

Who Am I?

Grades: 3-6

Overview: This game is an off-line version of the Who Am I? activity consisting of animal cards, clues, and a moderator's handbook. The activity introduces students to some of the mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians that share the panther's habitat through a game that gives a series of clues about their appearance, behavior, habitat and relation to each other. Vocabulary is purposefully advanced. One of the goals of this activity is to increase a student's vocabulary by engaging them in a game. The off-line game meets the same Sunshine State Standards as the on-line version.

Instructions on assembly and how to play are in the moderator's handbook.

WHO AM I?

MODERATOR'S HANDBOOK

INSTRUCTIONS

Players: 2 teams of 2-3 students. The teacher or a student serves as the moderator and scorekeeper.

Object of the game: The object of the game is to earn more points than the other team by correctly matching clues that describe animals in the Florida panther's habitat to the corresponding picture of the animal. Teams earn 2 points by correctly matching the clue to the picture, 2 points if they 'steal' a clue from the other team, and 1 point by correcting a clue that the other team incorrectly placed.

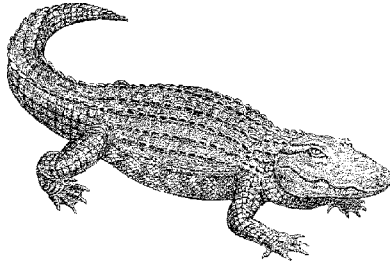
Materials pre-game assembly: Print and cut out the picture cards and clue cards. All items may be laminated to become a permanent set. Paper and pencil will be needed to keep score. An hourglass or other timer to limit the length of time each team has to decide where the clue belongs (optional).

Setting up the game: Place the picture cards face up on a large table or desk. Leave space below each card for clues. Place all clues face-down in front of the moderator.

Rules: Players toss a coin or pick a number between one and ten to see which team goes first. The first team starts its turn by one player on the team picking up a clue card and reading it out loud. The team members may consult one another to decide which animal the clue describes. When the team decides, one member

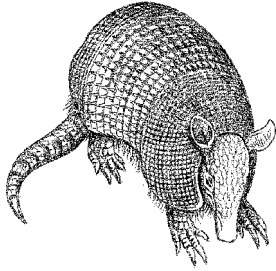
lays the clue below the corresponding animal picture and says BEFORE RELEASING THE CARD, "I am a white-tailed deer!" or whatever animal it is. The moderator checks the answer and says either "correct" or "incorrect." If the player does not announce the name of the animal, the other team may "steal" the card by saying "you did not say 'I am.....'" If they then say "I am a" and correctly place the card, they receive 2 points. The team continues picking clues until they either place a clue incorrectly or have a clue "stolen" by the other team. If a clue has been placed incorrectly, the other team has a chance to receive 1 point by correctly placing the clue. If the other team incorrectly places the clue, the card is returned to the bottom of the stack of clues in front of the moderator.

Time: Play continues until either time runs out or all of the clues are correctly placed. The winner of the game is the team with the most points.



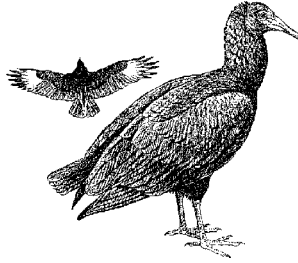
American Alligator

- During the dry season, the holes I create provide habitat for many animals such as small fish, snails, turtles, snakes, and frogs.
- Despite many stories that I may live up to 200 years, the average life span for my species is only about 40 years.
- I can often be seen in the water with only the tip of my nose and my eyes visible.
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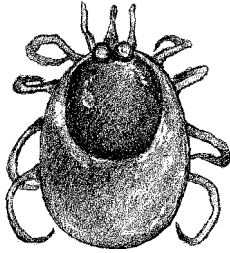
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- One of my nicknames is pocket dinosaur.
- Many people get mad at me because I dig holes in their yards, when all I'm doing is digging up beetles and their larvae. I eat about 200 pounds of insects yearly.
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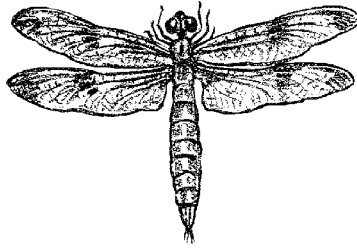
Black Vulture

- I am an eagle-sized blackish bird with a bald black head and white at the tips of my wings.
- I am known as a scavenger.
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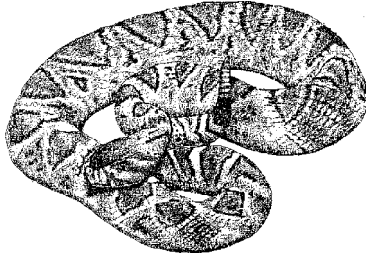
Deer Tick

- I attach to any warm-blooded animal. Even panthers and people provide me with a meal.
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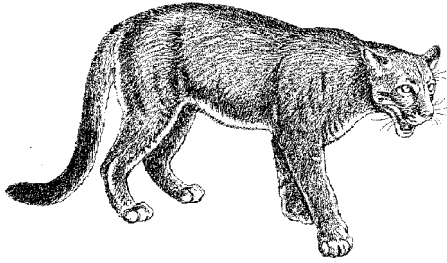
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- Some of us have clear wings that may span nearly 9 centimeters.
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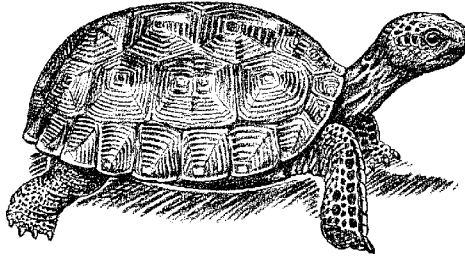
Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

- I taste the air with my tongue for the scent of my prey.
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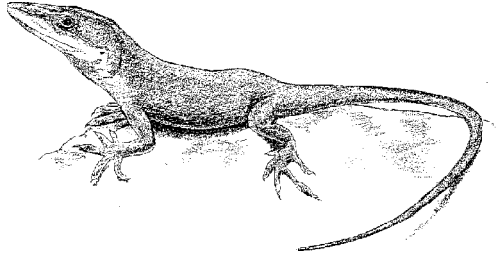
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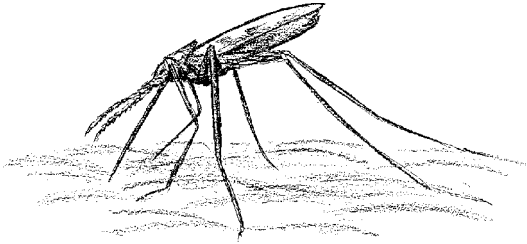
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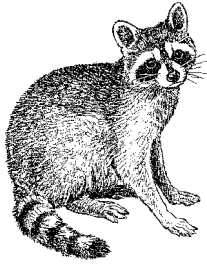
Green Anole

- I am an insect eater that only lives from two to three years.
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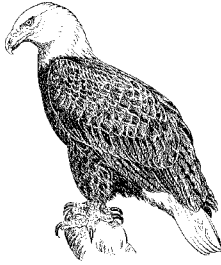
Mosquito

- I am a small rather annoying buzzing pest to many.
- For my size I am powerful. At times I have changed the course of history with some of the diseases I have spread, like malaria.
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- The larvae of my species are aquatic and are called wigglers. The wigglers provide food for many species of fish.
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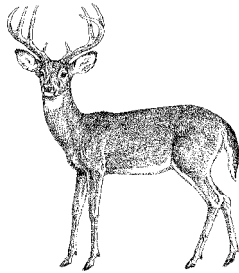
Raccoon

- With my dexterous feet, I can untie knots and turn door handles.
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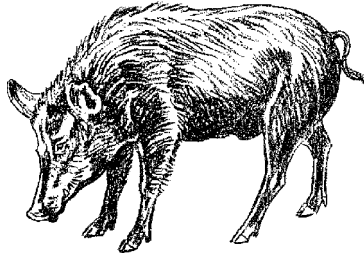
Southern Bald Eagle

- I am a large bird that lives along lakes, rivers, marshes, and sea coasts.
- My favorite food is fish, dead or alive.
- I usually build my nests of sticks in the top of a tall tree.
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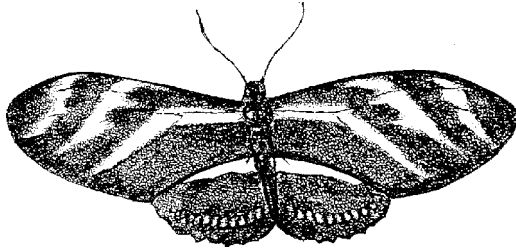
White-Tailed Deer

- I am graceful, agile, and fleet of foot.
- I am an herbivore, which means I eat plants. My favorites are young plants growing on the edges of forests.
- Males are called bucks, and females are called does.
- My speed, excellent sense of smell, and keen ears are my main defense against predators.
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Wild Hog

- One of my nicknames is piney woods rooter, but I'll eat nearly anything including grasses, small animals, and carrion (dead animals).
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ANSWER KEY
(in alphabetical order)

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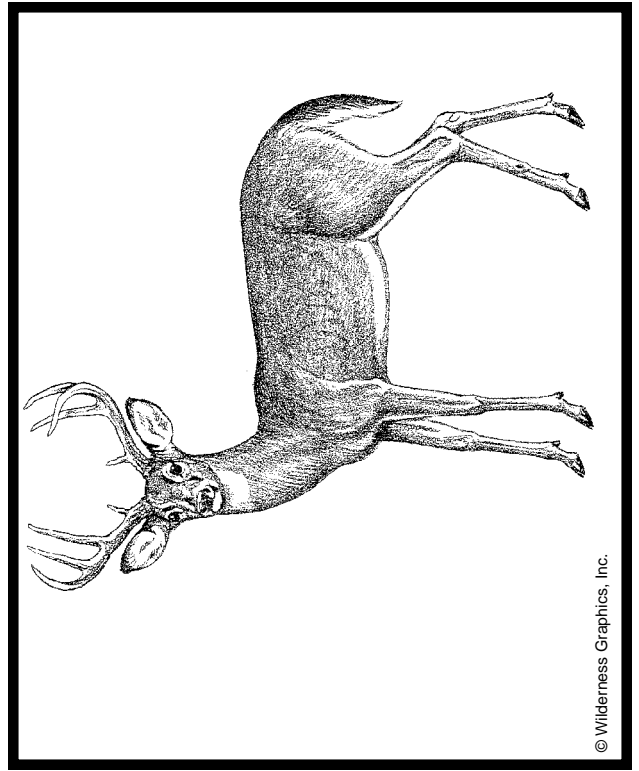
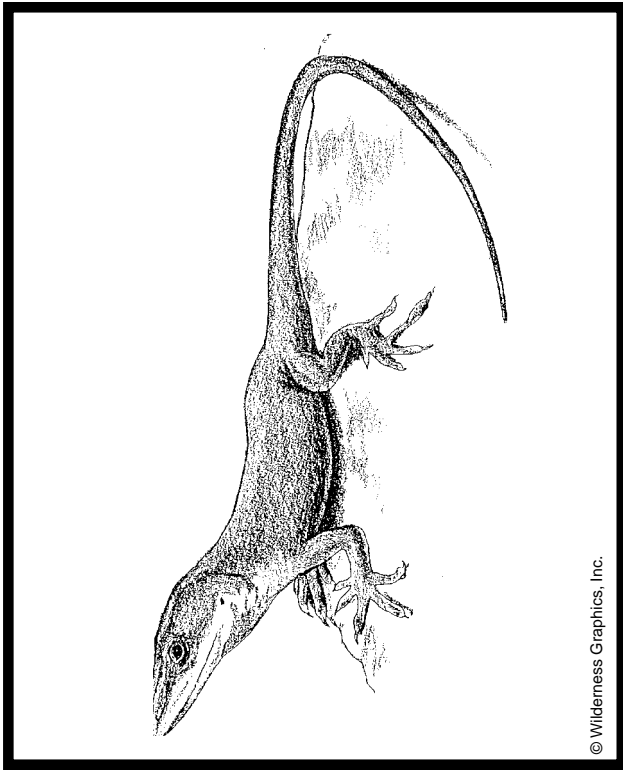
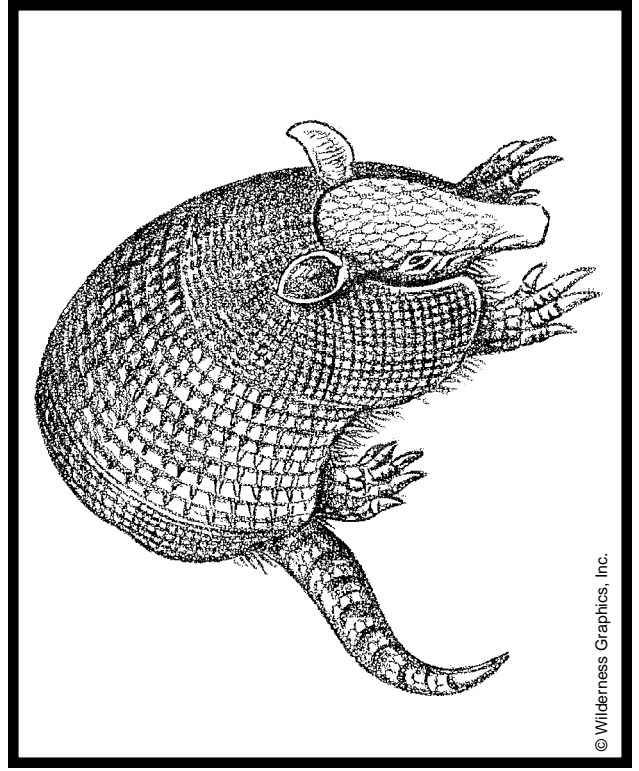
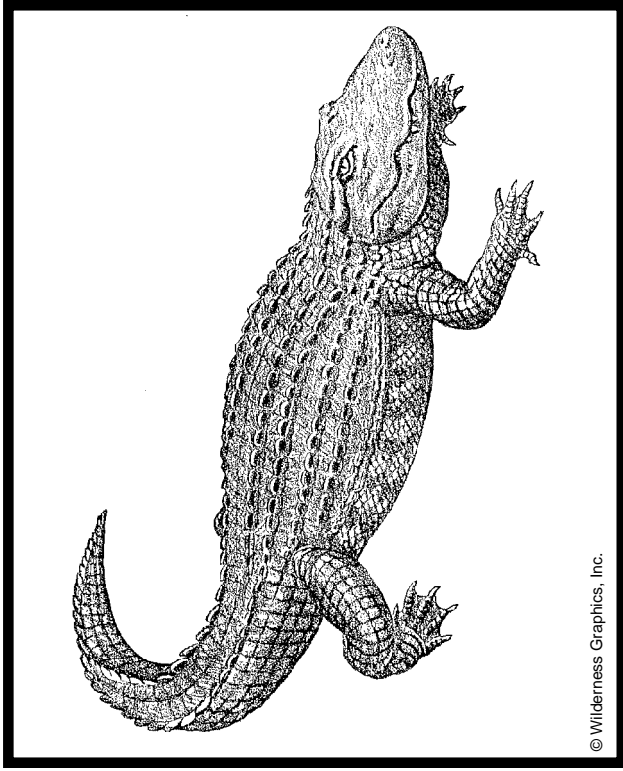
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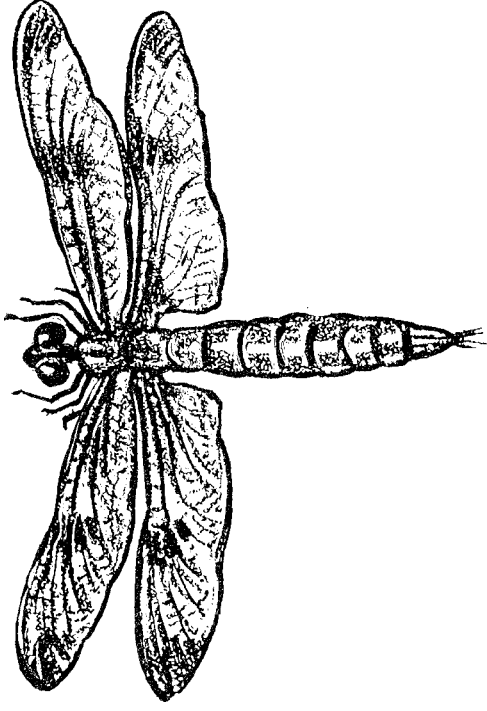
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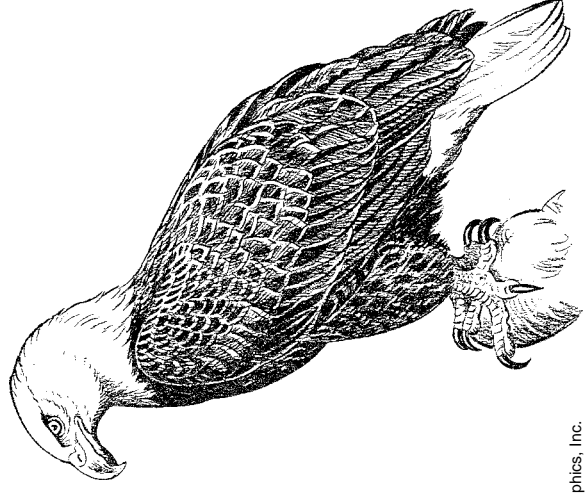
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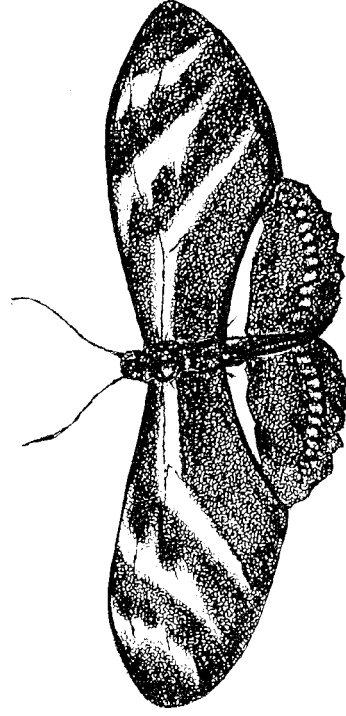
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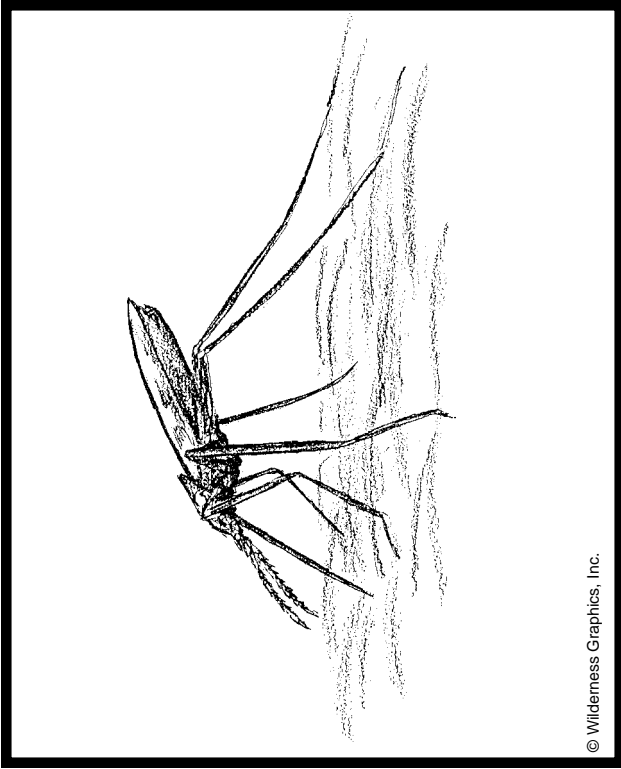
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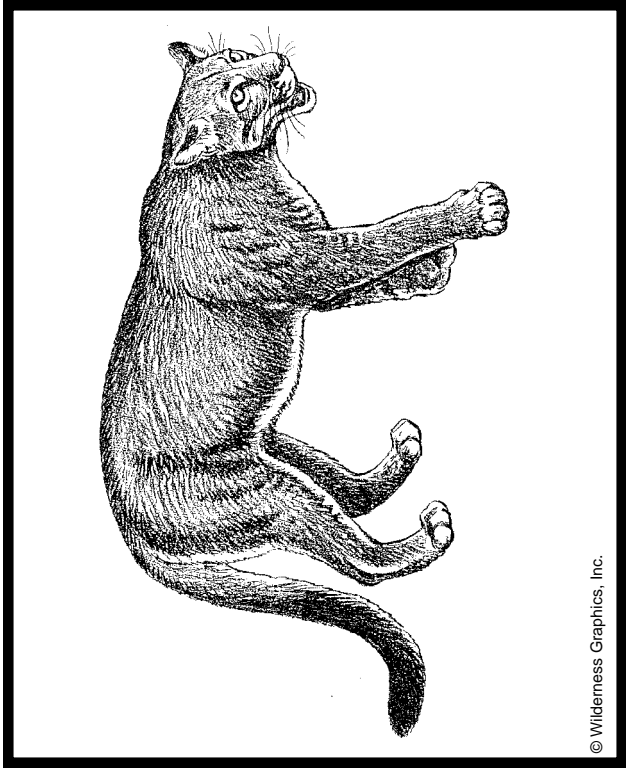
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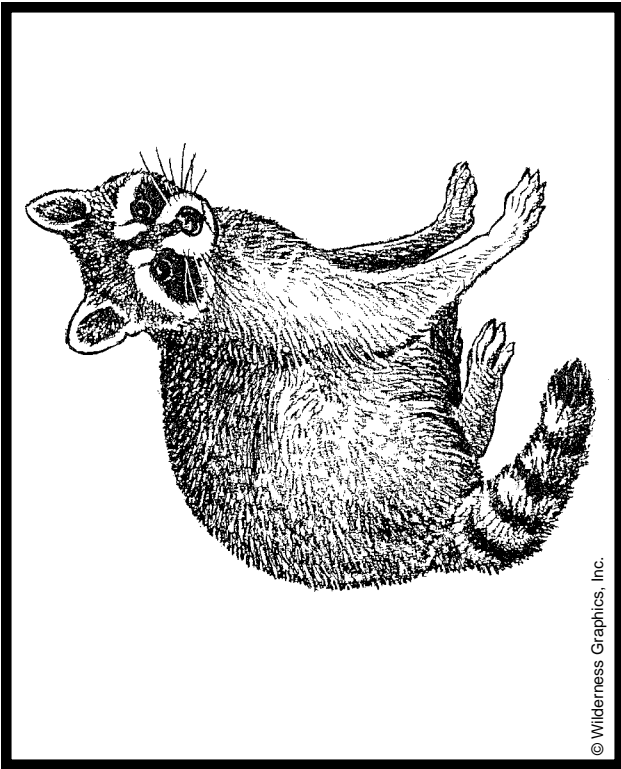
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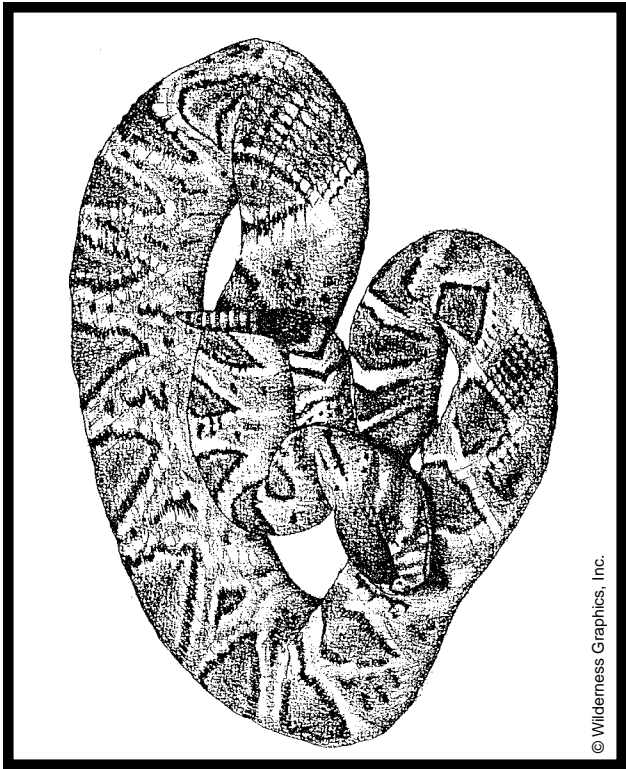
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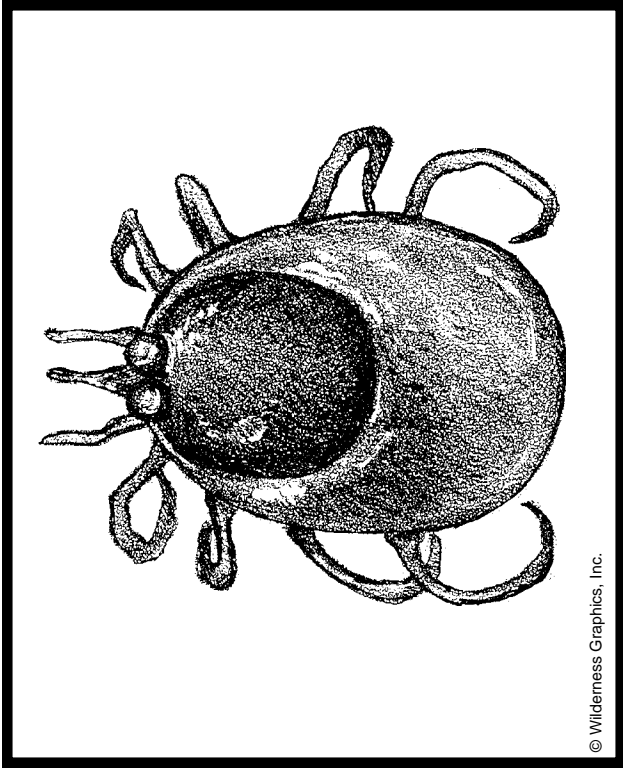
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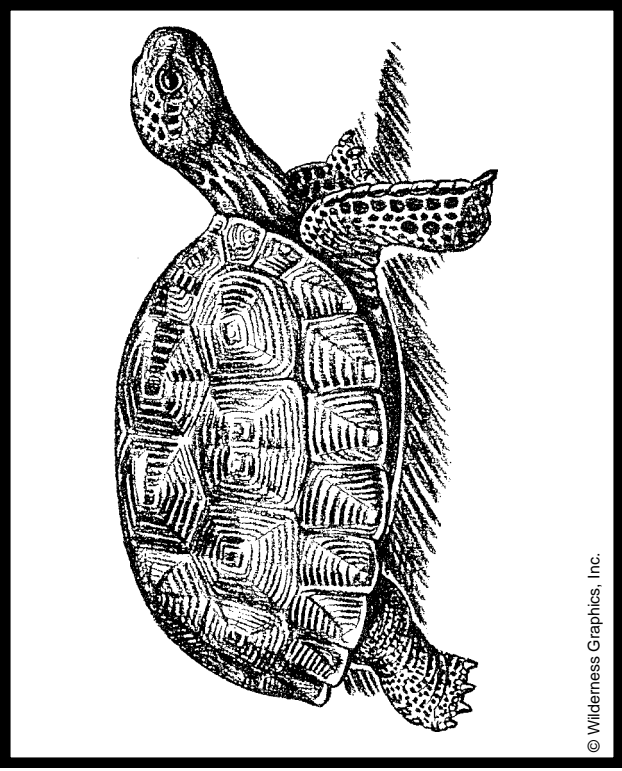
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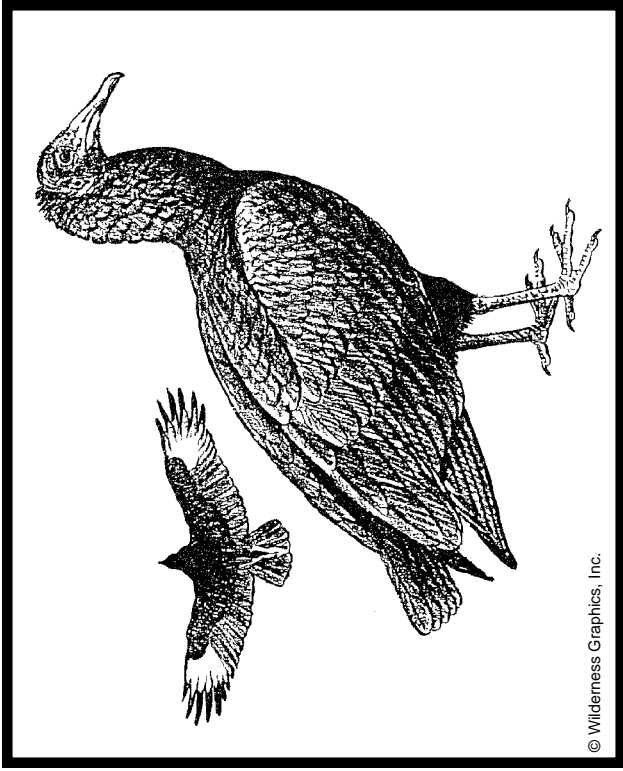
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Most of my relatives only drink nectar, but I also eat pollen. This nutritious diet may explain why I live for 5 or 6 months when other species live only a few weeks.

My black and white stripes explain part of my name.

I taste the air with my tongue for the scent of my prey.

Unlike most of my other relatives, my babies are born alive.

I often share the burrows of other animals in the longleaf pine forests.

I use the heat-sensitive pits in front of my eyes to detect my prey.

I vibrate my tail or rattle when I feel threatened. Before people were around to hunt me this served to warn large animals to keep their distance.

I am an insect eater that only lives from two to three years.

I have long toes with adhesive toepads and claws, enabling me to climb easily on any surface, even glass.

I can change from green to brown for camouflage, temperature change, and emotions. In weather over 70 degrees F, I usually stay green.

If two males have a territorial fight, the winner turns bright green. The loser turns brown. I guess you could say when we feel sad we feel brown not blue!

Many people mistakenly call me a chameleon, but there are no chameleons native to Florida. They live in Africa or Madagascar.

Some of us have clear wings that may span nearly 9 centimeters.

Both the young and adult of us eat mosquitoes and other noxious insects.

I have many nicknames like "Snake Doctor" and "Darner."

My real name contains the name of a mythical creature that breathed fire.

I am known as the "Mosquito Hawk."

Until 1987, I was hunted for food.

Today the high dry ground that I need for my burrows is also valuable for human houses so my habitat is shrinking.

Over 70 different kinds of animals have been found using my burrows.

When someone picks me up, I pull my head into my shell and cover most of my face with my front legs.

Unlike my other close relatives in Florida, I use my front legs for digging.

For my size I am powerful. At times I have changed the course of history with some of the diseases I have spread, like malaria.

Over 40 species of my kind live in Florida.

The larvae of my species are aquatic and are called wigglers. The wigglers provide food for many species of fish.

The easiest way to discourage me around your home is to make sure that you don't have standing water around your house.

I am a small rather annoying buzzing pest to many.

Although many think I'm an insect, I'm an arachnid.

Scientists think my bites cause white flecks on the necks and backs of Florida panthers.

Sometimes I spread a disease called Lyme Disease.

I am quite small before I eat, but I increase my size drastically when engorged with my victim's blood.

I attach to any warm-blooded animal. Even panthers and people provide me with a meal.