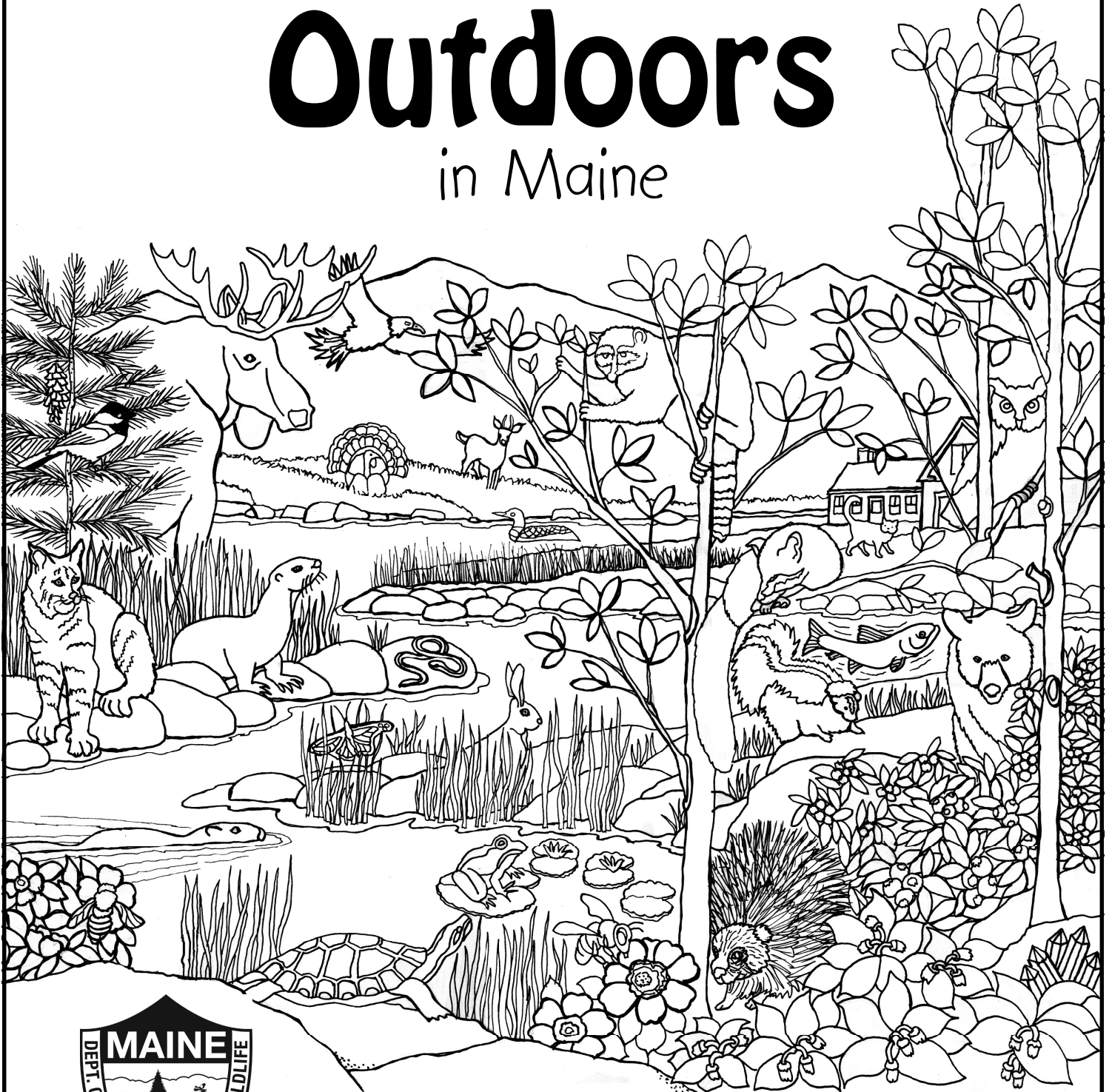


For Kids Who Like

# Messing Around Outdoors

in Maine



Fun stuff for kids to learn and  
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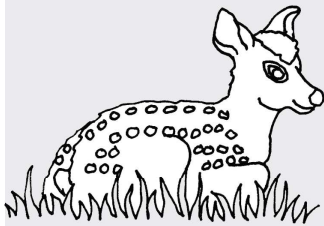
# SPRING

Get outside to look for the arrival of migrating birds, plus new baby animals everywhere!

## What if?

Circle the one right thing to do if you find a baby animal without its mother.

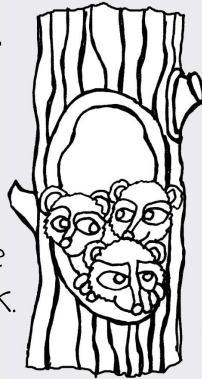
### 1. What if you find a fawn without its mother?



- a. Leave it alone - mom will come back.
- b. Call a veterinarian.
- c. Take it home.

### 2. What if you find a nest of baby raccoons?

- a. Take them all home.
- b. Call a game warden.
- c. Wait from a safe distance to see if mom comes back.



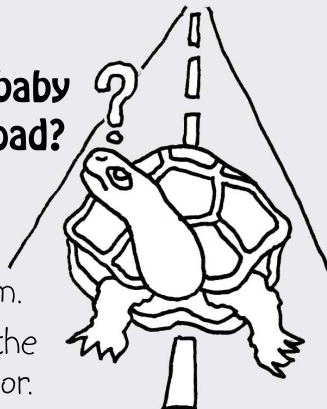
### 3. What if you find a baby bird on the ground?



- a. Take it home.
- b. Look up. Find the nest. Put it back in nest.
- c. Leave it alone.

### 4. What if you see a baby turtle crossing the road?

- a. Take it home.
- b. Put it on the side of the road it came from.
- c. Put it on the side of the road it was heading for.



## Name This Bird

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This bird always catches big worms in the rain. Starting at the top, find the letters that appear in the raindrops touching the worm. Write them in order on the dotted lines above to name this bird. Then have fun coloring it!



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



# Letter Fun

Discover the names of the animals hidden in the blank boxes below using the alphabet/number chart above.

1. I swim to Greenland, and return to Maine to lay eggs when I am 4 years old.

1	20	12	1	14	20	9	3

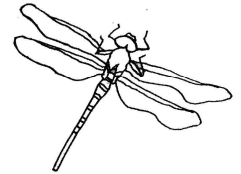
19	1	12	13	15	14

4	18	1	7	15	14	6	12	25

2. I have 4 wings and love to eat mosquitoes.



6	9	19	8	5	18



5. I nap in trees and eat porcupines.



3. There are more of me in Maine than any other state except Alaska.

13	15	15	19	5



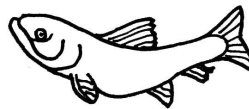
18	21	6	6	5	4

7	18	5	1	20

8	15	18	14	5	4

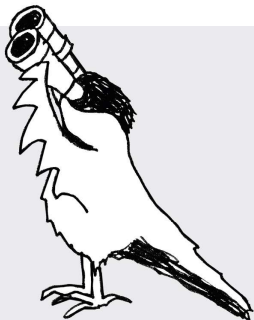
15	23	12

4. I am a predator and lay eggs in my nest as early as February.



6. I make a loud drumming noise with my wings during spring mating season.

7	18	15	21	19	5



# Backyard Bingo

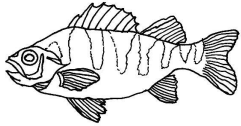
Go out in your backyard and find as many items on the bingo card as you can to get 4 in a row. You may find 4 in a row across, 4 in a row down, or 4 in a row diagonally.


# SUMMER

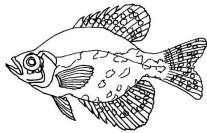
This is a great time to fish,  
boat, hike, and do other  
activities outside!

## How Many Fish Can You Catch?

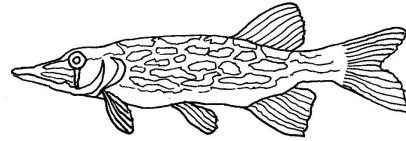
See if you can identify the fish using the list on the right. Next, connect these Maine fish using just 4 lines without lifting your pencil. Hint: You can cross 1 or 2 lines if you want!



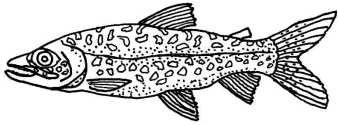
1.   e    
\_\_\_\_\_



2.   a    
\_\_\_\_\_



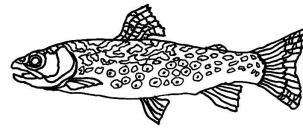
3.   c    
\_\_\_\_\_



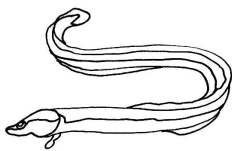
4.   u    
\_\_\_\_\_



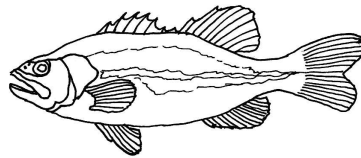
5.   k    
\_\_\_\_\_



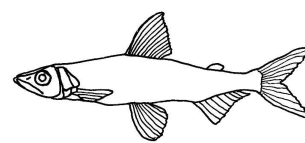
6.   r    
\_\_\_\_\_



7.   i    
\_\_\_\_\_



8.   u    
\_\_\_\_\_



9.   m    
\_\_\_\_\_

Brook Trout

Lake Trout

Yellow Perch

Rainbow Smelt

Largemouth  
Bass

Chain Pickerel

Black Crappie

Pumpkinseed  
Sunfish

American Eel

## Let's Go Fishing

Discover what all these 'fishy' things are by unscrambling the word to the right!

- |              |          |        |                |                |                |
|--------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. EYE       | SHANK    | BARB   | Are parts of a | <b>OKHO</b>    | <b>H</b> _____ |
| 2. PROPELLER | THROTTLE | SHAFT  | Are parts of a | <b>TOORM</b>   | <b>M</b> _____ |
| 3. FIN       | TAIL     | GILL   | Are parts of a | <b>SHIF</b>    | <b>F</b> _____ |
| 4. FERRULE   | HANDLE   | EYELET | Are parts of a | <b>SIHFIGN</b> | <b>F</b> _____ |
|              |          |        |                | <b>ORD</b>     | <b>R</b> ____  |
| 5. LURE      | WORM     | SMELT  | Are kinds of   | <b>ATIB</b>    | <b>B</b> _____ |
| 6. RIFFLES   | POOL     | BANKS  | Are parts of a | <b>MEATRS</b>  | <b>S</b> _____ |
| 7. STERN     | BOW      | GUNNEL | Are parts of a | <b>ABTO</b>    | <b>B</b> _____ |
| 8. HACKLE    | BODY     | WINGS  | Are parts of a | <b>YLF</b>     | <b>F</b> ____  |



# Where In Maine?

The scrambled words below are places in Maine named after wildlife. Help chickadee unscramble the words, then draw a line to its place on the map.



1. ohoedeMsa

2. reekCttOre

11. sBsa rbrHao

10. lowolHartkMsu

3. eDreIels

9. eaLkaElge

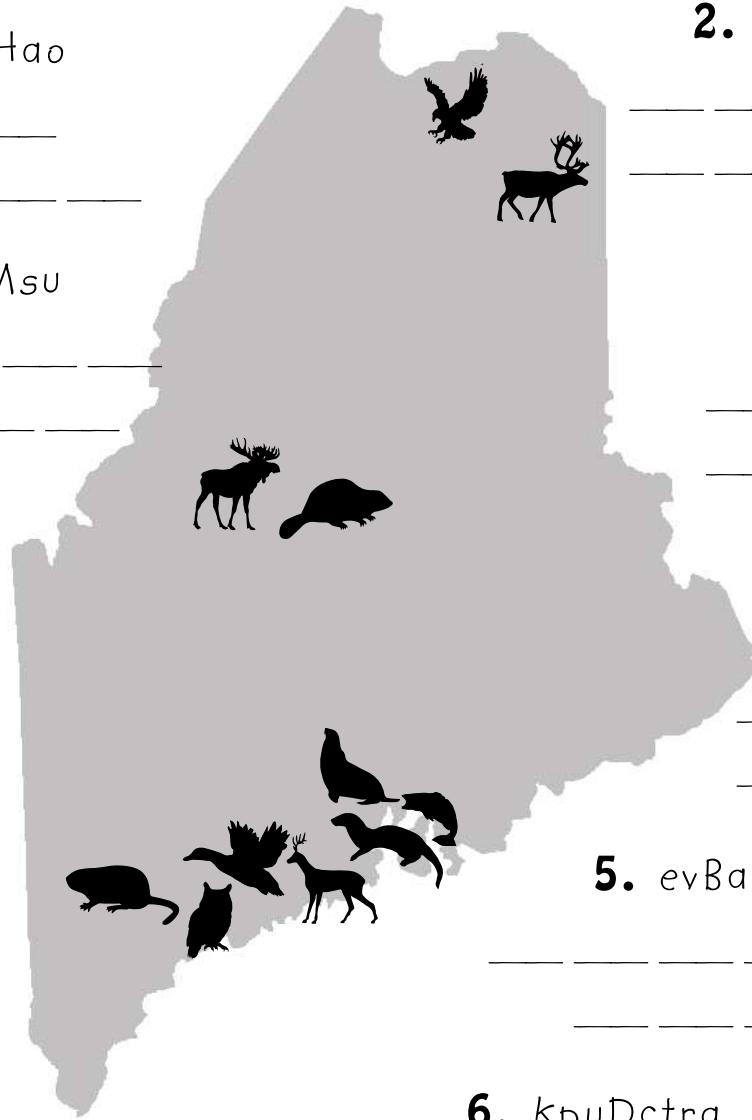
4. veoCeSla

8. HswdlaeO

5. evBaCeorev

7. aCriuob

6. kpuDctra



For more fun, here are some ponds in Maine with animal names

- 1. xFo \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 2. oLno \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 3. kuDc \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 4. iPcerekI \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 5. rleiuqrS \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 6. aerB \_\_\_\_\_ Pond
- 7. tTruo \_\_\_\_\_ Pond

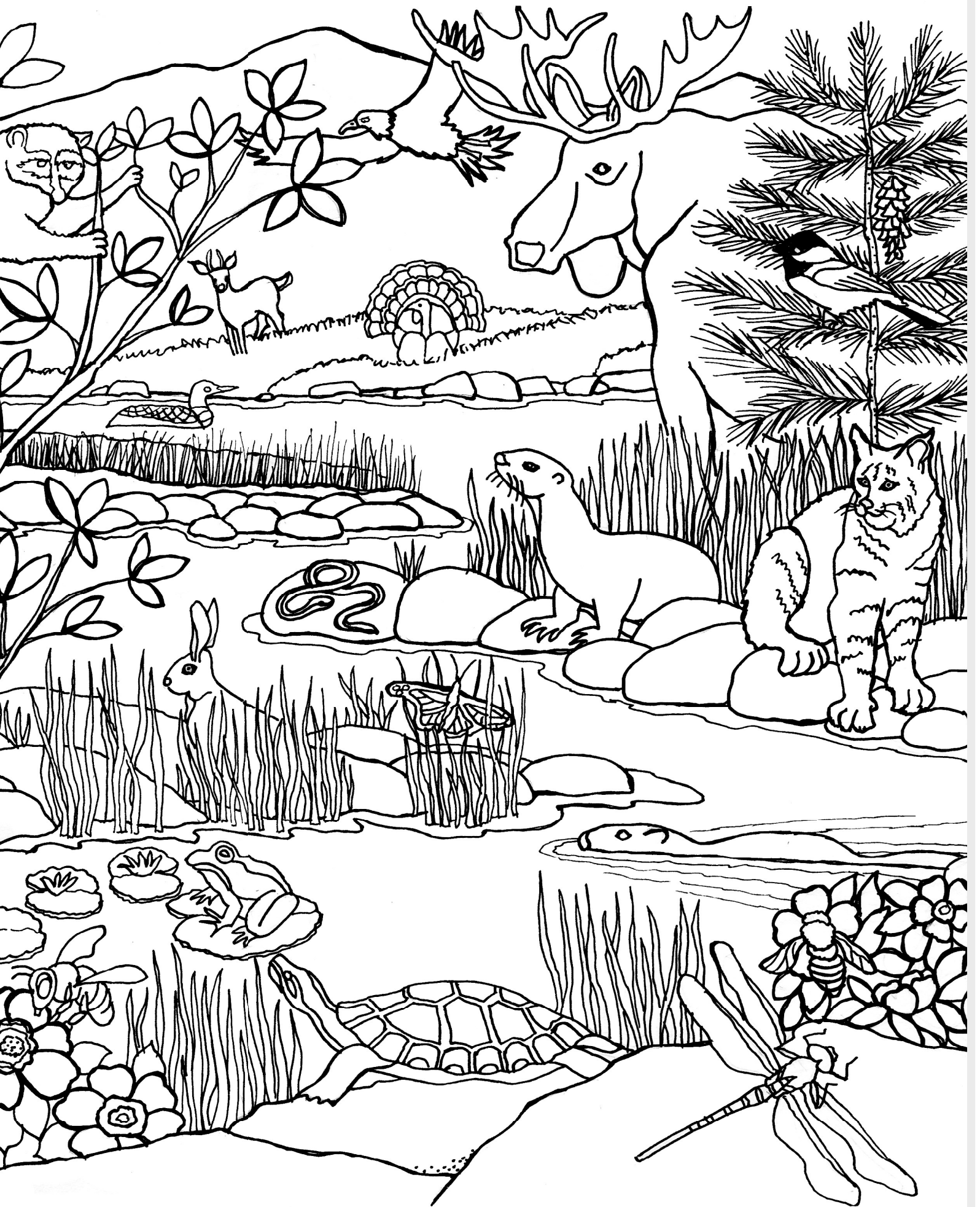
# THE PINE TREE STATE

Maine is called "The Pine Tree State" because of its many pine forests. Maine's State tree, the white pine, is the largest conifer in the Northeast U.S.

For fun, first see how many of the **Maine State symbols** listed below you can find. Next, see how many more Maine critters you find in the scene. Now color it in!

- Animal** • Moose
- Tree** • Eastern White Pine
- Berry** • Blueberry
- Bird** • Chickadee
- Cat** • Coon Cat
- Fish** • Landlocked Salmon
- Flower** • Pine Cone
- Gemstone** • Tourmaline
- Herb** • Wintergreen
- Insect** • Honey Bee

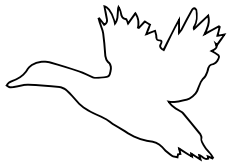






# FALL

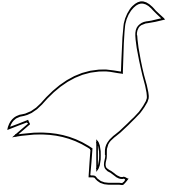
It's fun to hunt, hike, and ride ATVs in the fall. You can study leaves of the trees and see animals in the woods and fields more easily.



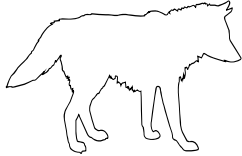
\_\_\_ of ducks



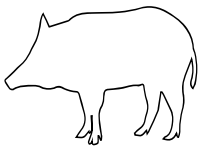
\_\_\_ of whales



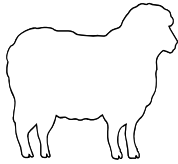
\_\_\_ of geese



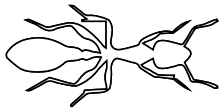
\_\_\_ of wolves



\_\_\_ of hogs



\_\_\_ of sheep



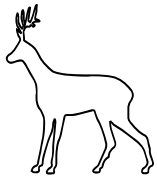
\_\_\_ of ants



\_\_\_ of fish



\_\_\_ of quail

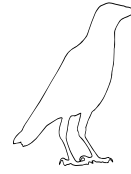


\_\_\_ of deer

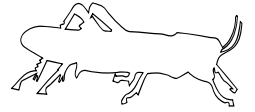
## Crowds of Critters

What's it called when a bunch of fish get together? See if you can correctly match the group name with the critter it belongs to.

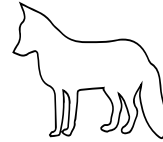
- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1. Shoal  | 11. Herd       |
| 2. Murder | 12. Pack       |
| 3. Cast   | 13. Gaggle     |
| 4. Crash  | 14. School     |
| 5. Wisp   | 15. Pod        |
| 6. Knot   | 16. Raft       |
| 7. Plague | 17. Covey      |
| 8. Army   | 18. Colony     |
| 9. Flock  | 19. Drift      |
| 10. Skulk | 20. Parliament |



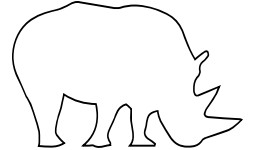
\_\_\_ of crows



\_\_\_ of locusts



\_\_\_ of foxes



\_\_\_ of rhinoceroses



\_\_\_ of bass



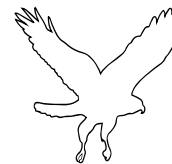
\_\_\_ of caterpillars



\_\_\_ of owls



\_\_\_ of snipe

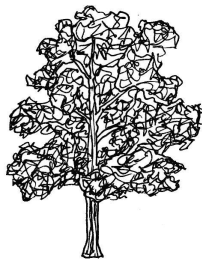


\_\_\_ of hawks



\_\_\_ of toads

**Oh Nuts!**  
Match the nut, fruit, or cone to the tree on which it grows!



Oak \_\_\_



Beech \_\_\_



Birch \_\_\_



American Chestnut \_\_\_



Pine \_\_\_



1. catkin



2. acorn



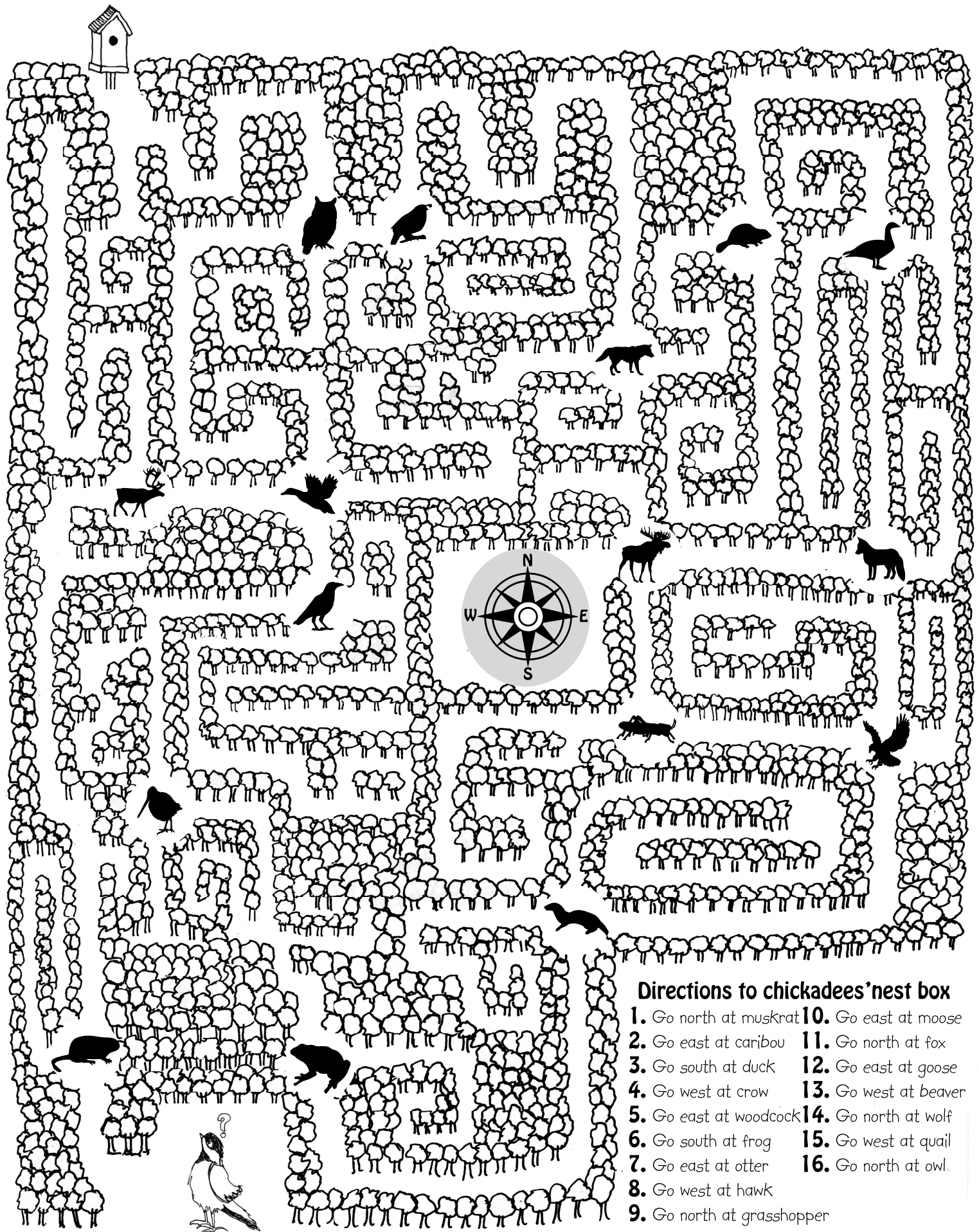
3. nut



4. cone



5. fruit  
(nut inside)



**Directions to chickadees' nest box**

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Go north at muskrat     | 10. Go east at moose  |
| 2. Go east at caribou      | 11. Go north at fox   |
| 3. Go south at duck        | 12. Go east at goose  |
| 4. Go west at crow         | 13. Go west at beaver |
| 5. Go east at woodcock     | 14. Go north at wolf  |
| 6. Go south at frog        | 15. Go west at quail  |
| 7. Go east at otter        | 16. Go north at owl.  |
| 8. Go west at hawk         |                       |
| 9. Go north at grasshopper |                       |

# Maine Maze

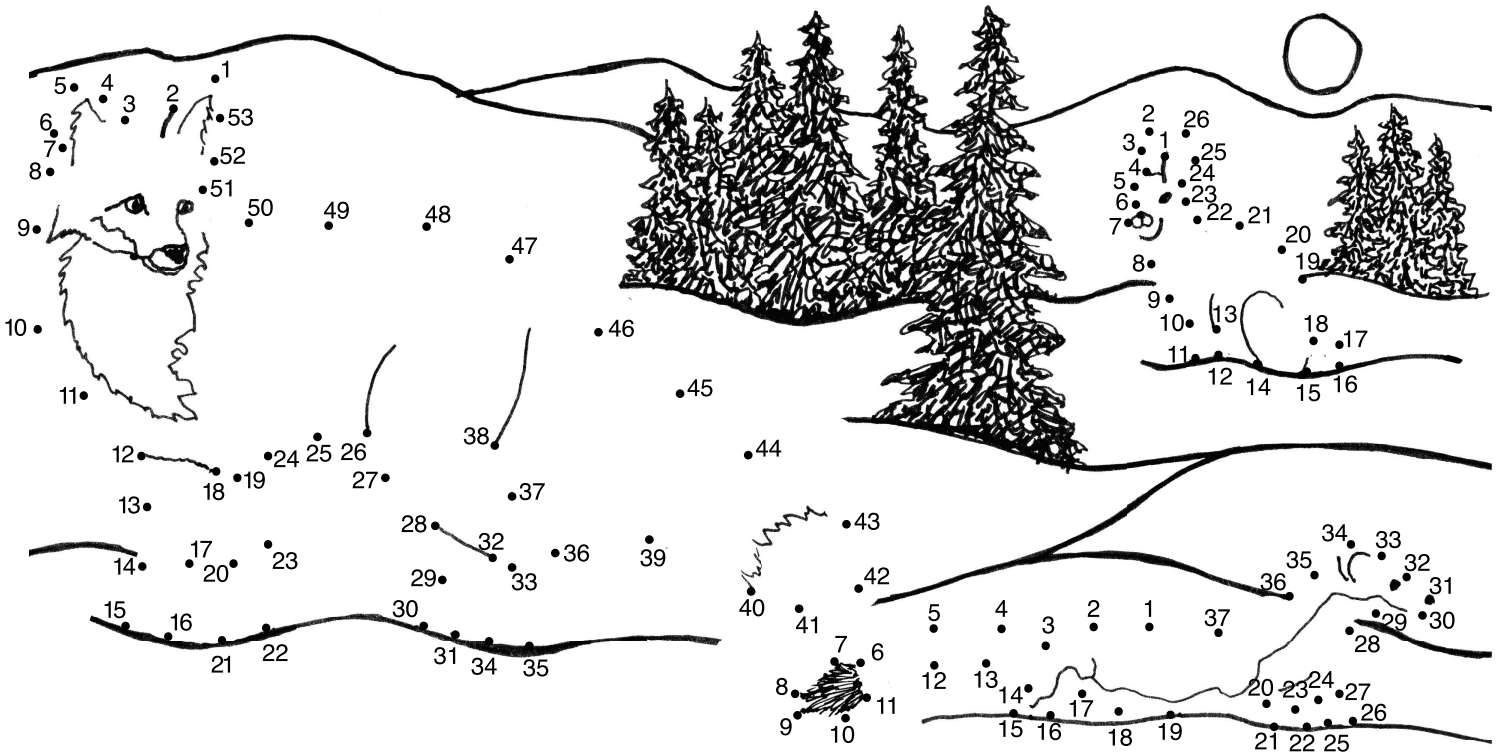
Chickadee is lost! By using the compass and directions above, please help chickadee find the way back to its home.

# WINTER

This is the best time of the year to look for and identify tracks in the snow.

## Dot-2-Dot

See if you can find the animals in this winter Maine scene. Connect the dots to find out what these winter animals are!



## Big Wildlife Words

Here are three big words that describe when animals are most active. See if you can guess if each animal below is nocturnal, diurnal, or crepuscular by putting N, D, or C next to the proper animal below. Hint: a raccoon is nocturnal.

### nocturnal • N

Animals most active at night

### diurnal • D

Animals most active during the day

### crepuscular • C

Animals most active during dusk/dawn (twilight)

\_\_\_ snowshoe hare

\_\_\_ skunk

\_\_\_ hawk

\_\_\_ vulture

**N** raccoon

\_\_\_ mouse

\_\_\_ moose

\_\_\_ fox

\_\_\_ woodchuck

\_\_\_ songbird

\_\_\_ opossum

\_\_\_ squirrel

\_\_\_ beaver

\_\_\_ deer

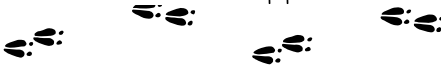


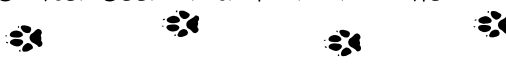

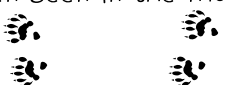
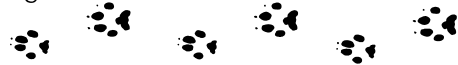



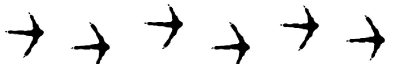

\_\_\_ wild turkey

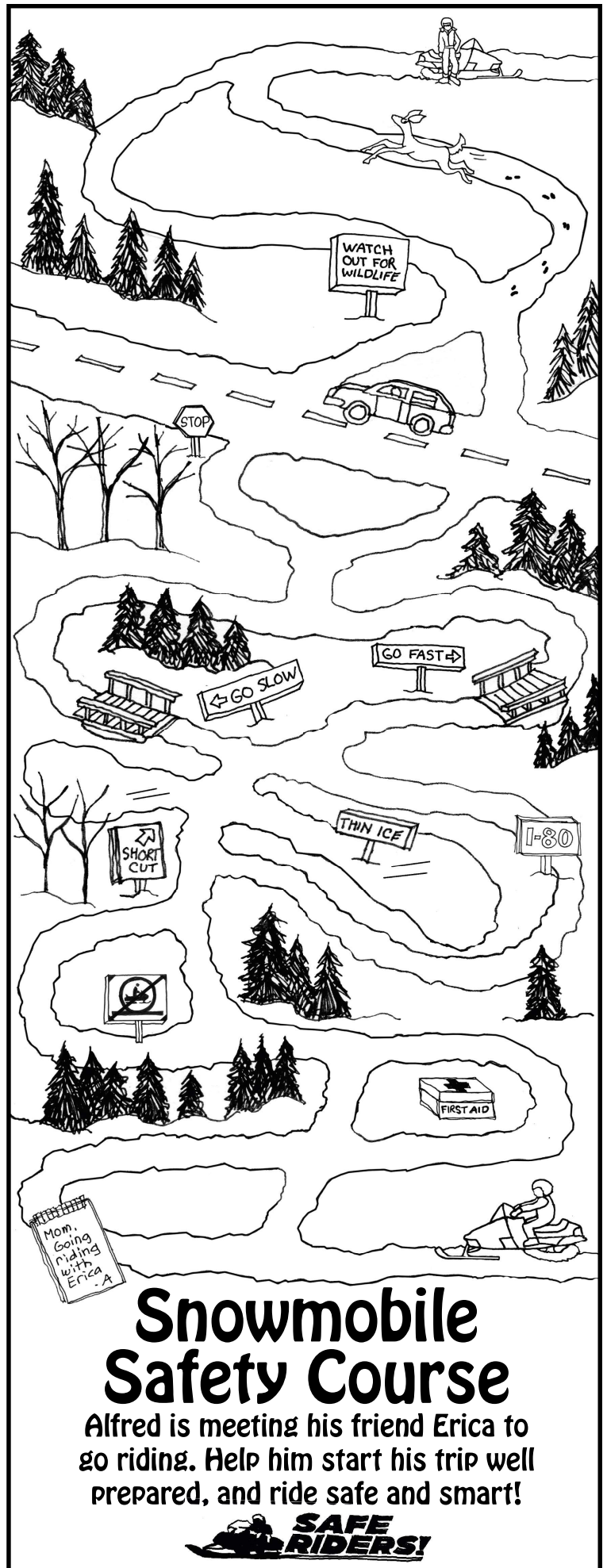


# Animal Tracks

The tracks below are found in places these animals like to hang out. Put the number of the animal next to its tracks.

- |           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. lynx   | 7. bobcat       |
| 2. coyote | 8. red fox      |
| 3. moose  | 9. house cat    |
| 4. otter  | 10. fisher      |
| 5. deer   | 11. gray fox    |
| 6. dog    | 12. wild turkey |

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in an apple orchard  

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is seen on a remote dirt road near water  

- C. \_\_\_\_\_ might be seen on path in the woods  

- D. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen on trail around a field  

- E. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in a hay field  

- F. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in the mud on river bank  

- G. \_\_\_\_\_ might be near farm fields  

- H. \_\_\_\_\_ might be seen on a trail in the forest  

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ is seen in a remote northern forest  

- J. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in a driveway  

- K. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in a corn field  

- L. \_\_\_\_\_ is often seen in a flower garden  




## Snowmobile Safety Course

Alfred is meeting his friend Erica to go riding. Help him start his trip well prepared, and ride safe and smart!





# ANSWERS to PUZZLES

## SPRING

### What If?

- 1. a      3. b
- 2. c      4. c

### Name This Bird

American Robin

### Letter Fun

- 1. Atlantic Salmon      4. Great Horned Owl
- 2. Dragonfly            5. Fisher
- 3. Moose                6. Ruffed Grouse

## FALL

### Crowds of Critters

- 1. Shoal of bass
- 2. Murder of crows
- 3. Cast of hawks
- 4. Crash of rhinoceros
- 5. Wisp of snipe
- 6. Knot of toads
- 7. Plague of locusts
- 8. Army of caterpillars
- 9. Flock of sheep
- 10. Skulk of foxes
- 11. Herd of deer
- 12. Pack of wolves
- 13. Gaggle of geese
- 14. School of fish
- 15. Pod of whales
- 16. Raft of ducks
- 17. Covey of quail
- 18. Colony of ants
- 19. Drift of hogs
- 20. Parliament of owls

### Oh Nuts!

- Oak 2 (acorn)
- Beech 3 (nut)
- Birch 1 (catkin)
- Chestnut 5 (fruit)
- Pine 4 (cone)

## SUMMER

### Find The Fishway

- Yellow Perch      Black Crappie      Chain Pickerel
- Lake Trout      Pumpkinseed Sunfish      Brook Trout
- American Eel      Largemouth Bass      Rainbow Smelt

### Let's Go Fishing

- A. hook                      D. fishing rod
- B. motor                    E. bait
- F. stream                  G. boat
- C. fish                      H. fly

### Where In Maine?

- 1. Moosehead            7. Caribou
- 2. Otter Creek            8. Owls Head
- 3. Deer Isle              9. Eagle Lake
- 4. Seal Cove             10. Muskrat Hollow
- 5. Beaver Cove         11. Bass Harbor
- 6. Ducktrap

### Ponds With Animal Names?

- 1. Fox Pond                5. Squirrel Pond
- 2. Loon Pond              6. Bear Pond
- 3. Duck Pond             7. Trout Pond
- 4. Pickerel Pond

## WINTER

### Dot-2-Dot

Fox • Weasel • Hare

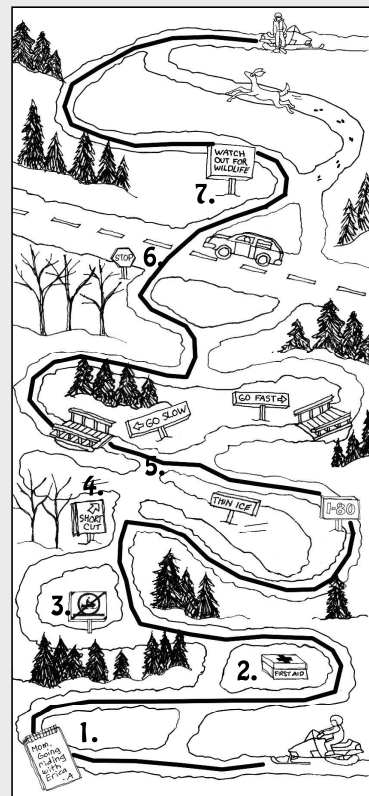
### Big Wildlife Words

- nocturnal**      **diurnal**
- raccoon          songbird
- skunk            vulture
- mouse            squirrel
- opossum        snowshoe hare
- hawk
- crepuscular**   wild turkey
- deer              woodchuck
- moose
- beaver
- fox

### Animal Tracks

- A. 5 (deer)
- B. 3 (moose)
- C. 7 (bobcat)
- D. 2 (coyote)
- E. 8 (red fox)
- F. 4 (otter)
- G. 11 (gray fox)
- H. 10 (fisher)
- I. 1 (lynx)
- J. 6 (dog)
- K. 12 (wild turkey)
- L. 9 (house cat)

### Snowmobile Safety Course



### Safe & Smart

- 1. Leave a note
- 2. Take a first aid kit
- 3. Stay off posted private land
- 4. Stay off thin ice
- 5. Go slow over bridges
- 6. Stop before you cross a roadway
- 7. Never chase wildlife



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