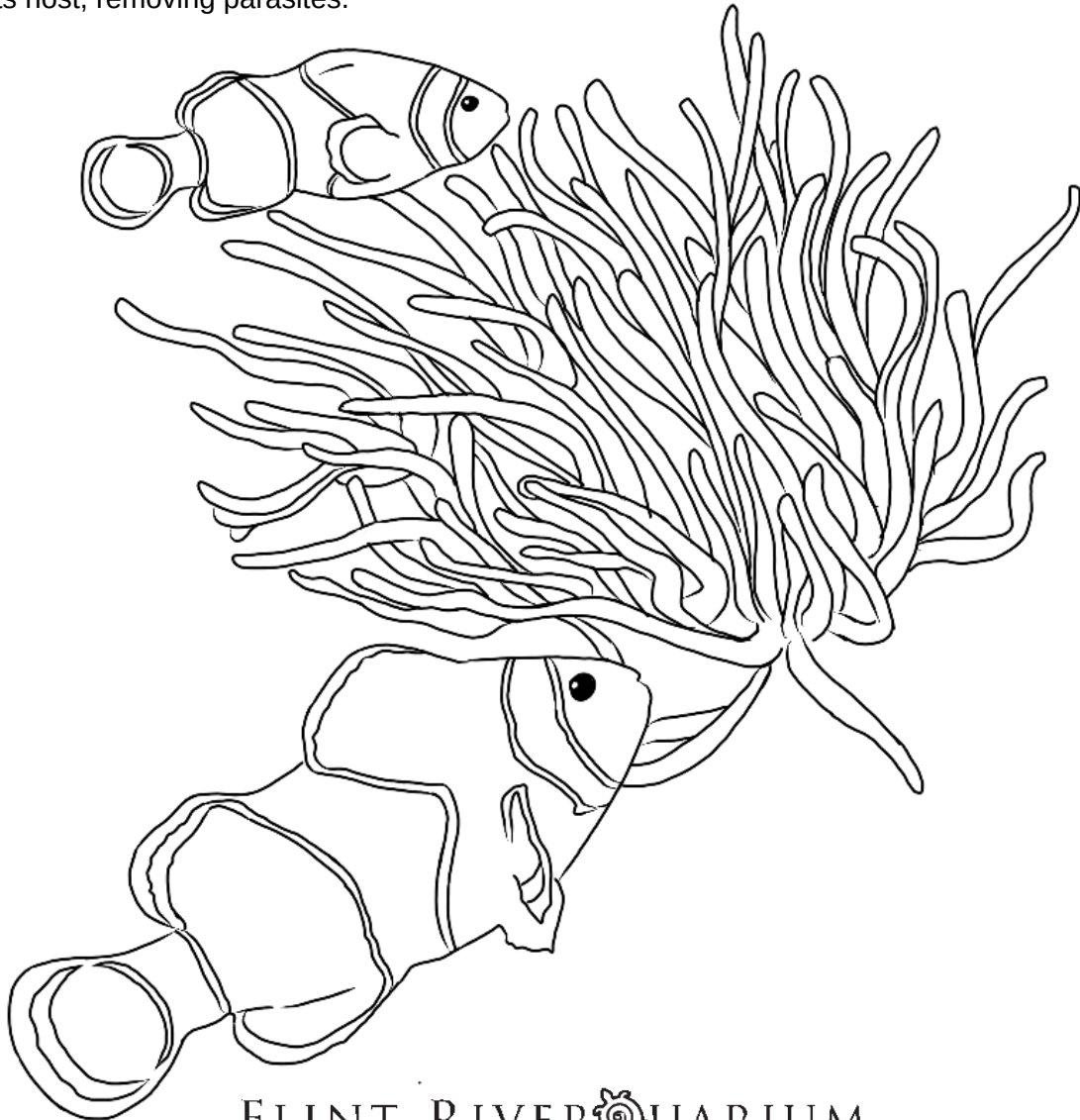


Common Clownfish

Amphiprion ocellaris

The clownfish at the Flint RiverQuarium are ocellaris clownfish, also called common clownfish, false clownfish or clown anemonefish. Best known for being featured in the movies “Finding Nemo” and “Finding Dory,” anemonefish are named for the sea anemones in which they make their homes. Common clownfish live in coral reefs off the coasts of Australia and Southeast Asia. They are found mainly around certain kinds of anemones, a creature that anchors itself to the sea floor and uses its tentacles to attract food. The pair forms a symbiotic, or mutually beneficial, relationship. The anemone provides protection and leftovers for the clownfish, while the clownfish brings food to the anemone and preens its host, removing parasites.



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