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SKY ISLANDS
**JUNIOR
RANGER**
ACTIVITY BOOK

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This activity book is designed for children who wish to explore, learn, and have fun while discovering the biodiversity of the Sky Islands.

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LET'S EXPLORE THE SKY ISLANDS!

welcome to the adventure!

Did you know that there are mountains where amazing animals live and incredible plants grow, almost like islands surrounded by a sea of desert? Those are the Sky Islands!

In this book, you'll find games, riddles, mazes, coloring pages, and lots of fun challenges. As you play, you'll learn about the incredible biodiversity of the Sky Islands and discover why these places are so special and important.

The Sky Islands have no borders: they are connected to one another and are home to many species that depend on these landscapes to survive. That's why different parks and communities on both sides of the border work together to protect them. They are sister parks, united by the same nature and the same commitment: to care for the Sky Islands so they can continue to be home to plants, animals, and people.

Each activity will help you become a nature explorer and learn how we can care for the Sky Islands and all the living things that call them home. Grab your pencil and get ready to begin this great adventure!

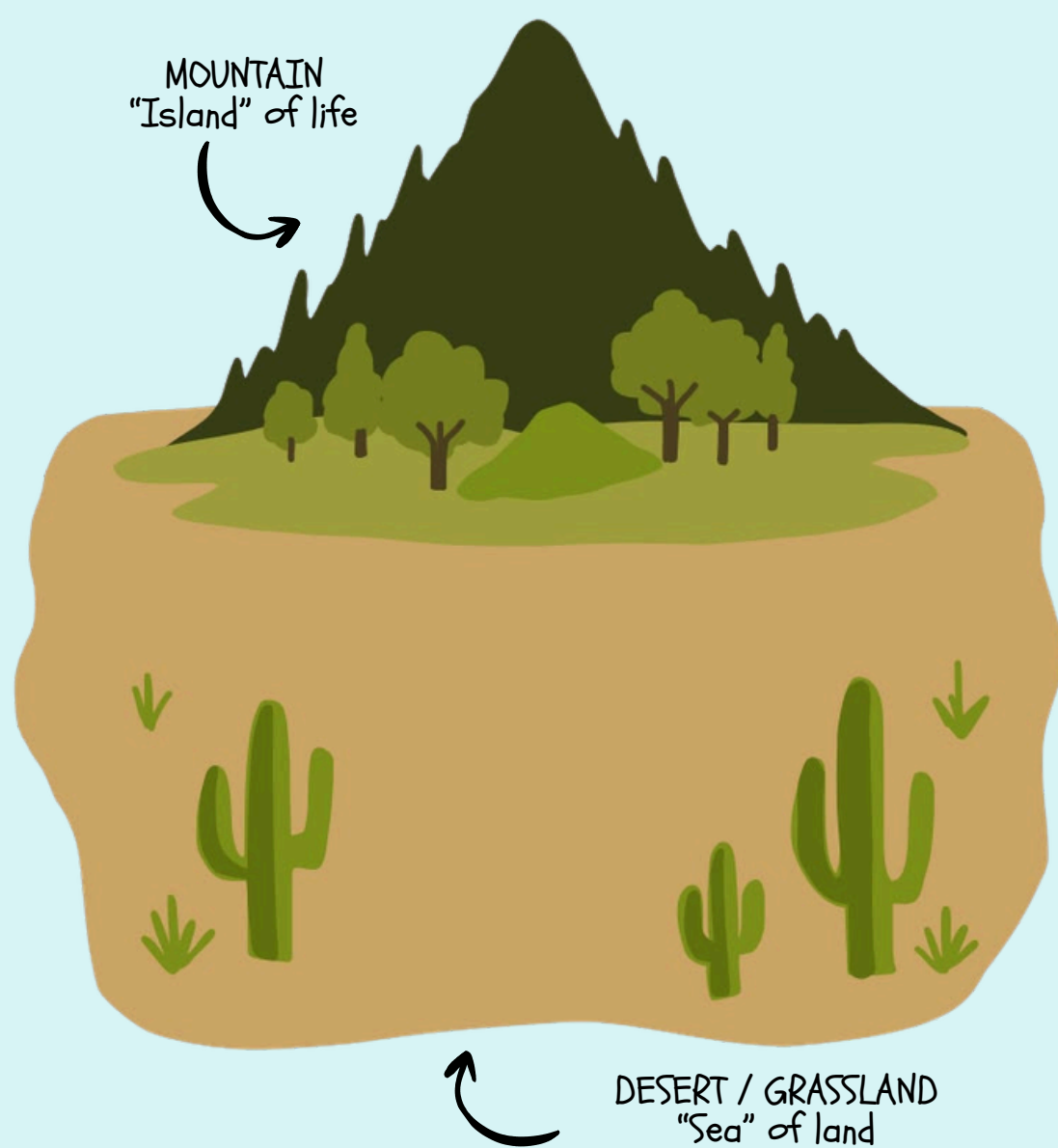


What makes the Sky Islands special?

The Sky Islands are mountains surrounded by deserts and grasslands. Thanks to their different elevations and climates, they are home to a great variety of plants and animals. Each mountain is a refuge full of life!

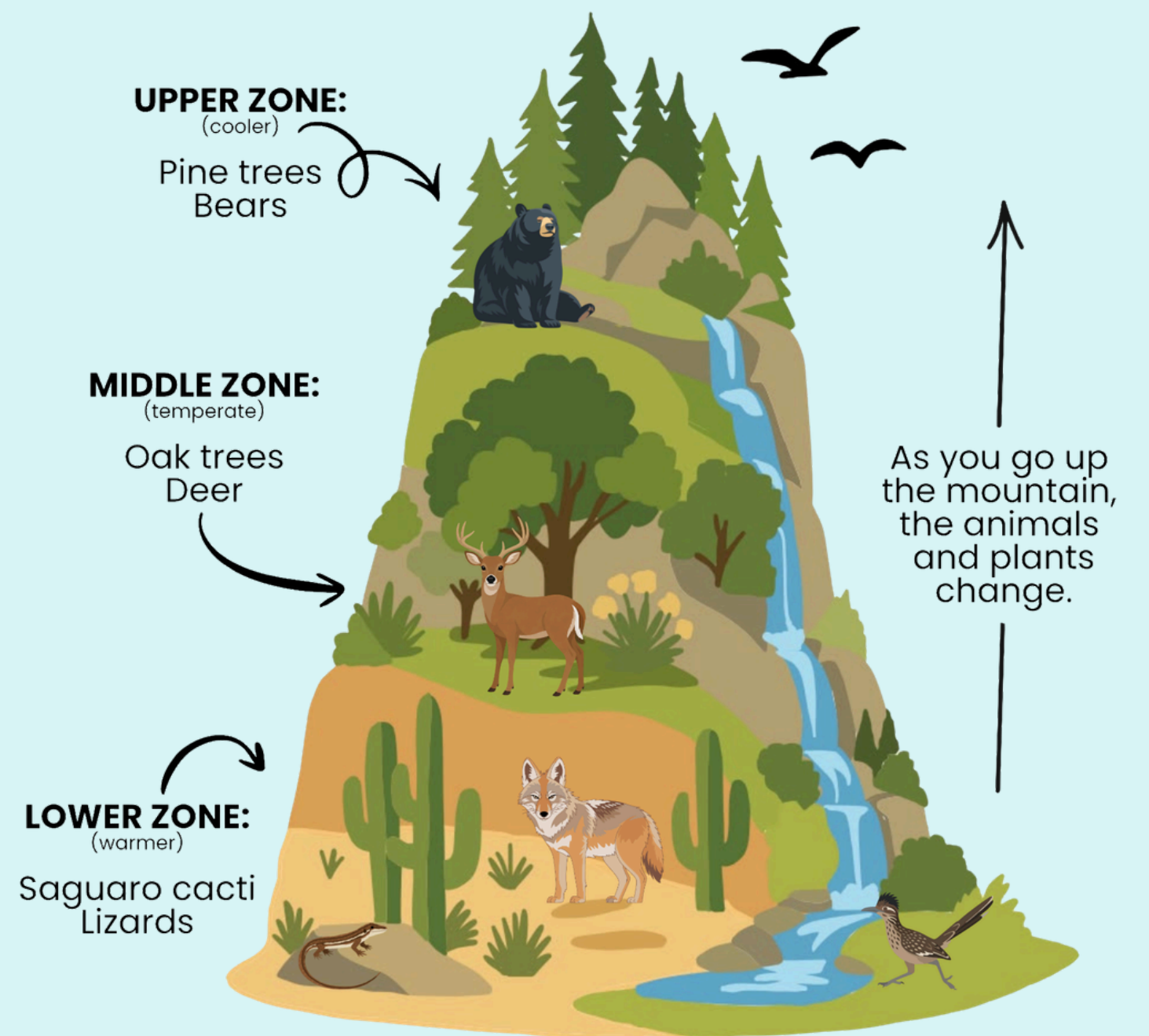
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Why are they called "islands"?



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Many habitats on a single mountain!



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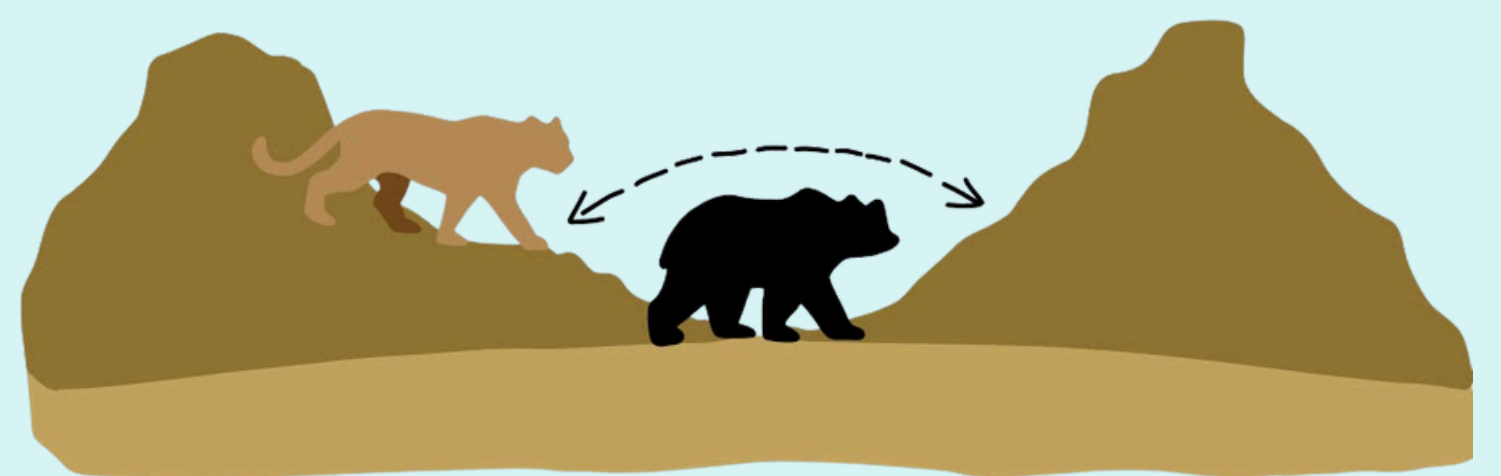
A great diversity of life



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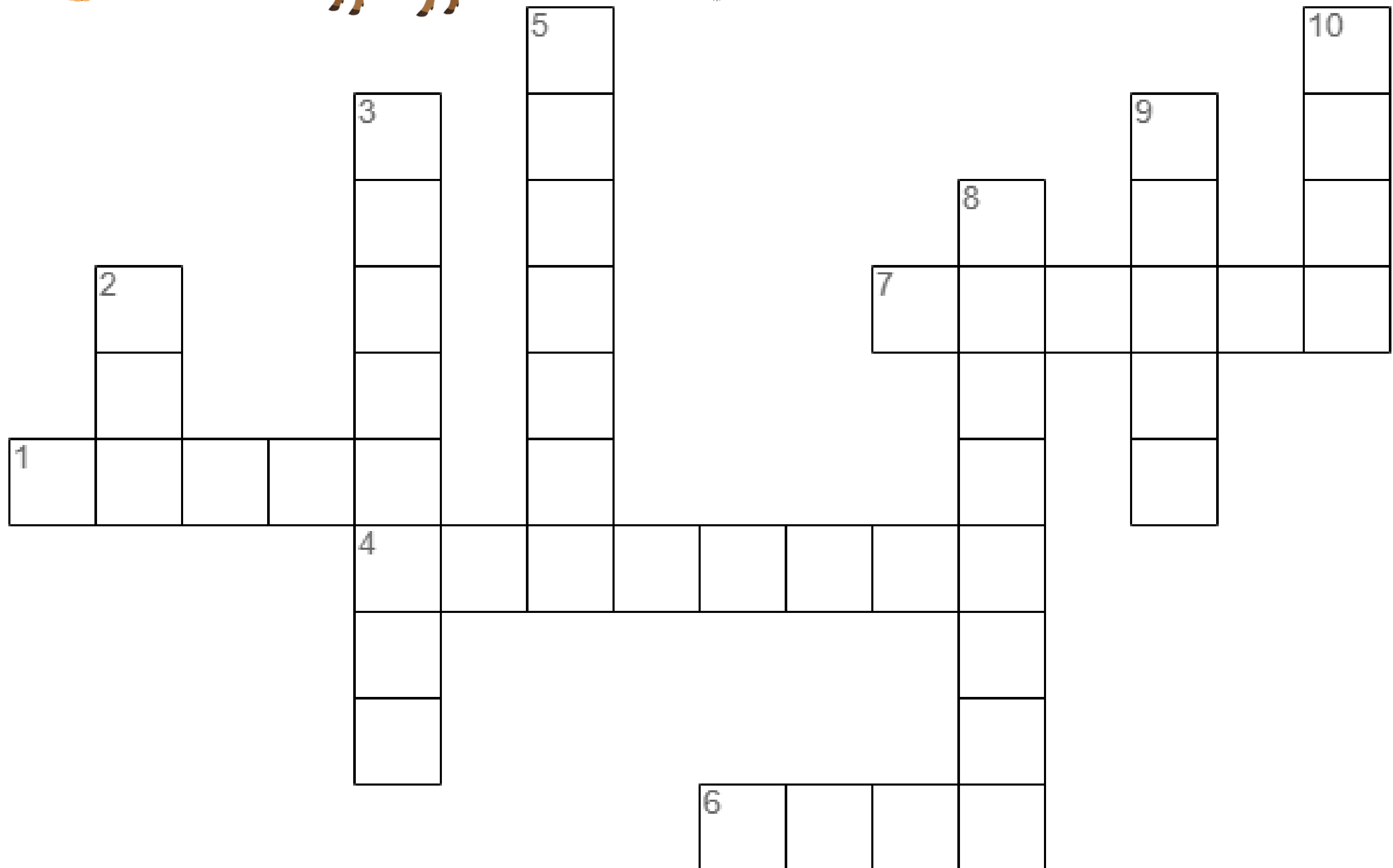
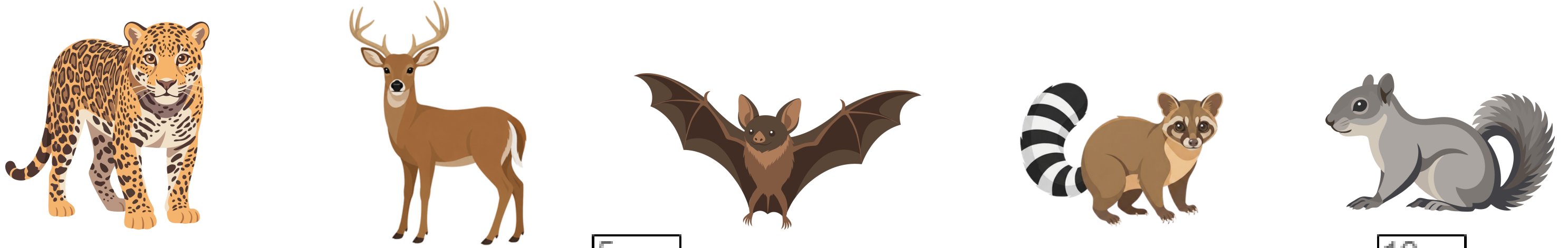
A bridge for life

The Sky Islands help animals move across the landscape and find water, food, and new habitats.



Who am I?

Ready for the challenge? Use the clues to figure out which mammal matches each word and complete the crossword puzzle.



1. Mammal that spends much of its life in the water.
2. The only mammal that can fly.
3. Rodent that climbs trees and stores seeds.
4. Ring-tailed mammal and an excellent climber.
5. Mammal with a black mask around its eyes.
6. A large feline also known as the mountain lion.
7. The largest feline in the Americas.
8. It searches for food by digging through the soil with its snout.
9. Mammal that defends itself by releasing a very strong odor.
10. It feeds on plants and helps maintain the balance of the ecosystem.

How many are there?

Count like a scientist! Biologists observe and record nature. Do the same: count how many birds and other elements appear in the box and write down the total for each one.



Observation report wildlife archive



It's time to investigate! Gather information about your favorite Sky Island animal and complete this wildlife report like a real nature explorer. Then, draw and color it in the space provided.

Common name: _____

Scientific name: _____

Write why it is your favorite animal.

★ What type of animal is it?

- ☐ Mammal
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Reptile
- ☐ Amphibian
- ☐ Insect
- ☐ Other: _____

★ Where does it live?

- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Grassland
- ☐ Desert
- ☐ River or Stream
- ☐ Mountain
- ☐ Other: _____

★ What size is it?

- ☐ Very small
- ☐ Small
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Large

★ What color is it?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Black | ☐ Yellow |
| ☐ White | ☐ Blue |
| ☐ Brown | ☐ Green |
| ☐ Gray | ☐ Orange |
| ☐ Red | ☐ Other: _____ |

★ When is it most active?

- ☐ Daytime
- ☐ Nighttime
- ☐ Dawn
- ☐ Dusk

★ What can we do to protect it?

- ☐ Don't litter.
- ☐ Protect forests.
- ☐ Respect wildlife.
- ☐ Don't destroy their habitat.
- ☐ Learn more about nature.
- ☐ Another idea: _____

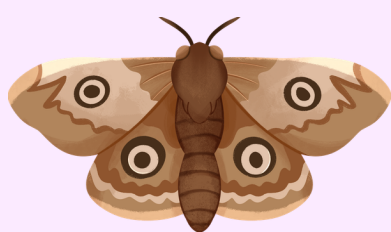


Draw your favorite Sky Island animal here.

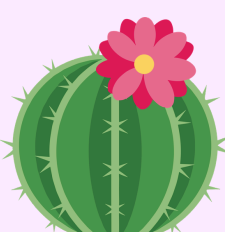
Pollinator mission

Pollinators help plants produce flowers, fruits, and seeds. Find their names in the word search and learn who makes this important work possible.

F	A	I	M	X	F	A	P	O	L	L	E	N	I	A
F	V	A	T	B	V	U	U	O	H	B	J	N	N	A
B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y	F	C	H	R	F	M
H	U	T	T	S	N	L	M	N	E	W	A	Y	L	E
O	X	T	P	W	I	O	M	U	P	T	R	A	O	U
F	A	M	N	T	O	K	N	N	C	C	J	U	W	M
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V	I	A	H	T	O	M	O	E	L	A	J	Y	G	O
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Moth



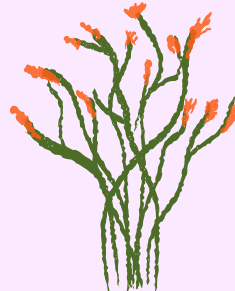
Cactus



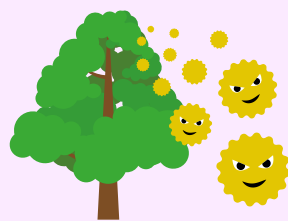
Nectar



Hummingbird



Ocotillo



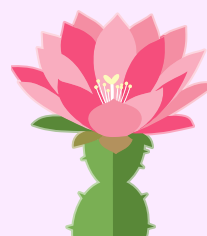
Pollen



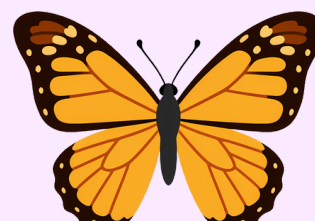
Bee



Bat



Flower



Butterfly

Decoding wildlife!

The letters are scrambled. Rearrange them to discover the common name of each animal and learn its scientific name.

Odocoileus virginianus



REDE

Procyon lotor



NARCOCO

Panthera onca



GRAJUA

Pecari tajacu



VENJAILA

Lynx rufus



TBOCAB

Bassariscus astutus



LTRNAGII

Neotamias dorsalis



KMUCPHIN

Callipepla gambelii



QLAIU

Sciurus arizonensis



LSQERRUI

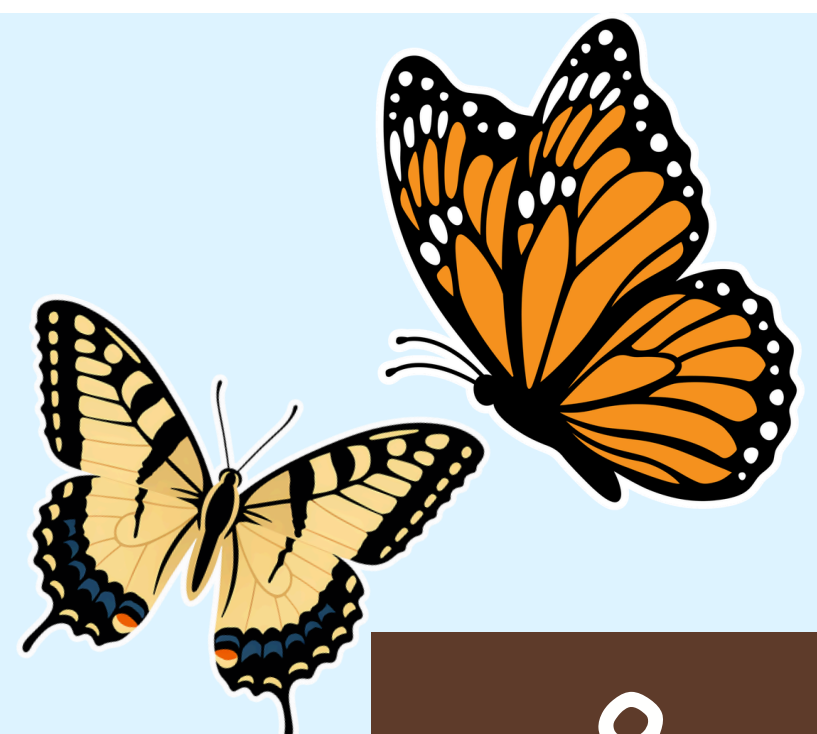
A colorful flight!

Butterflies fill the Sky Islands with color and help pollinate many plants. Color this mandala using any colors you imagine, or take inspiration from the butterflies that inhabit these incredible ecosystems. Enjoy every detail and let your creativity take flight!



Did you know...?

Butterflies help transport pollen from one flower to another, allowing many plants to produce seeds and fruit.



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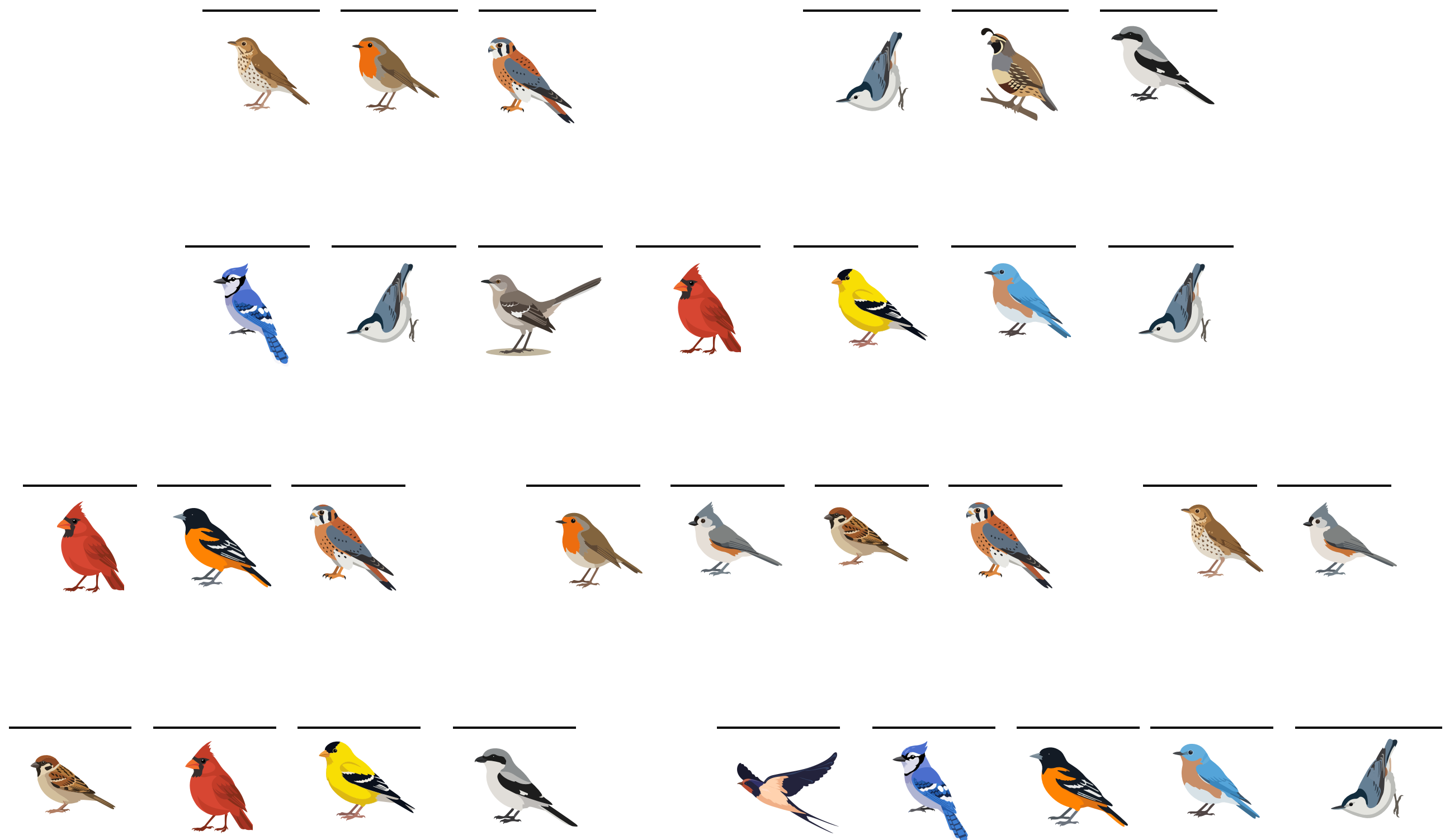


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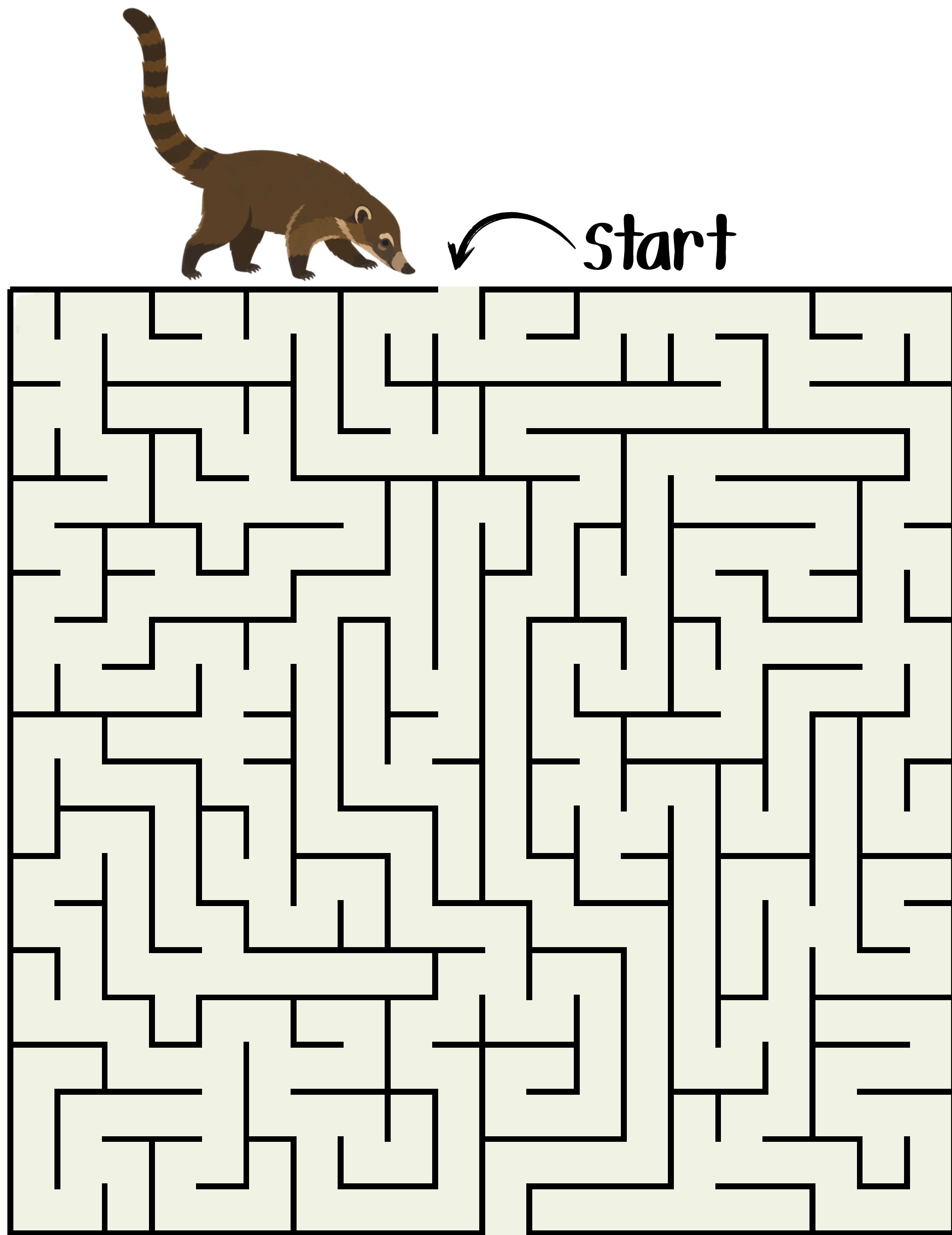
The birds' message

Can you decipher the message? Each bird represents a letter. Use the key to crack the code and discover the hidden phrase.



Finding the spring!

Help the coati find its way to the spring.



Finish



Did you know...?

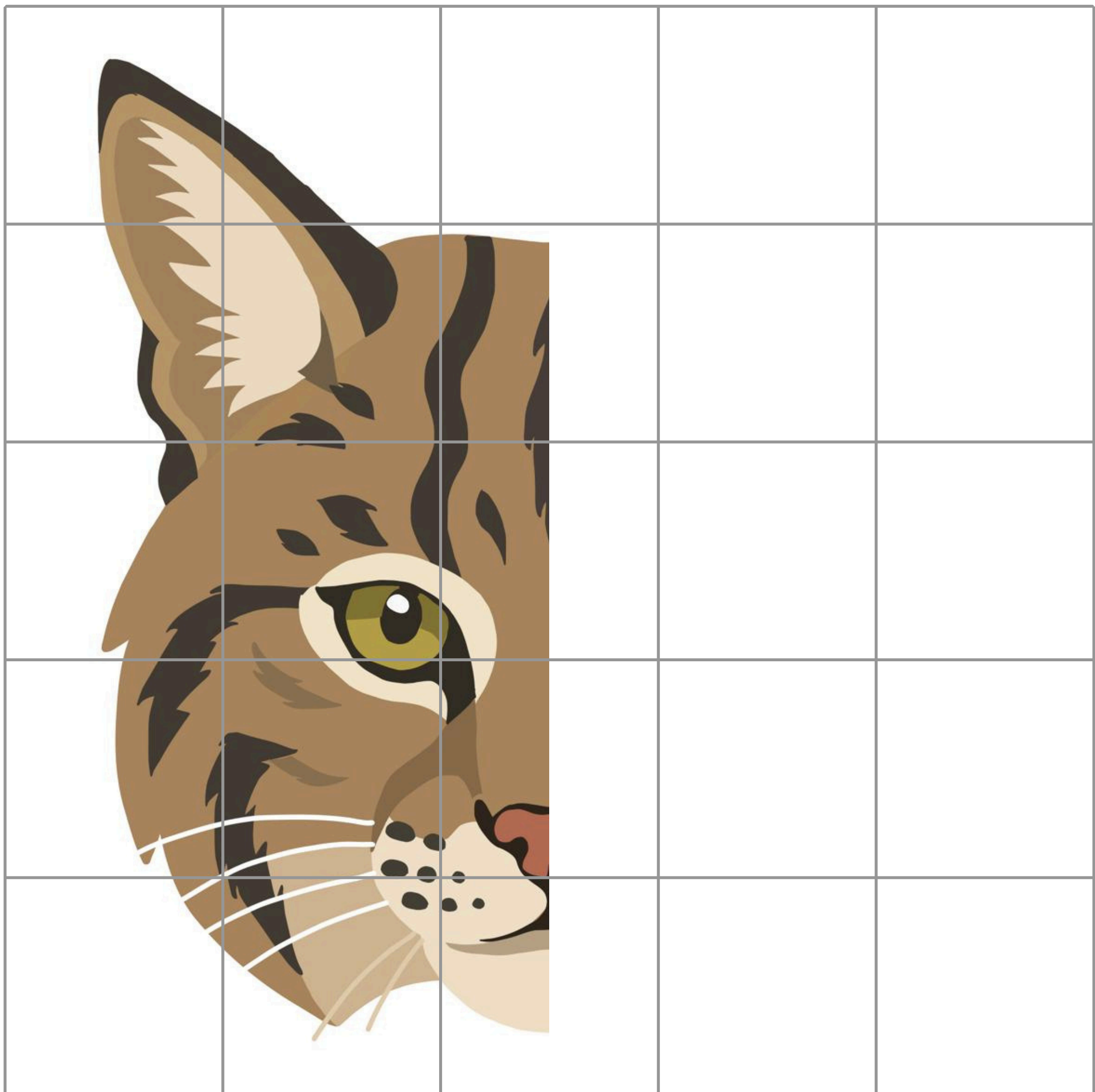
Coatis visit springs to drink water and cool off, especially on hot days. Springs are essential for the survival of many animals.



Finish the bobcat!

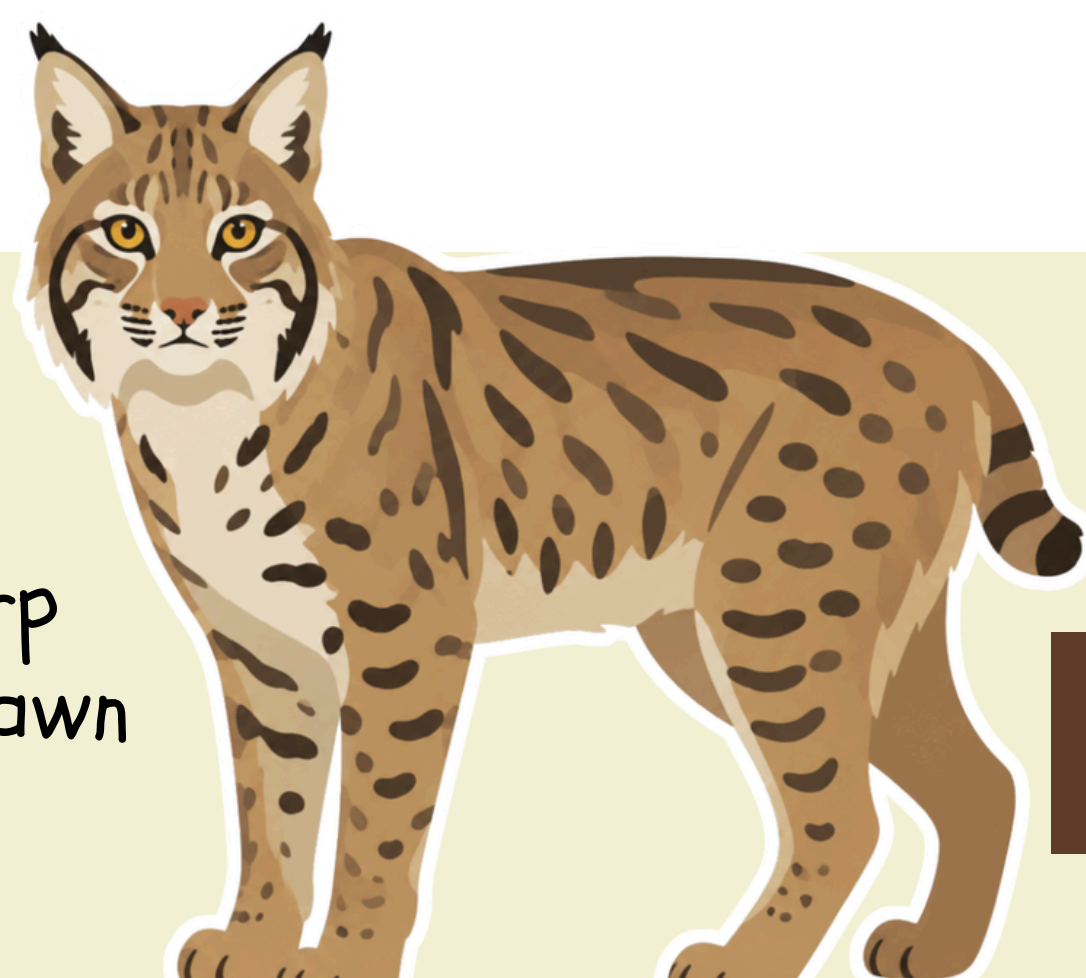
Can you complete the drawing? Look carefully at half of the face and draw the other half to match it as closely as possible. Then, color it!

North American Bobcat - *Lynx rufus*



Did you know...?

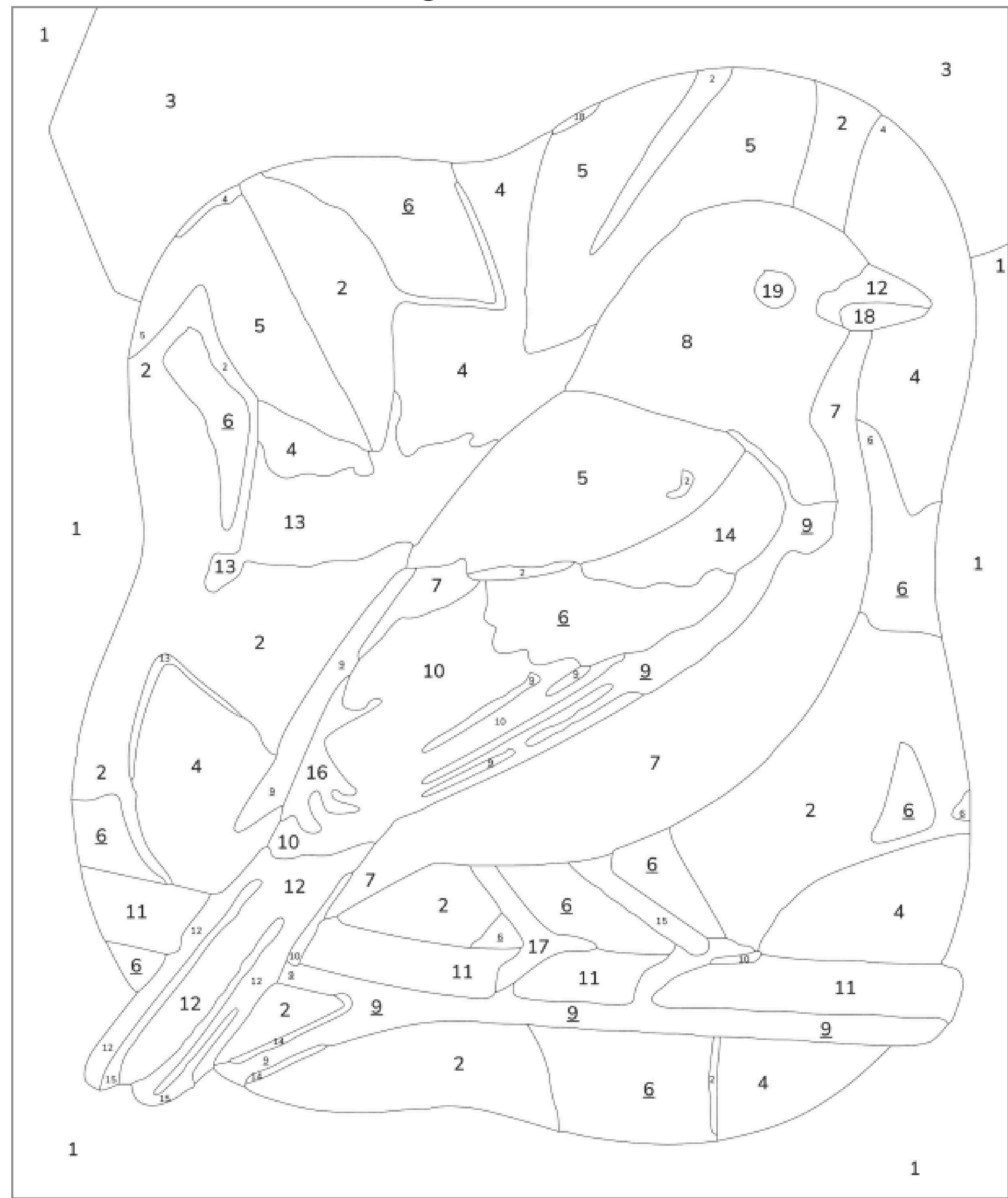
The bobcat has excellent hearing and sharp eyesight, which help it find prey even at dawn or dusk.



Discover the painted bunting!

Help the painted bunting get its colors back! Look at the color guide and paint each space using the matching number. Little by little, its feathers will fill with color, and you will discover the beautiful rainbow hidden within.

Painted bunting - *Passerina ciris*



Color key

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
11	12	13
14	15	16
17	18	19
20		



Did you know...?

Adult males can have blue, green, red, and yellow feathers, making them look like a small rainbow with wings. It lives in different regions of North America and feeds mainly on seeds and insects. Its incredible plumage makes it one of the most colorful birds we can find in the sky.

Birdwatcher's log

Did you see a bird? Tell us what it was like!
Complete this page with your observations and
draw the bird you saw.



Explorer's name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location where you observed the bird: _____

This is what my bird looked like

Check what you observed

Size

- ☐ Small
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Large

Colors

- ☐ Black
- ☐ White
- ☐ Brown
- ☐ Gray
- ☐ Red
- ☐ Yellow
- ☐ Blue
- ☐ Green
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Other: _____

What was it doing?

- ☐ Singing
- ☐ Flying
- ☐ Looking for food
- ☐ Resting
- ☐ Feeding its chicks
- ☐ Building a nest
- ☐ Other activity: _____

Where was it?

- ☐ In a tree
- ☐ In a bush
- ☐ On the ground
- ☐ Near water
- ☐ On a rock
- ☐ In the sky

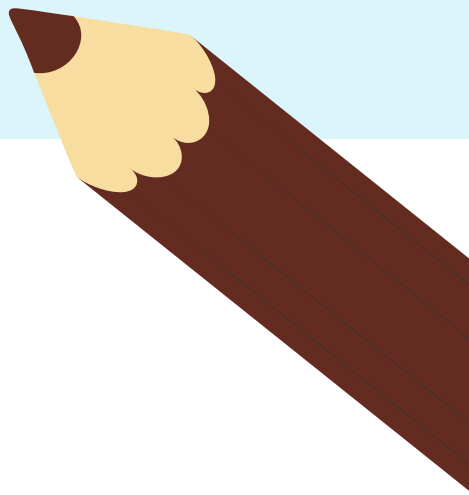
What caught your attention the most about this bird?

Draw the bird you observed



Who's hiding here?

Help us discover a little masked thief ready for some mischief! Look at the numbers and connect the dots to find out who it is. Then, find the sticker and peel it off—it will be your guide for coloring your picture.



Did you know...?

Raccoons are very clever and mischievous animals. They can remember how to solve a problem for up to three years, and their front paws work almost like human hands.



Meet the Sky Islands Sister Parks!

Área de Protección de Flora y Fauna Bavispe

APFF Bavispe protects rivers, mountains, and forests. It is home to jaguars, black bears, eagles, and white-nosed coaties.



Saguaro National Park

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This park protects giant saguaros, desert wildlife, and beautiful mountains. Roadrunners, Gila monsters, and many other fascinating species live here.



Coronado National Memorial

Coronado National Memorial protects the mountains, canyons, and grasslands of the Sky Islands. White-nosed coaties, black bears, hummingbirds, and wild turkeys live here.



CHIRICAHUA

National Monument

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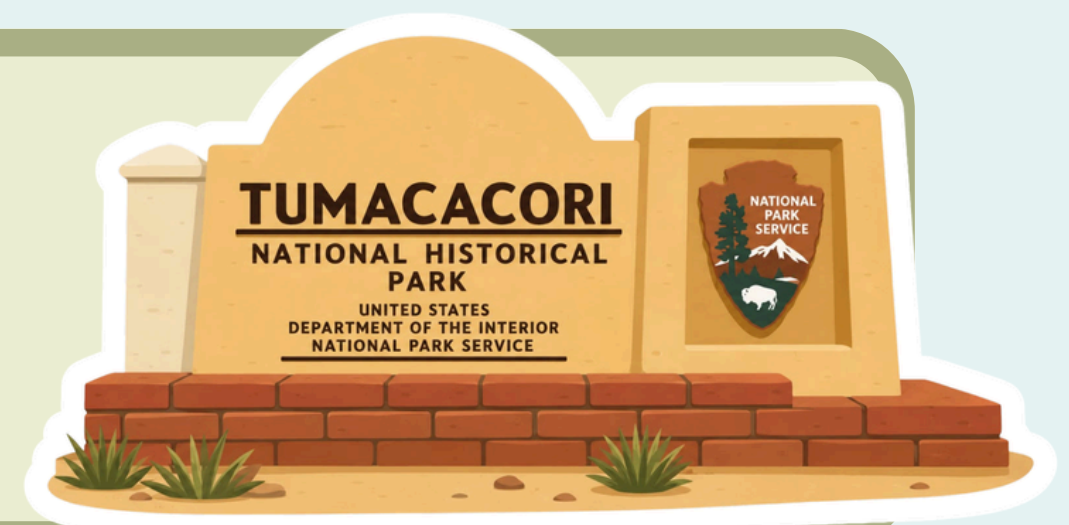
Chiricahua National Monument

Chiricahua is famous for its enormous rock formations. Black bears, wild turkeys, and white-tailed deer live among its forests.



Tumacácori National Historic Park

Tumacácori protects ancient missions and beautiful landscapes. Along its trails, you can find coaties, hummingbirds, and many kinds of birds.



Fort Bowie

National Historic Site

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Fort Bowie brings together history and the beauty of the desert. Here, you can find roadrunners, quail, and bighorn sheep living among the desert landscapes.

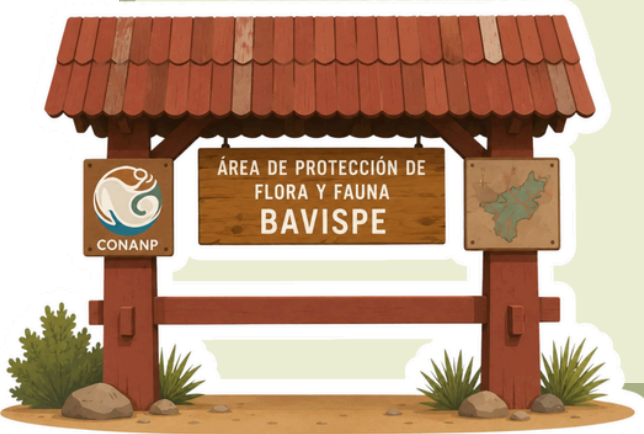


My great expedition through the Sky Islands!

Ready for an adventure? The Sky Islands are full of mountains, forests, animals, and incredible places waiting to be discovered.

Visit the Sister Parks of the Sky Islands and collect a signature, stamp, or special mark at each one.

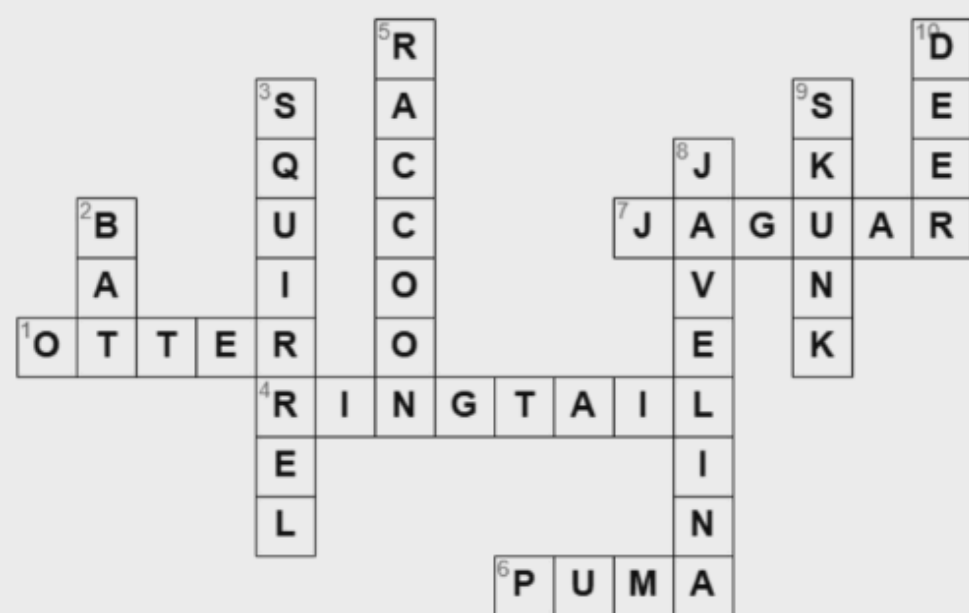
Complete your adventure and become a great Sky Islands explorer! Your mission is to discover them all!

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Chiricahua National Monument Date: _____ 	Tumacácori National Historic Park Date: _____ 	Fort Bowie National Historic Site Date: _____ 

If you completed your page, congratulations!
You're a great Sky Islands explorer!

Answers

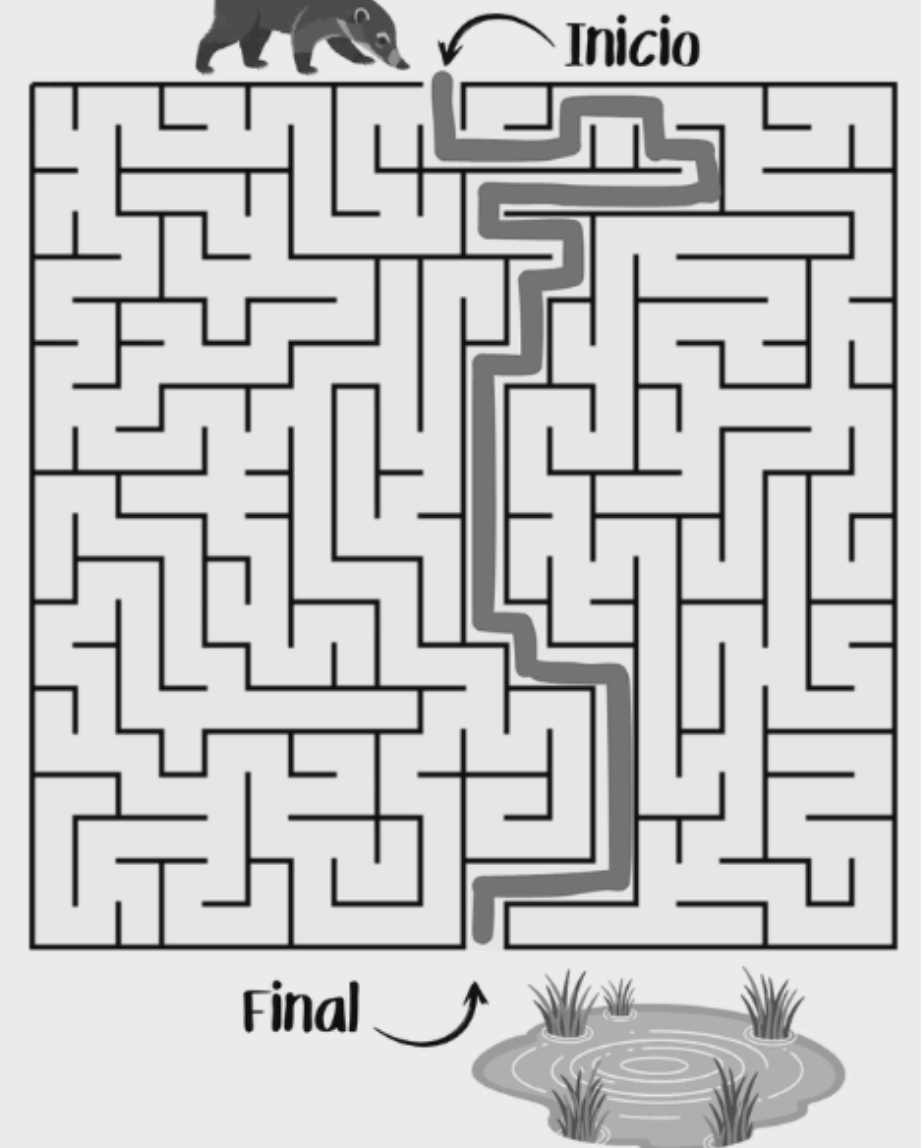
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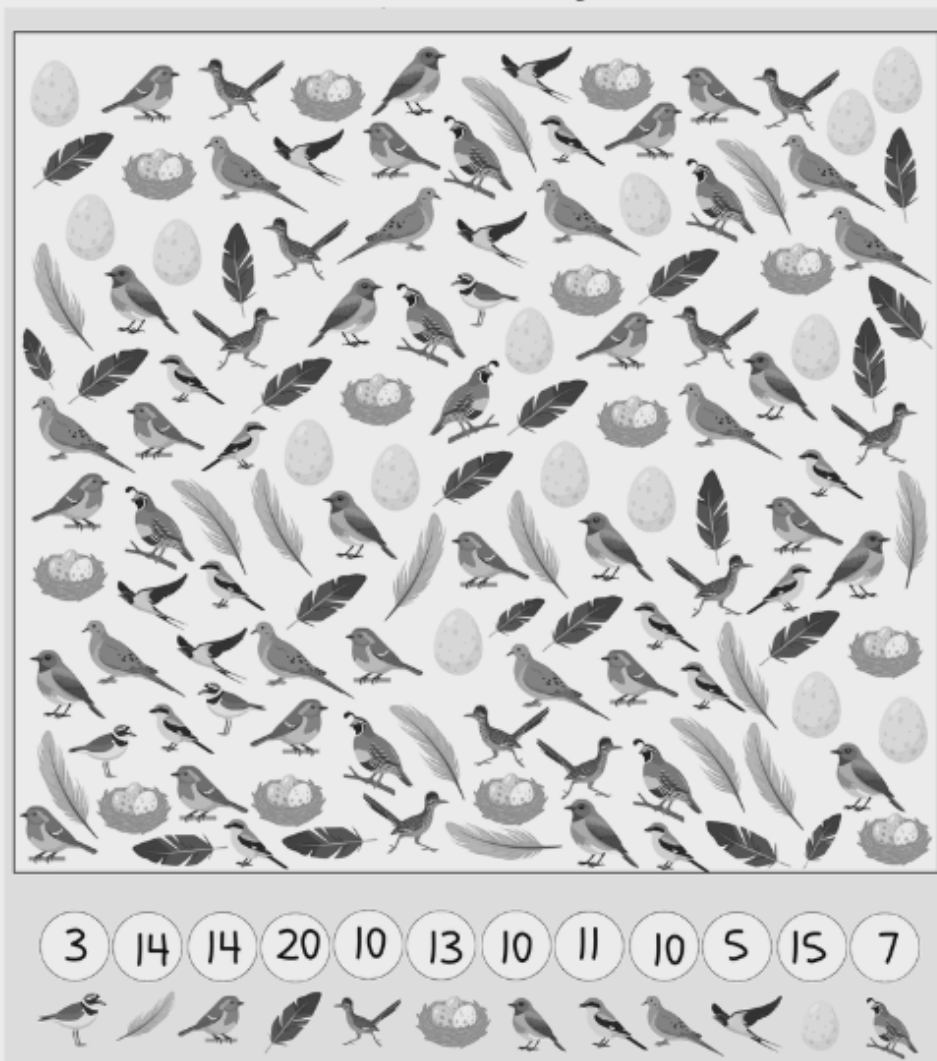
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