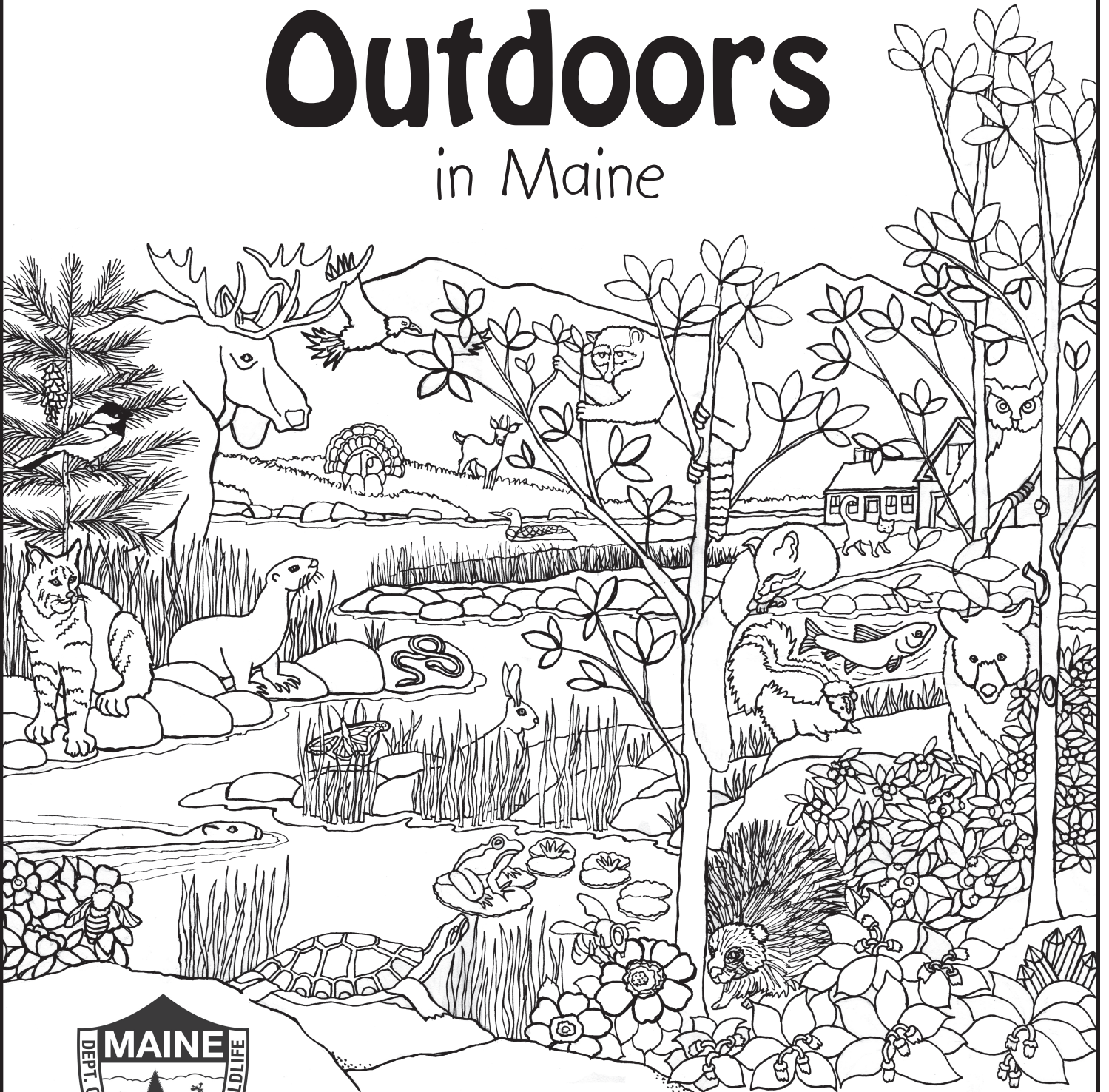


For Kids Who Like

Messing Around Outdoors

in Maine



Fun stuff for kids to learn and
do in Maine's great outdoors.

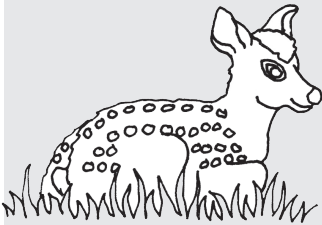
SPRING

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.



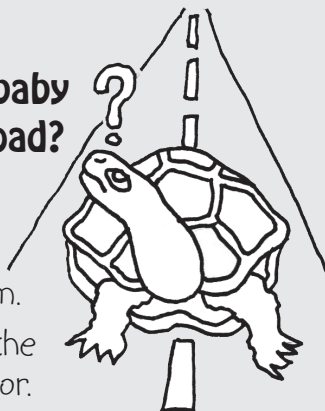
3. What if you find a baby bird on the ground?



- 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

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

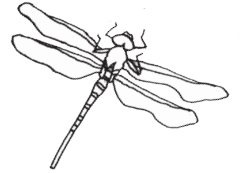
19	1	12	13	15	14

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



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

13	15	15	19	5

5. I scream loudly and eat porcupines.



18	21	6	6	5	4

7	18	5	1	20

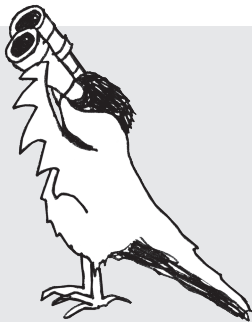
8	15	18	14	5	4

15	23	12

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

7	18	15	21	19	5

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



Backyard Bingo

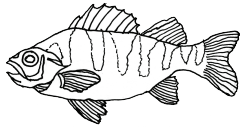
Go out in your backyard and find as many items on the bingo card as you can to get 4 in a row. You may find 4 in a row across, 4 in a row down, or 4 in a row diagonally.

SUMMER

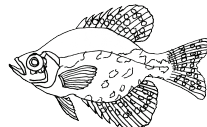
This is a great time to fish, boat, hike, and do other activities outside!

How Many Fish Can You Catch?

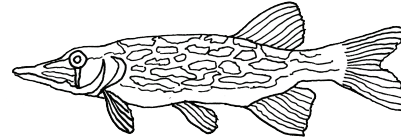
See if you can identify the fish using the list on the right. Next, connect these Maine fish using just 4 lines without lifting your pencil. Hint: You can cross 1 or 2 lines if you want!



1. e



2. a

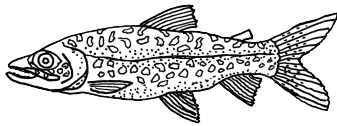


3. c

Brook Trout

Lake Trout

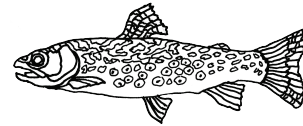
Yellow Perch



4. u



5. k

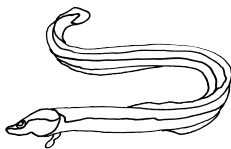


6. r

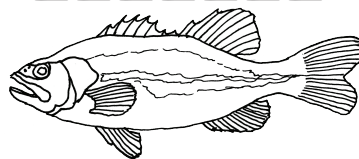
Rainbow Smelt

Largemouth Bass

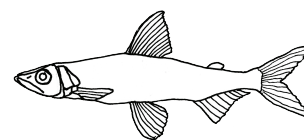
Chain Pickerel



7. i



8. u



9. m

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

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 | 5. rleiuqrS _____ Pond |
| 2. oLno _____ Pond | 6. aerB _____ Pond |
| 3. kuDc _____ Pond | 7. tTruo _____ Pond |
| 4. iPcerekI _____ 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!

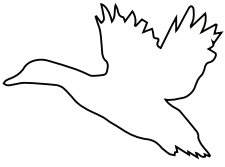
- Animal** • Moose
- Tree** • Eastern White Pine
- Berry** • Blueberry
- Bird** • Chickadee
- Cat** • Coon Cat
- Fish** • Landlocked Salmon
- Flower** • Pine Cone
- Gemstone** • Tourmaline
- Herb** • Wintergreen
- Insect** • Honey Bee



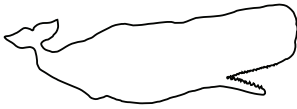


FALL

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

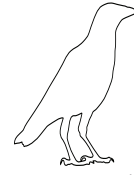


___ of whales

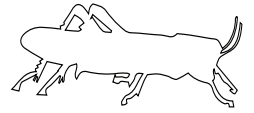
Crowds of Critters

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

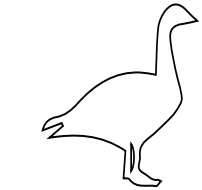
- | | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1. Shoal | 11. Herd |
| 2. Murder | 12. Pack |
| 3. Cast | 13. Gaggle |
| 4. Crash | 14. School |
| 5. Wisp | 15. Pod |
| 6. Knot | 16. Raft |
| 7. Plague | 17. Covey |
| 8. Army | 18. Colony |
| 9. Flock | 19. Drift |
| 10. Skulk | 20. Parliament |



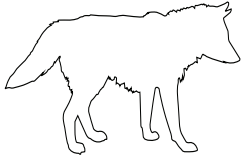
___ of crows



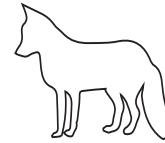
___ of locusts



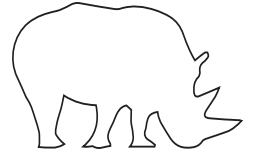
___ of geese



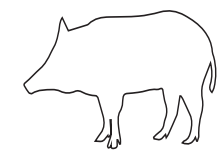
___ of wolves



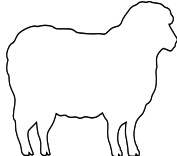
___ of foxes



___ of rhinoceroses



___ of hogs



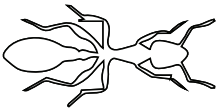
___ of sheep



___ of bass



___ of caterpillars



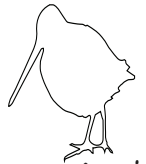
___ of ants



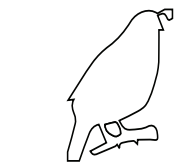
___ of fish



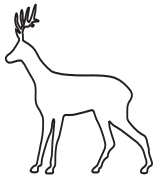
___ of owls



___ of snipe



___ of quail



___ of deer



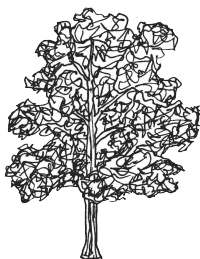
___ of hawks



___ 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



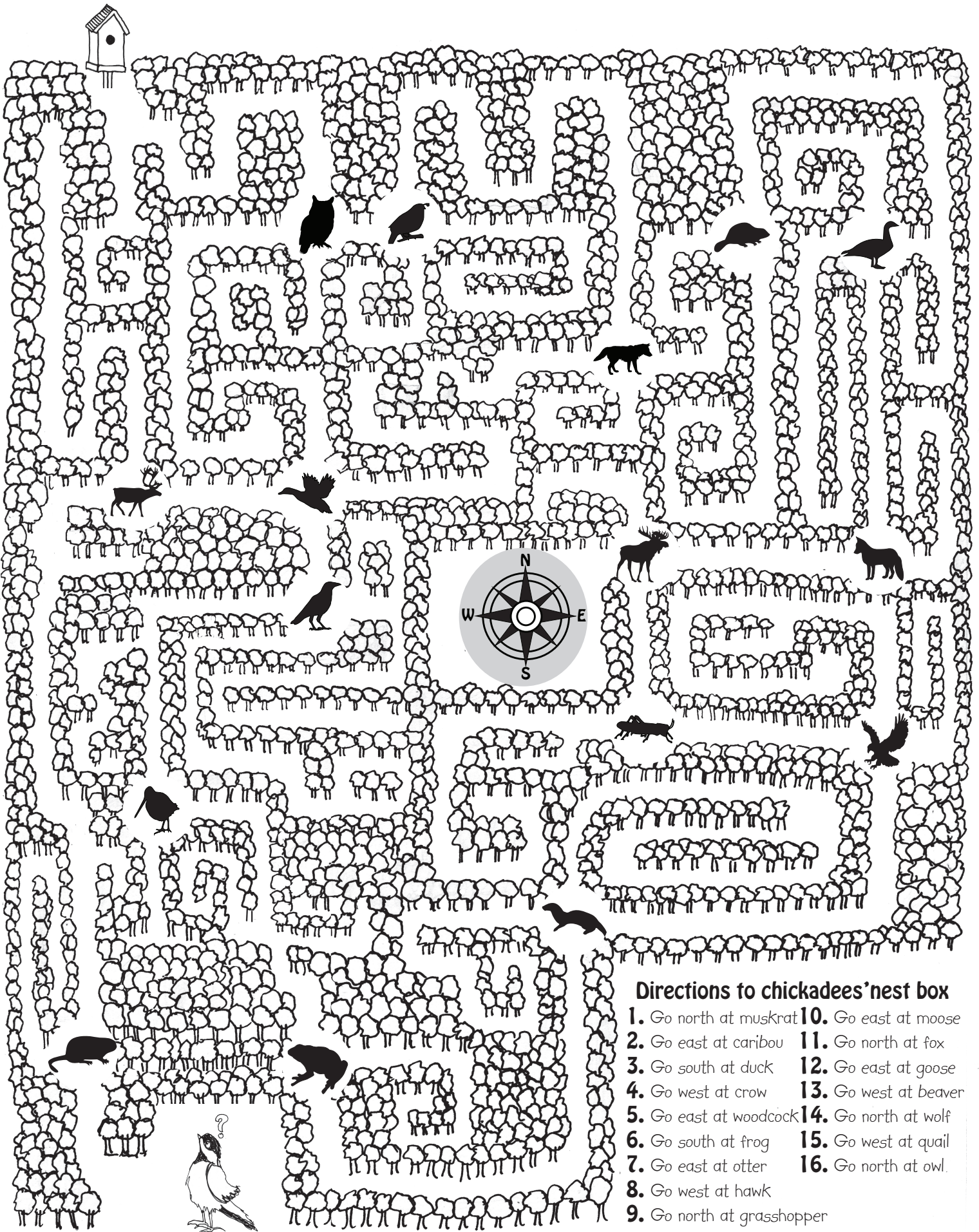
3. nut



4. cone



5. fruit
(nut inside)



Directions to chickadees' nest box

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

Maine Maze

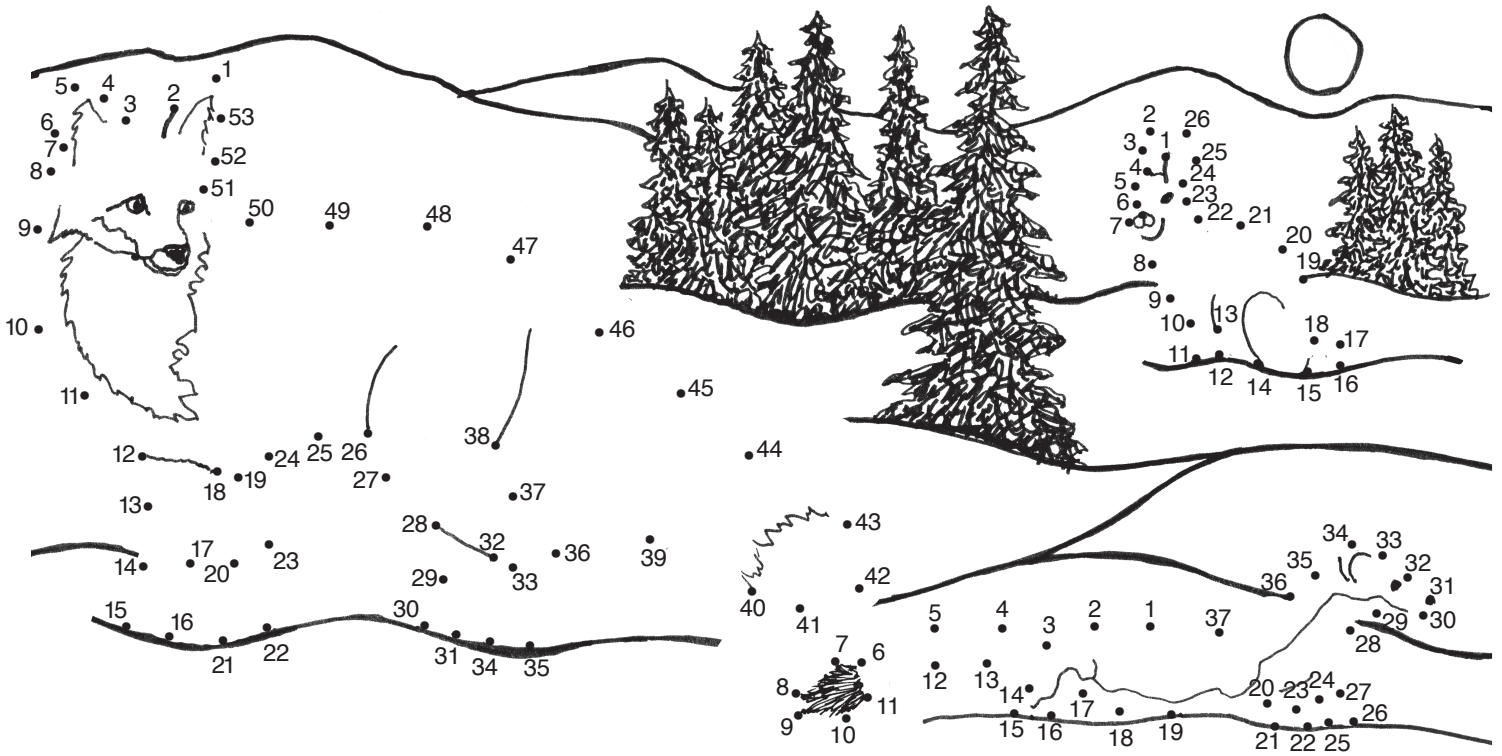
Chickadee is lost! By using the compass and directions above, please help chickadee find the way back to its home.

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

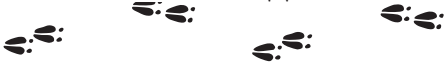

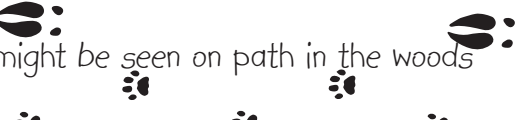

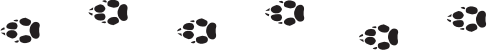





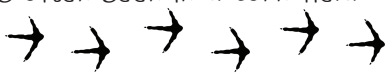

___ deer

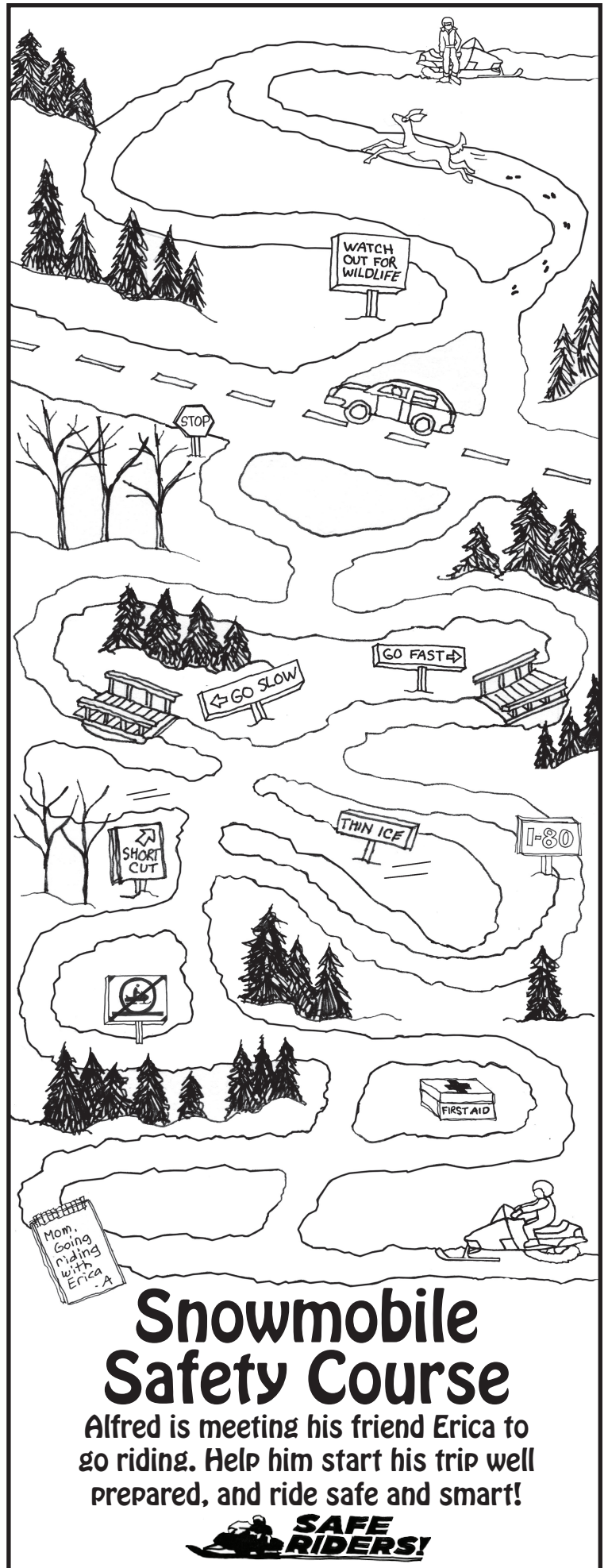
___ wild turkey

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

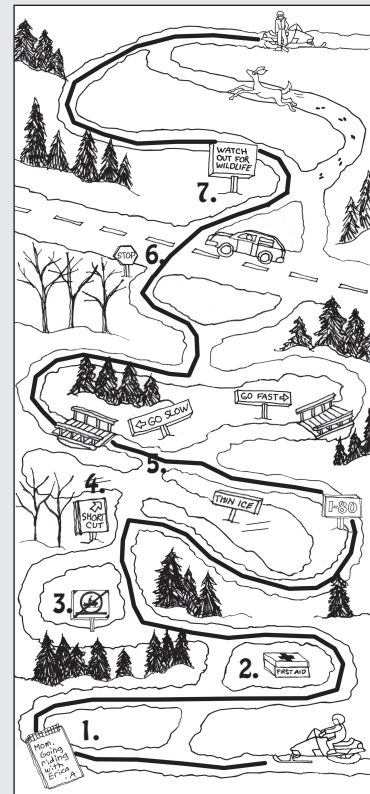
Big Wildlife Words

- 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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