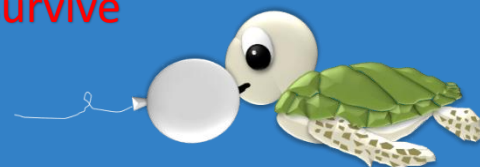
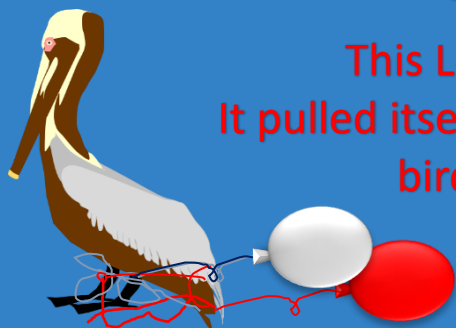


# Balloons Are Dangerous



## DO NOT Release Balloons!

This Least Sandpiper is one of the lucky ones!  
It pulled itself free from a tangle of balloon ribbons. Many  
birds and marine animals do not survive  
encounters with balloons.



Large numbers of birds and marine animals die or lose limbs  
after becoming entangled in balloon strings or ribbons. Sea  
turtles and other animals eat balloons because they mistake  
them for food and slowly starve to death.

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