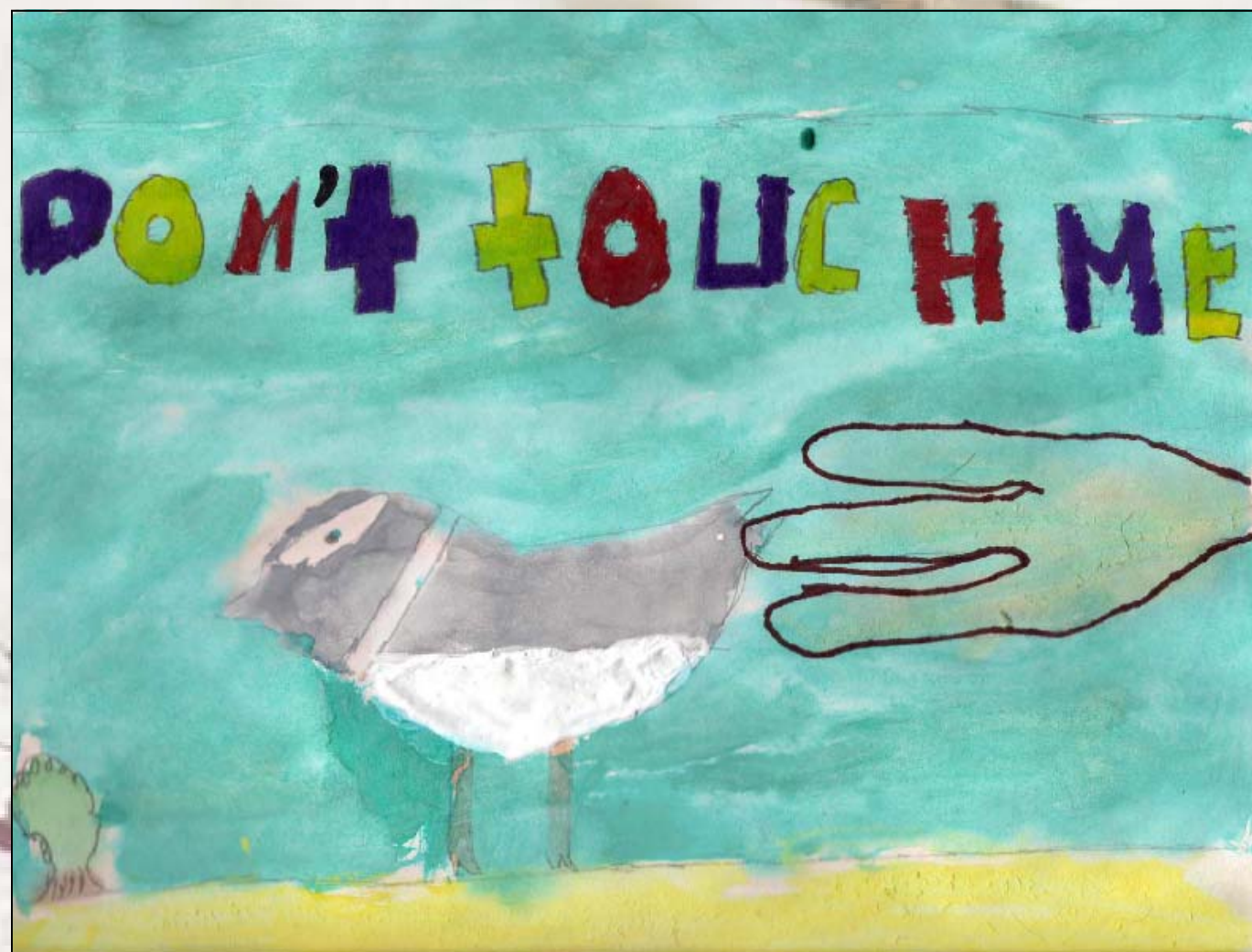


# Plover Power!



**The Piping Plover is a small endangered shorebird** that spends the fall and winter in the Bahamas, from October to March. They use a variety of coastal habitats, but tidal flats are especially important to their survival. These flats are also critical for a number of marine species - bonefish, conch, shark - which have commercial and ecological value.

**Piping Plovers are vulnerable to human disturbance, dogs, predators, and loss of habitat from development and invasive species such as the Australian pine, (*Casuarina*) and the Hawaiian seagrape.**

**You can help the Piping Plover** by keeping your distance from shorebirds on the flats and beaches where they feed and rest. Please keep your dog off the beach where birds are present.



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