

At the marshes, a **black stork** with long red legs waded through the shallow water and searched for prey with its long straight bill. Aristotle observed its flexible toes that allowed it to spread out its weight and balance itself in the soggy mud. Its black plumage fluttered in the wind.

The stork made a hissing call as Aristotle approached; then, it continued to search for food. **Terns** had flown in from the nearby lagoon; they flitted about hoping for a lucky lunch.

Aristotle writes:

OF WATERBIRDS SUCH AS ARE WEB-FOOTED LIVE ACTUALLY ON THE WATER... SPLIT-FOOTED LIVE BY THE EDGE OF IT ...WATER-BIRDS...NOT CARNIVOROUS EAT WATER-PLANTS, (BUT MOST OF THEM LIVE ON FISH). STORKS, AND ALL OTHER BIRDS, WHEN THEY GET A WOUND FIGHTING, APPLY MARJORAM TO THE PLACE INJURED.