



Chapter six

BROWN PELICANS

Brown pelicans fly high above the coast line. They fly over the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. They love fish. They land on water. They lunge at the fish. But they also want to catch deeper fish. They developed an extreme hunting move.

They are daring divers. They dive from high in the sky. They fold back their wings. They open special air **sacs**. Sacs are like bags. The air sacs are under their skin. This takes in the shock.



Brown pelicans dive with their bills, or beaks, first.

They hit the water hard. They have a lot of force. They travel 40 miles (64 km) per hour. They surprise the fish. They catch fish 6 feet (1.8 m) below the surface.