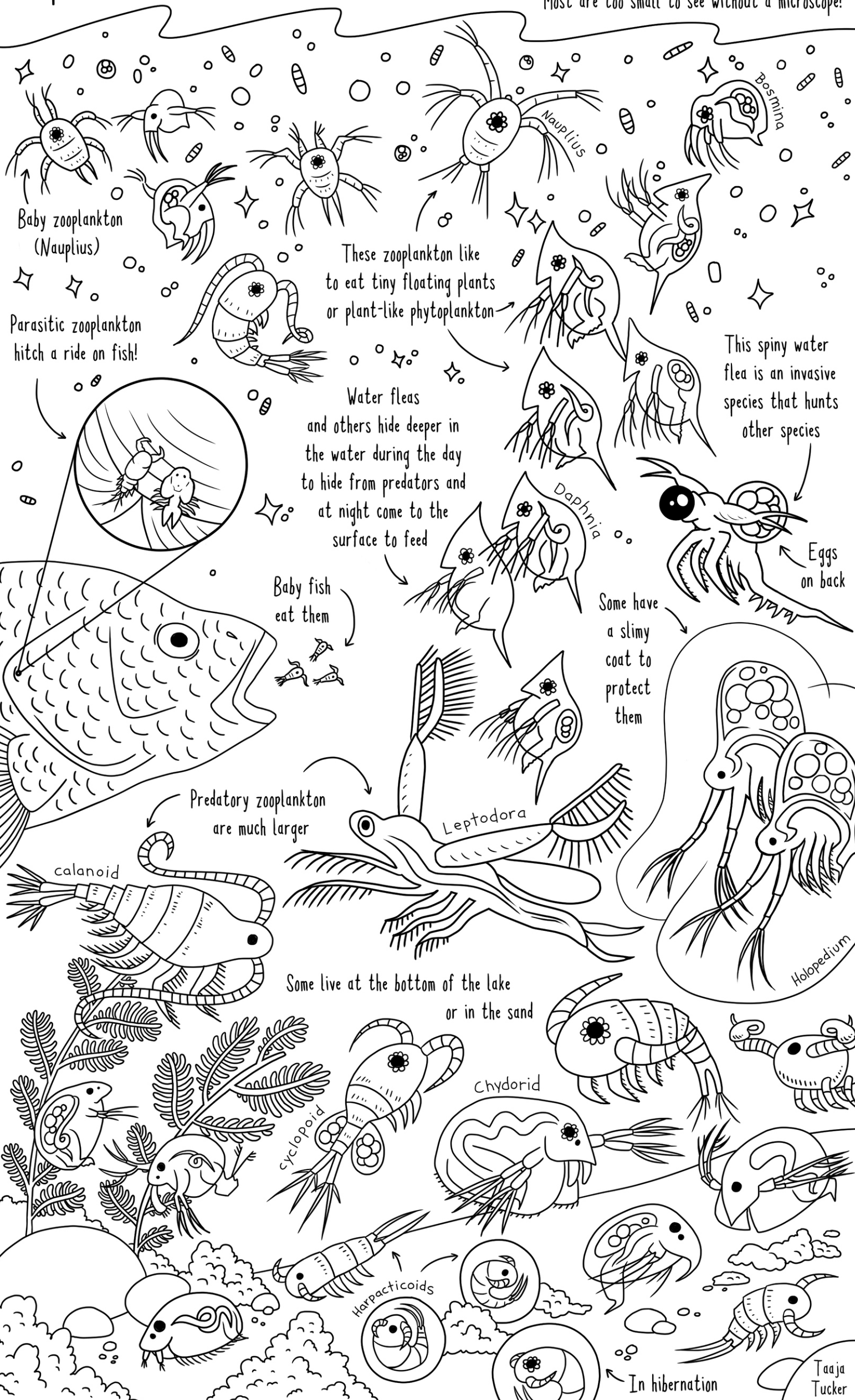


Zooplankton of the Great Lakes

Zooplankton are tiny creatures that live in the water.
Most are too small to see without a microscope!



Baby zooplankton
(Nauplius)

Parasitic zooplankton
hitch a ride on fish!

These zooplankton like
to eat tiny floating plants
or plant-like phytoplankton

Water fleas
and others hide deeper in
the water during the day
to hide from predators and
at night come to the
surface to feed

Baby fish
eat them

Predatory zooplankton
are much larger

This spiny water
flea is an invasive
species that hunts
other species

Eggs
on back

Some have
a slimy
coat to
protect
them

Some live at the bottom of the lake
or in the sand

In hibernation