

Alex and Rosie's Kent Colouring Book



and stories for children with autism
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Introduction

We hope that children will enjoy using this 'Alex and Rosie' colouring book with their parents, carers and teachers, and that it will encourage their interest, and their family's interest in the Kent countryside and its wildlife. Children will also discover some of the things they might do in the countryside, such as watching birds, exploring woods and meadows.

This colouring book complements our guide 'Visiting the Kent countryside: a guide for parents of children with autism', and our children's story book 'Alex and Rosie's Adventures in Kent'. We hope that our colouring book will appeal to younger children with autism and related conditions, and children with speech and language difficulties, and help to engage them with the natural world. We also hope that families will visit some or all of the places featured. For more information visit www.autismandnature.org.uk. Autism and Nature is a non-profit organisation dedicated to enriching the lives of children on the autism spectrum, by helping to engage them with the countryside and nature.

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Alex



Rosie



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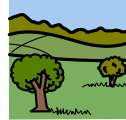
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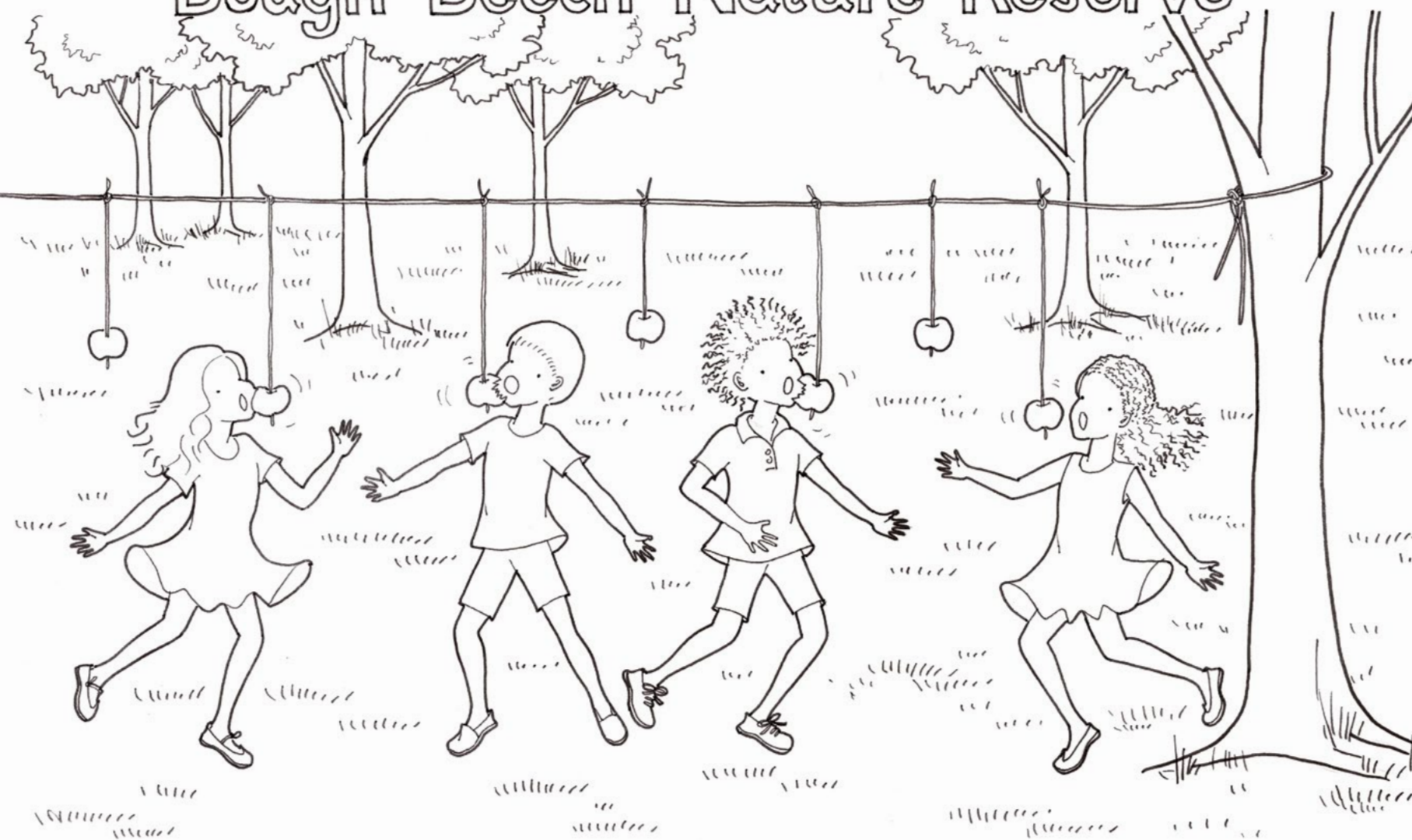
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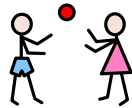
Bough Beech Nature Reserve



Alex



and Rosie



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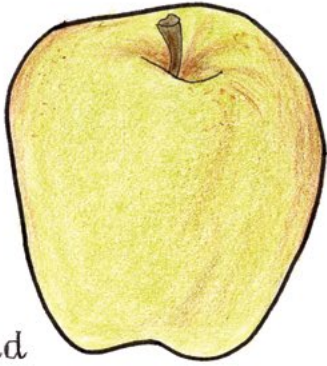
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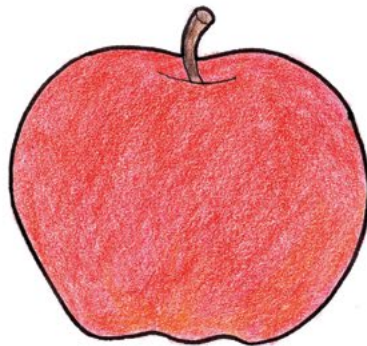
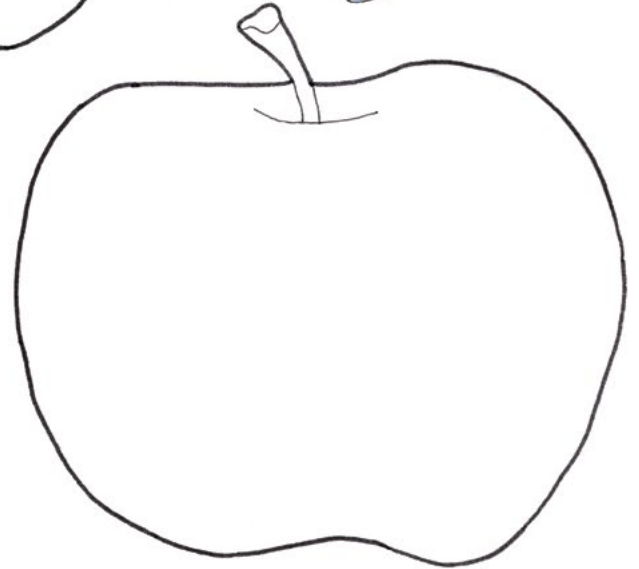
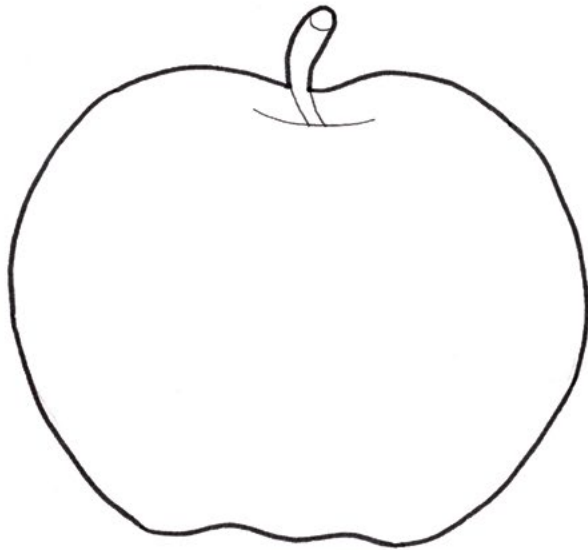
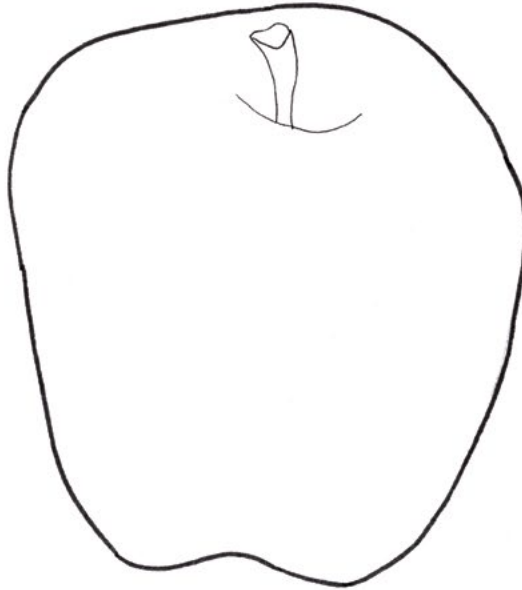
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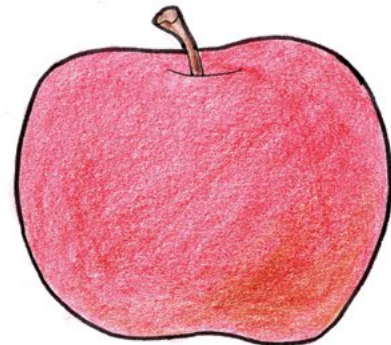
festival.



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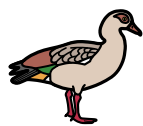


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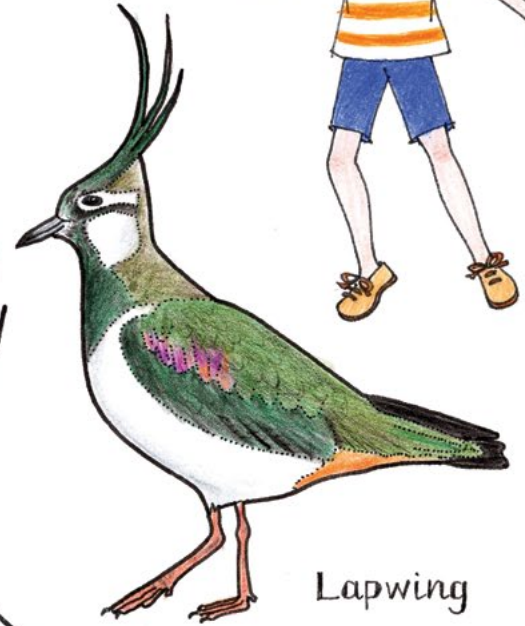
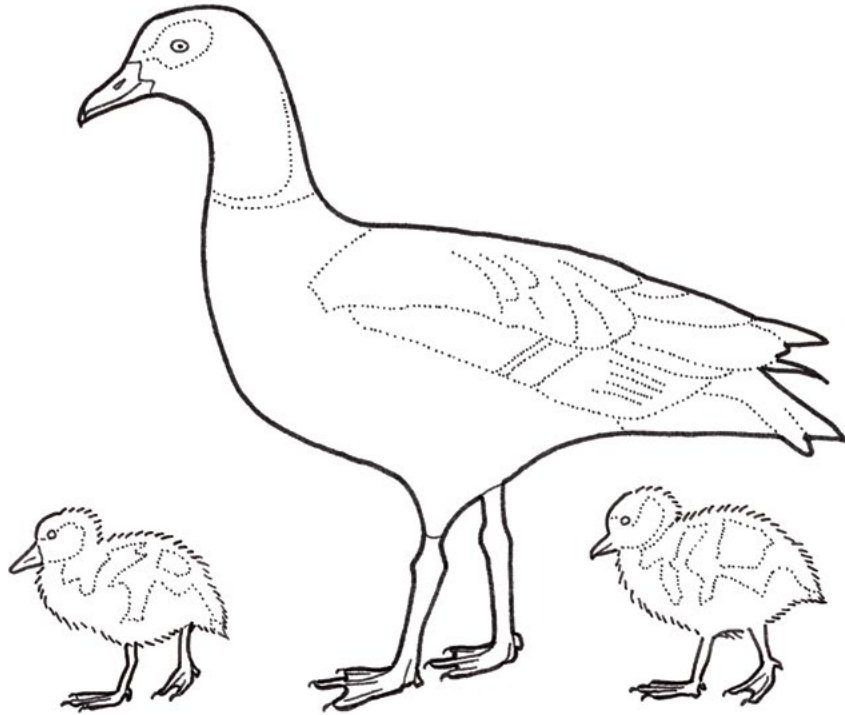


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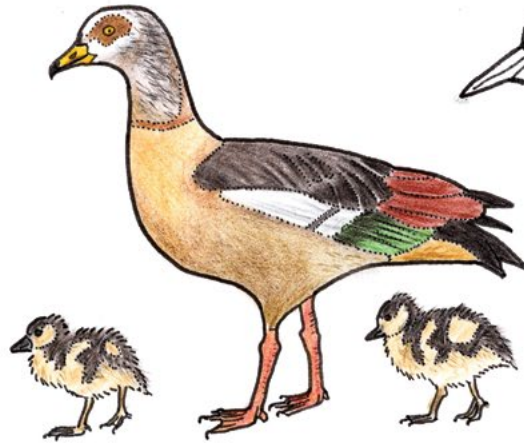
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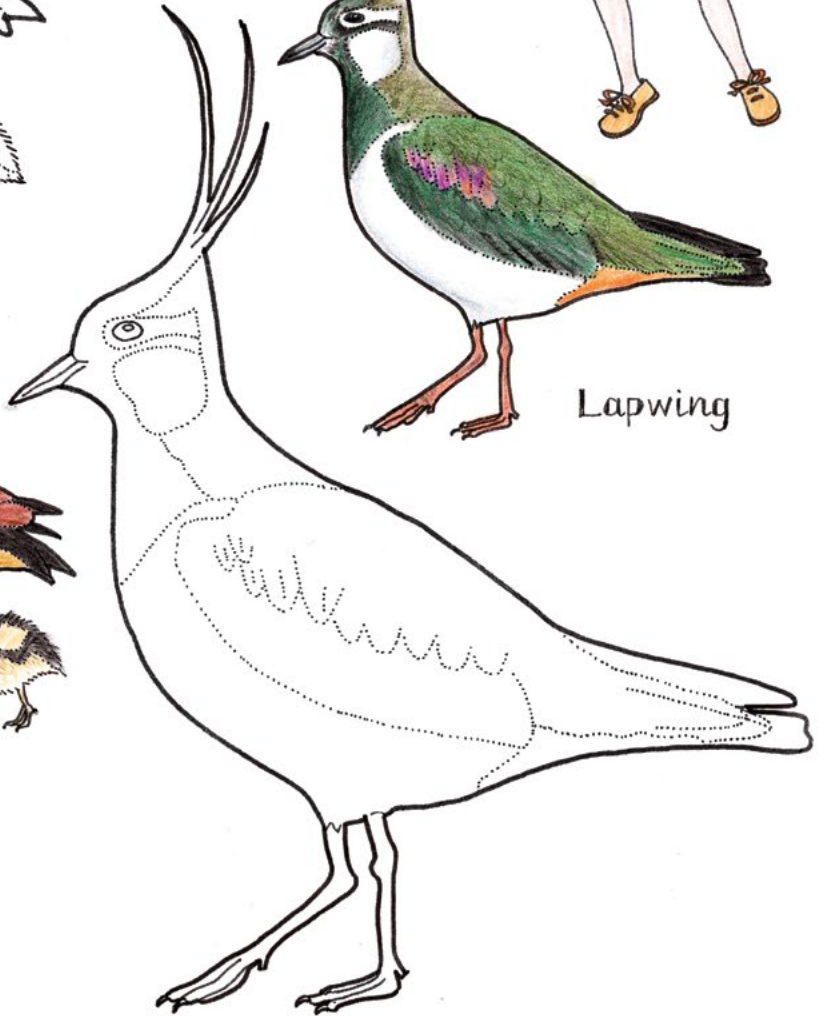
The Egyptian geese were looking after their goslings.



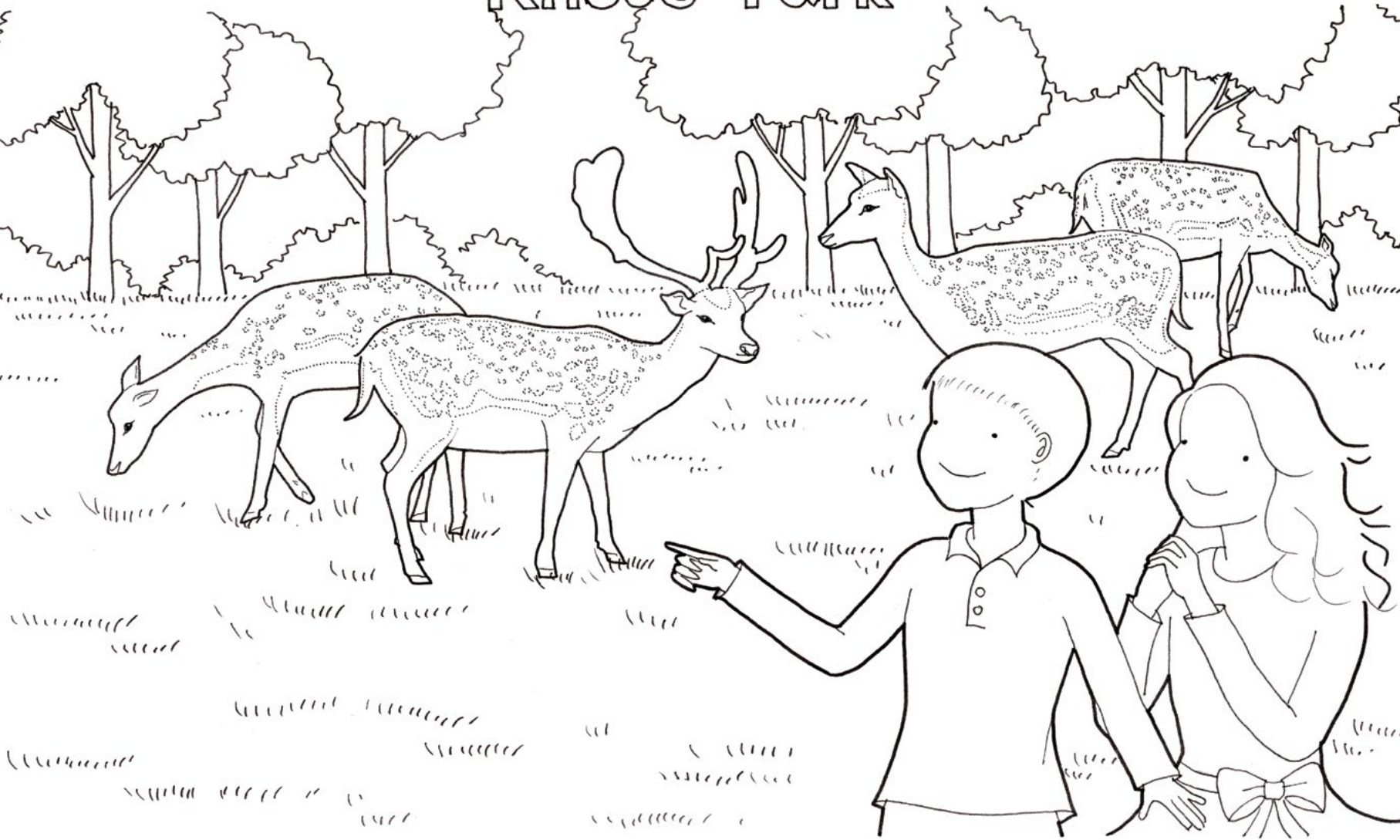
Lapwing



Egyptian goose



Knole Park



Alex

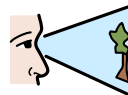


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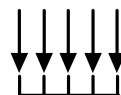
Rosie



were excited to



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a lot

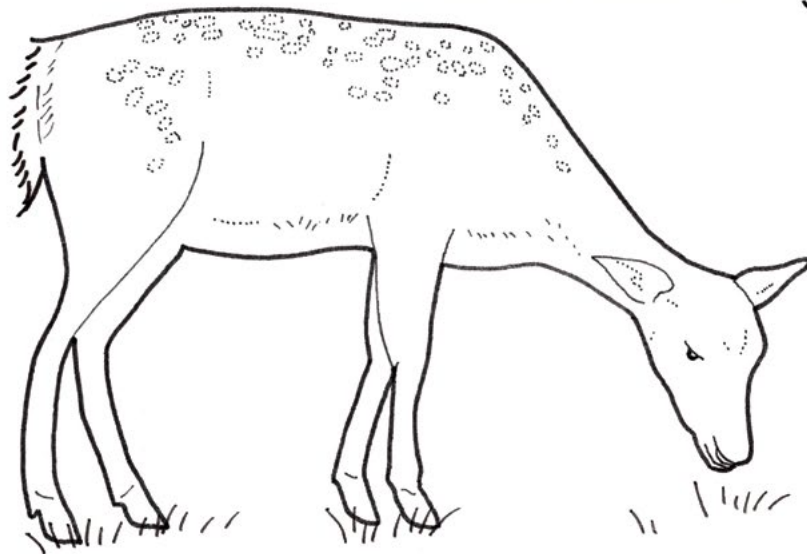
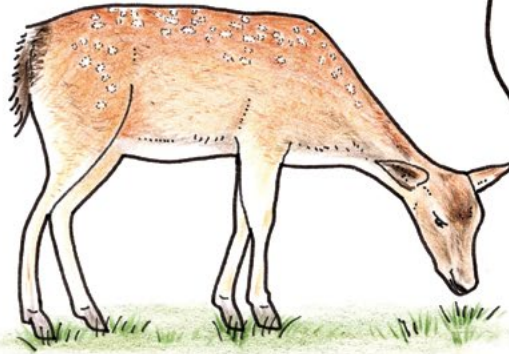
of



deer.



Fallow deer buck



Fallow deer doe



One Tree Hill



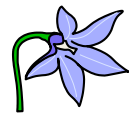
Alex



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love



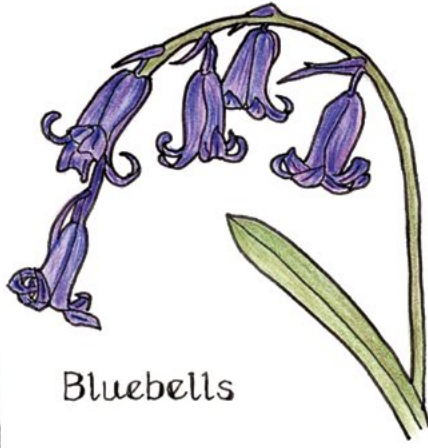
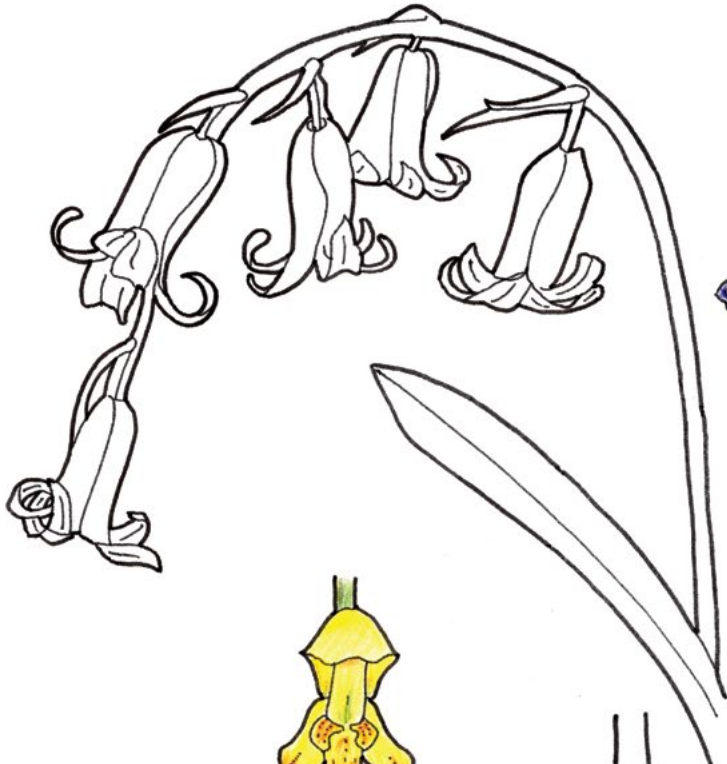
bluebell



woods



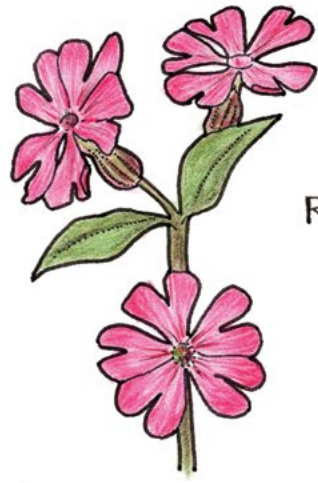
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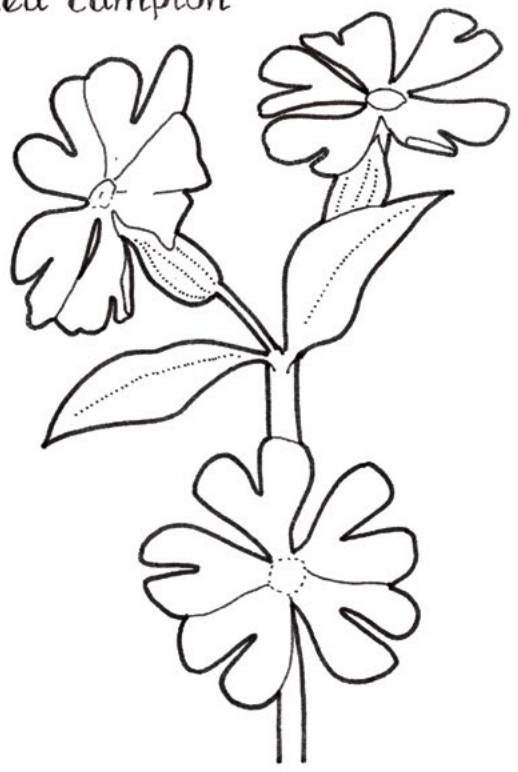
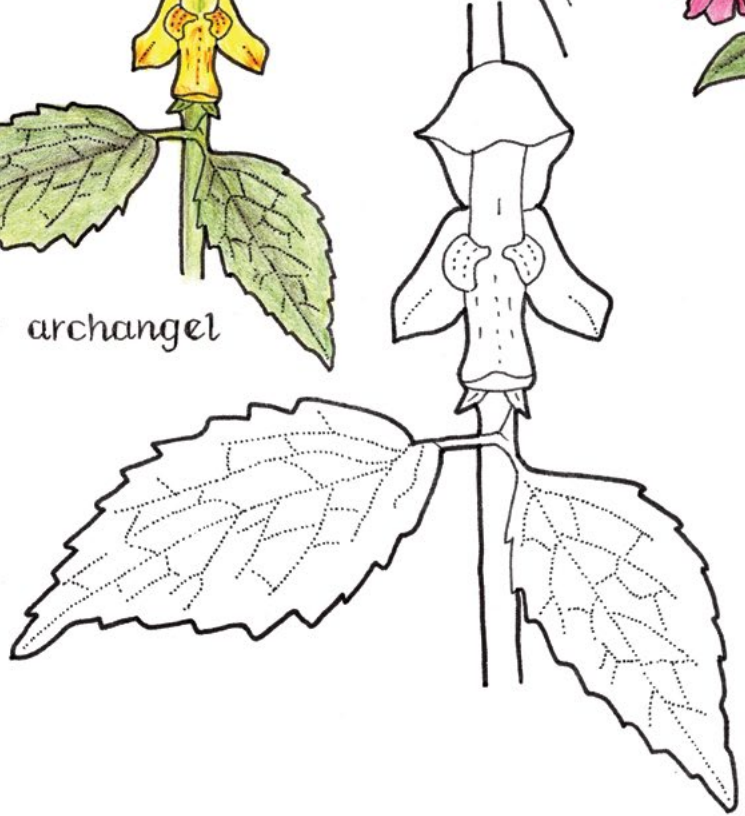
Bluebells



Yellow archangel



Red campion



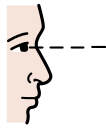
Ashenbank Wood



Alex

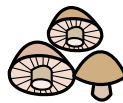


and Rosie



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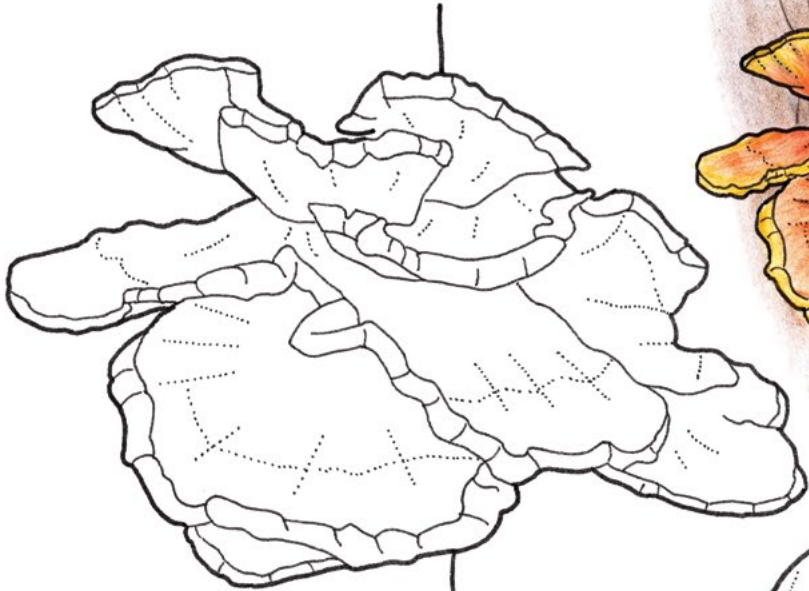


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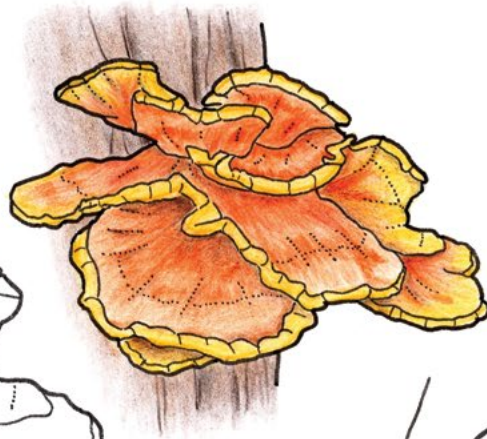
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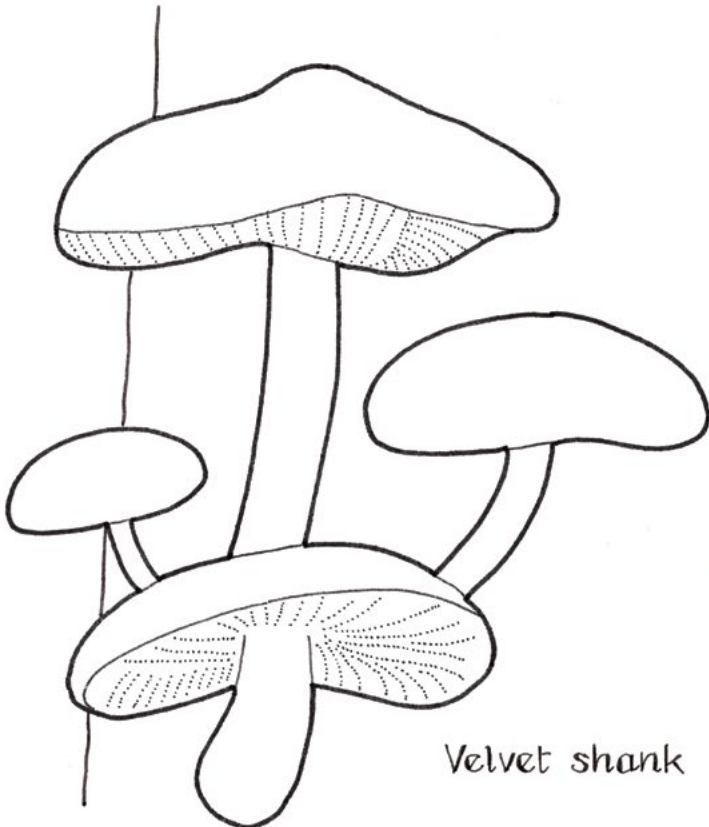
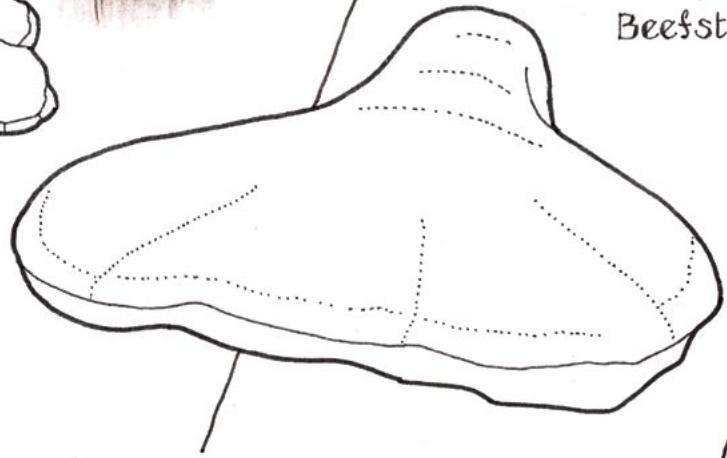
autumn.



Chicken of the woods



Beefstake fungus



Velvet shank



Manor Country Park



Alex



and Rosie

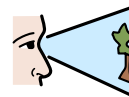


were very



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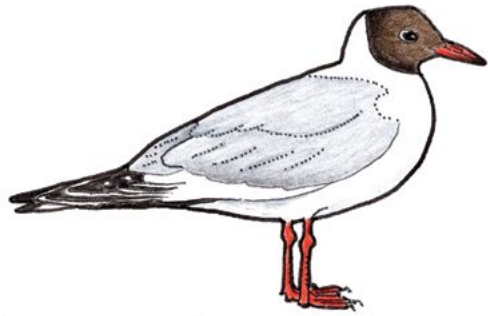
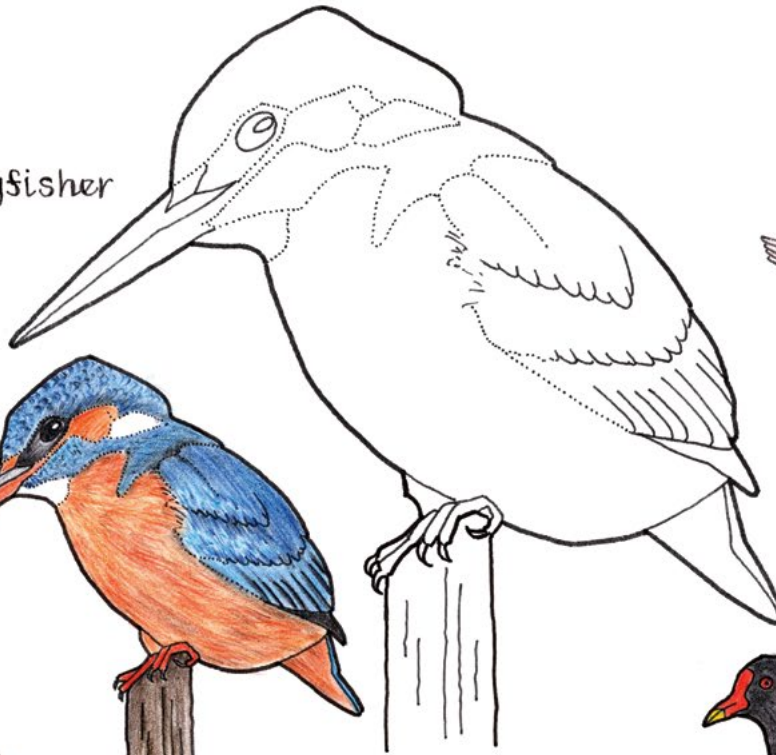
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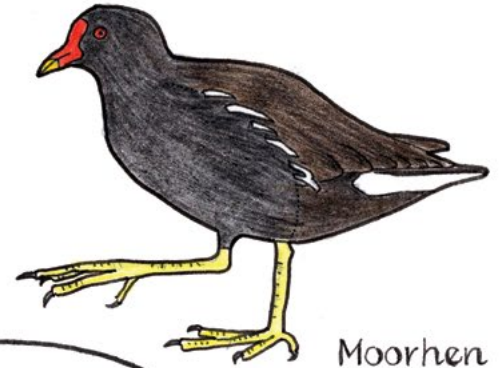
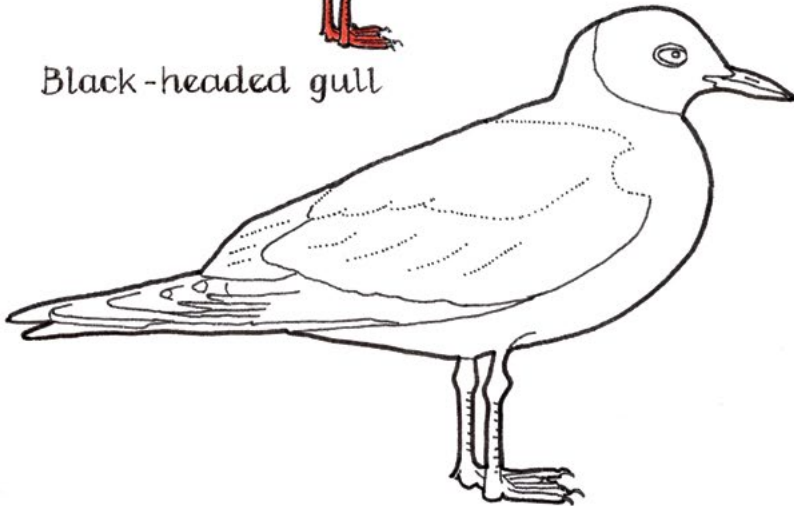
a kingfisher.



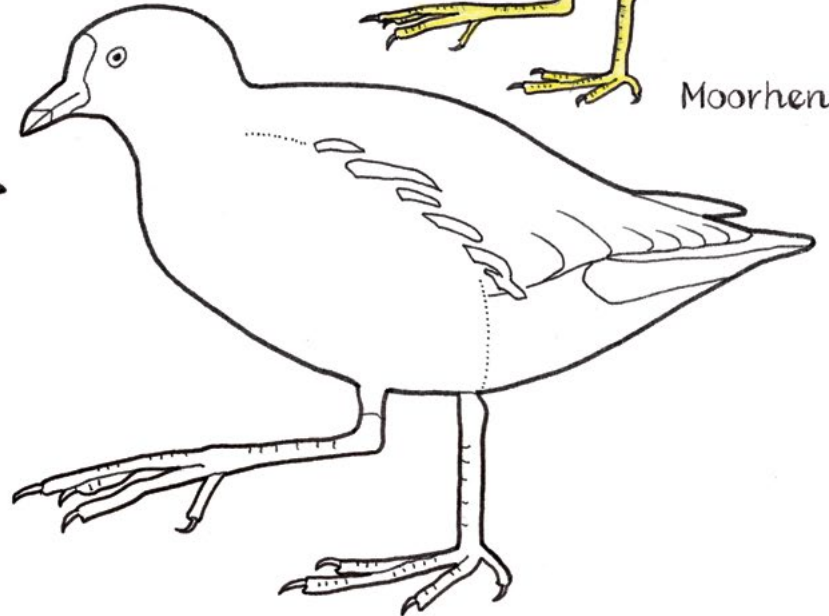
Kingfisher



Black-headed gull



Moorhen



Bedgebury Pinetum



Alex



Rosie



went on a cycle ride



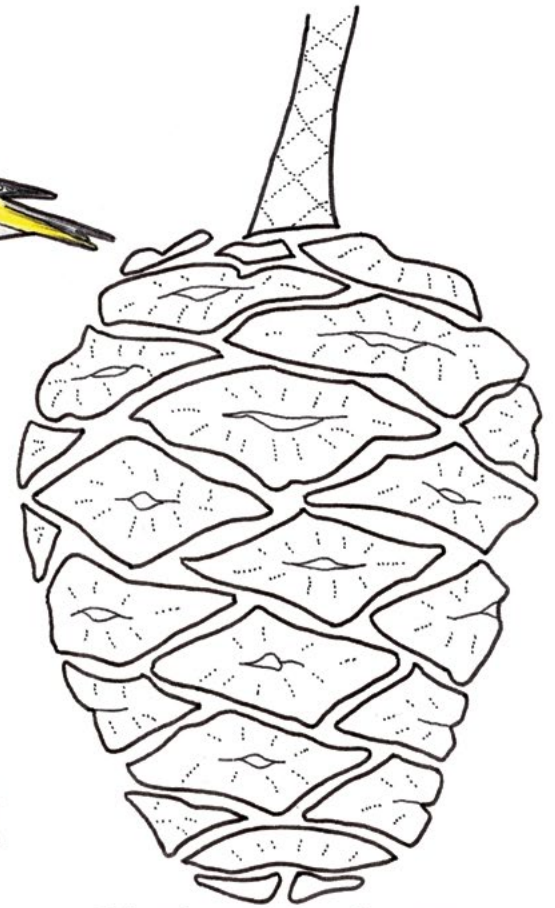
through the forest.



Siskin



Goldcrest



Giant redwood cone



Blue Bell Hill



Alex



and Rosie



found



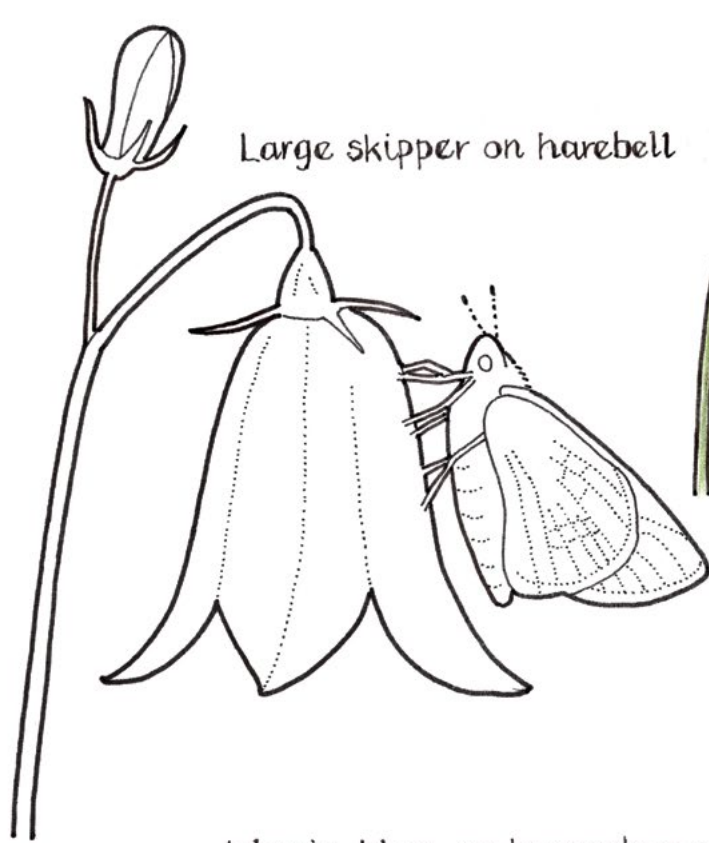
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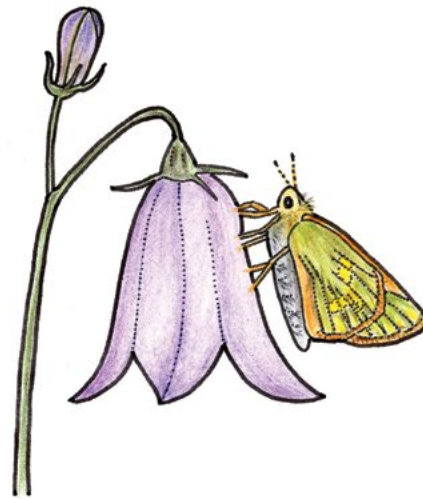
wild flowers



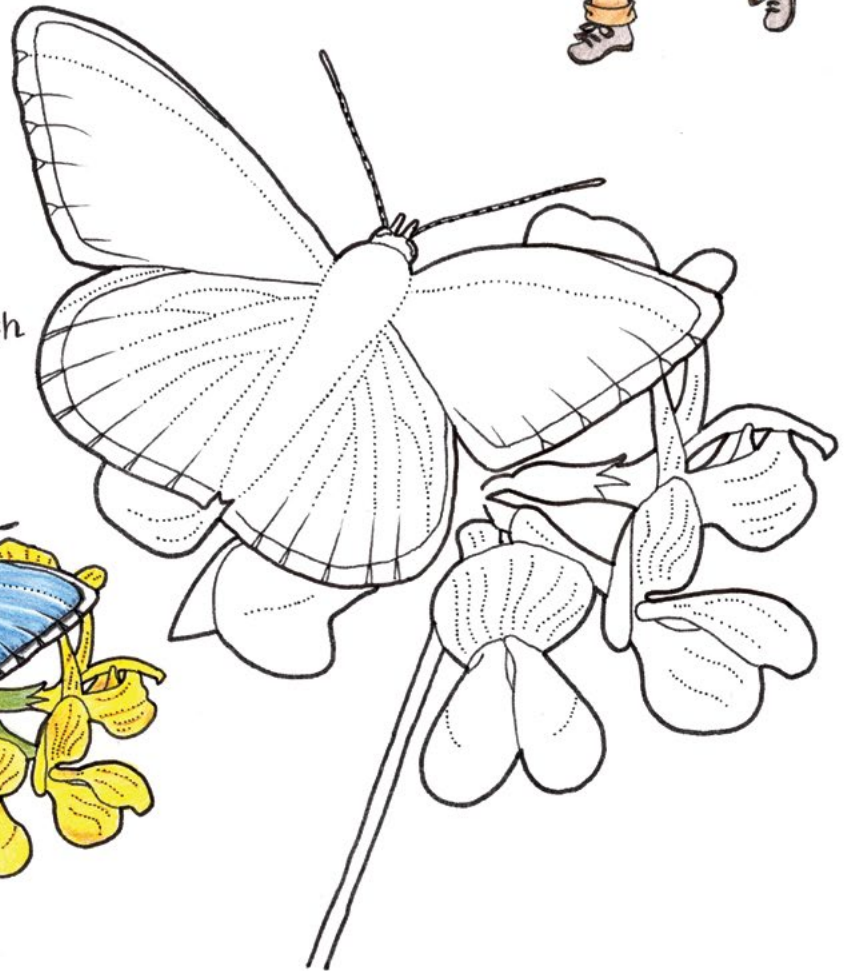
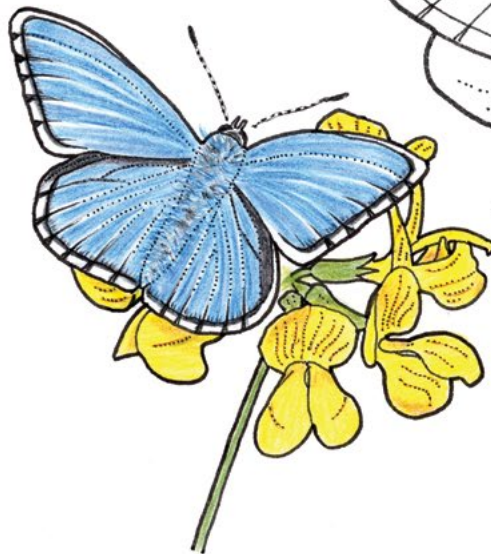
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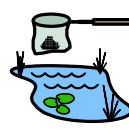
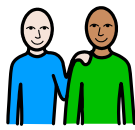
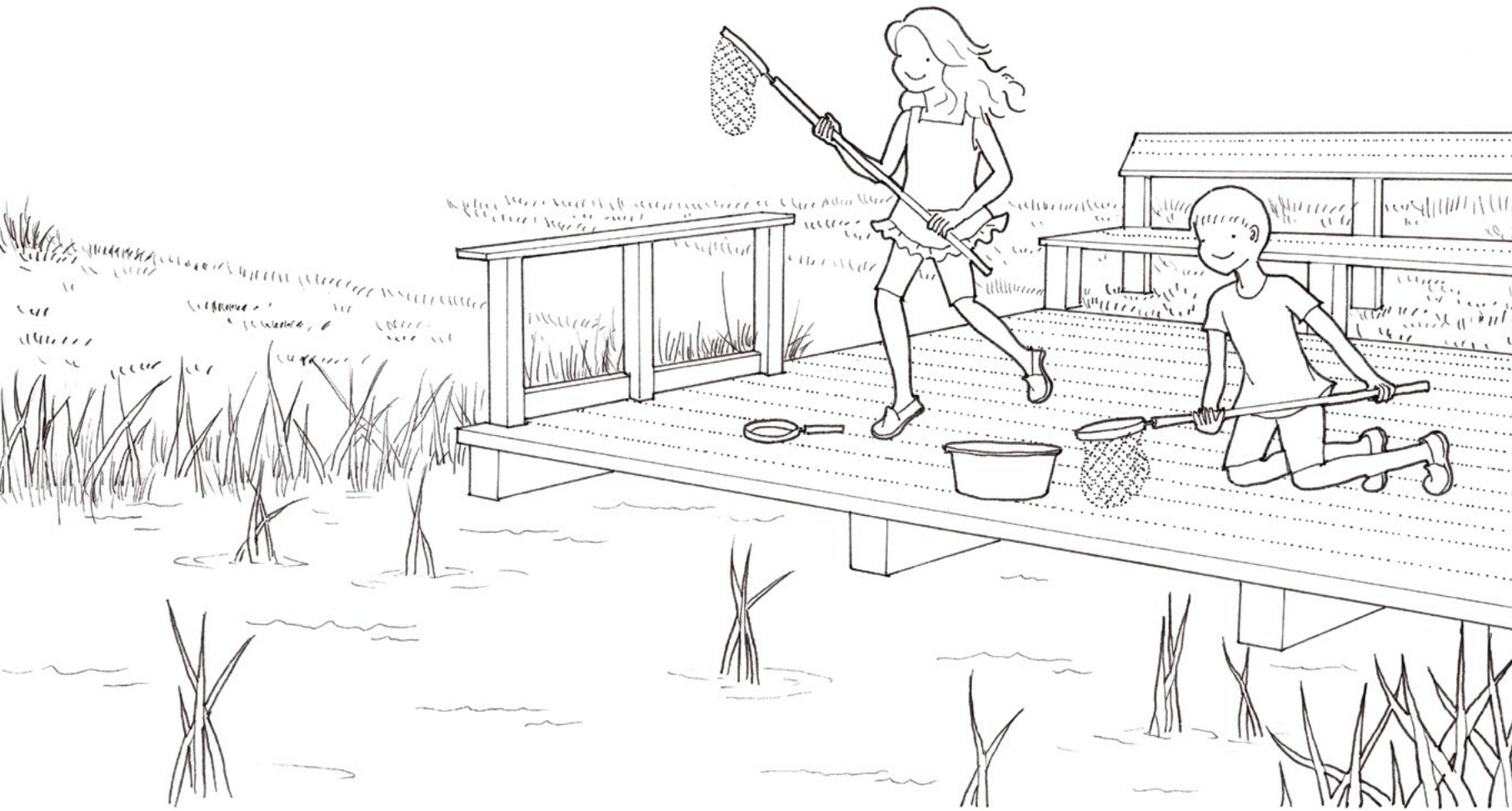
Large skipper on harebell



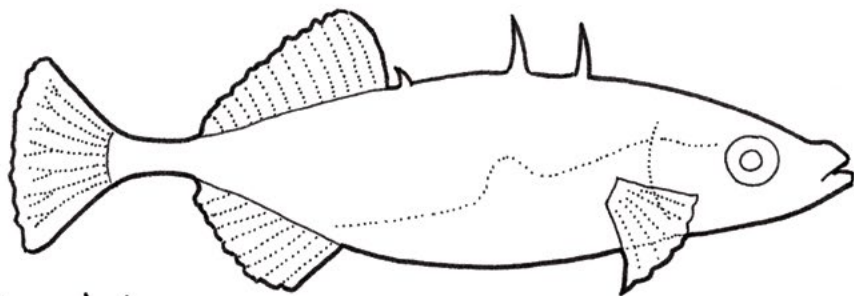
Adonis blue on horseshoe vetch



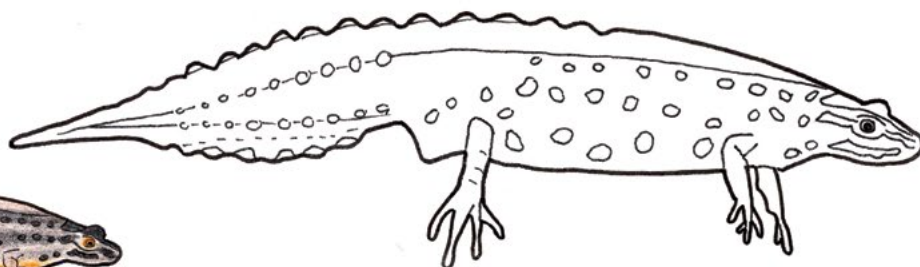
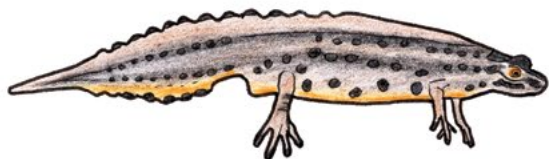
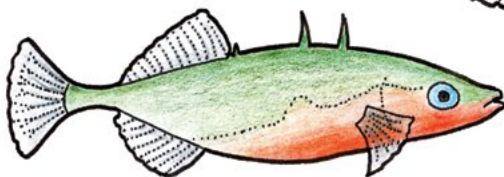
Tyland Barn



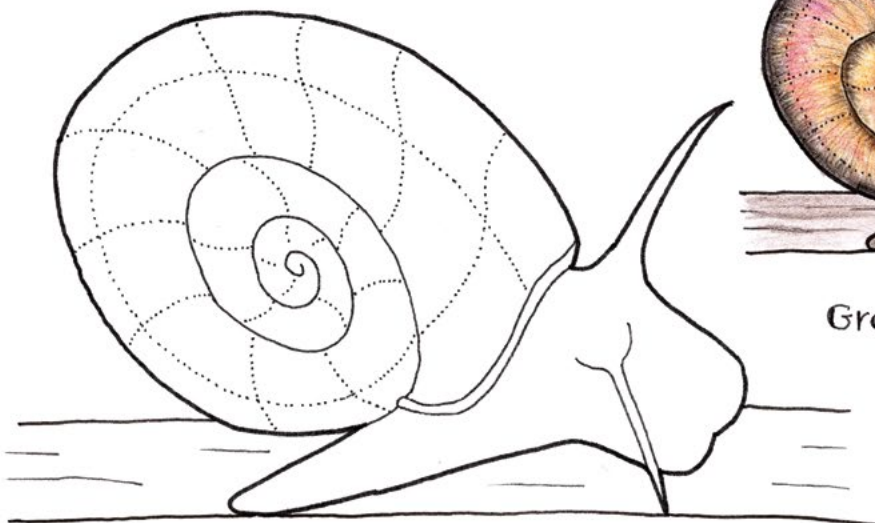
Alex, Rosie and their friend enjoy pond dipping at Tyland Barn.



Three-spined stickleback



Common newt



Great ramshorn snail



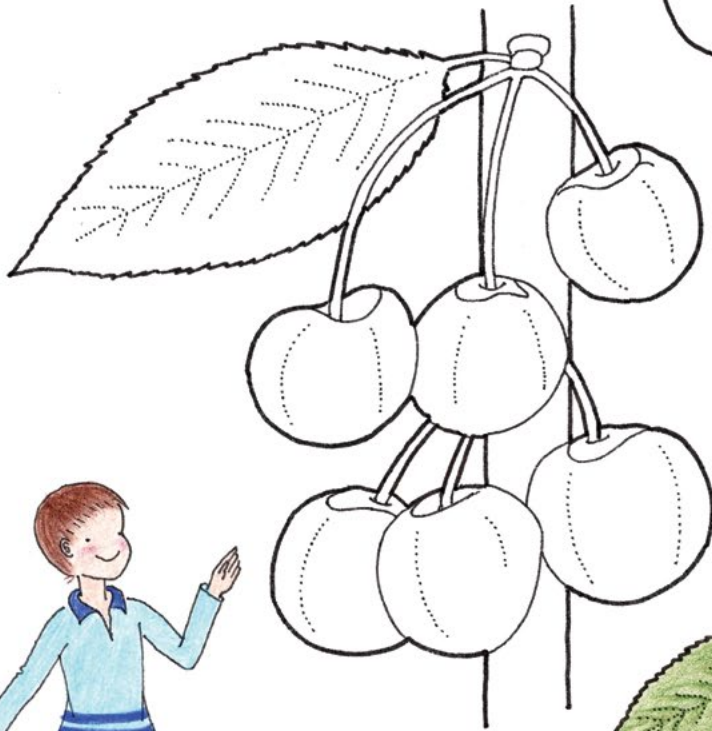
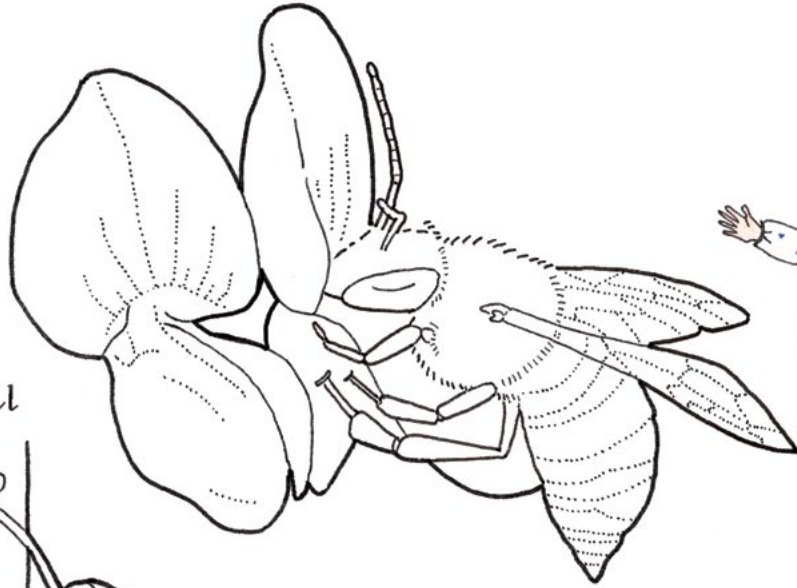
Northward Hill



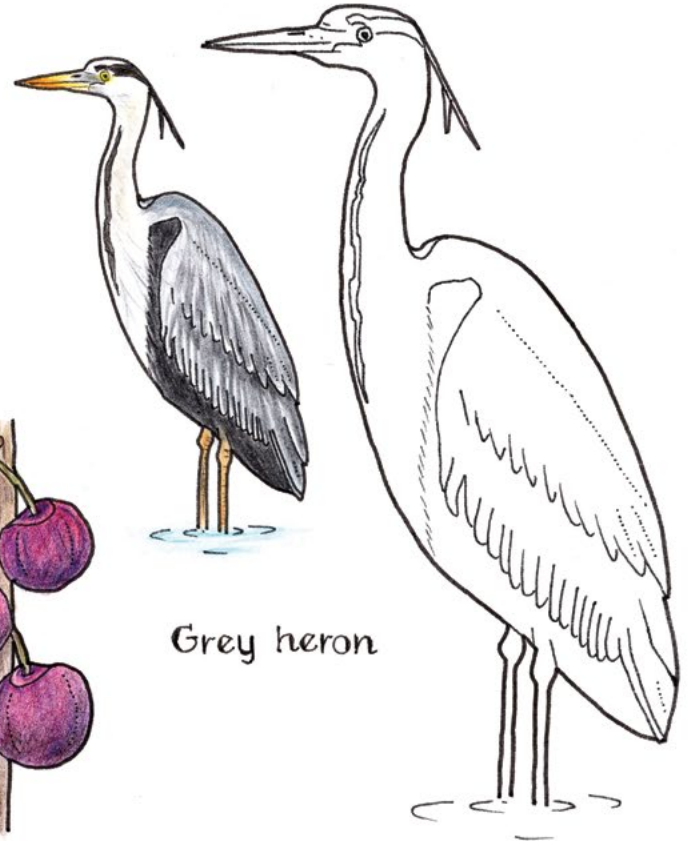
The young herons in the nest were very noisy.



Honey bee on bird's-foot-trefoil

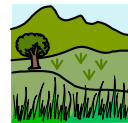
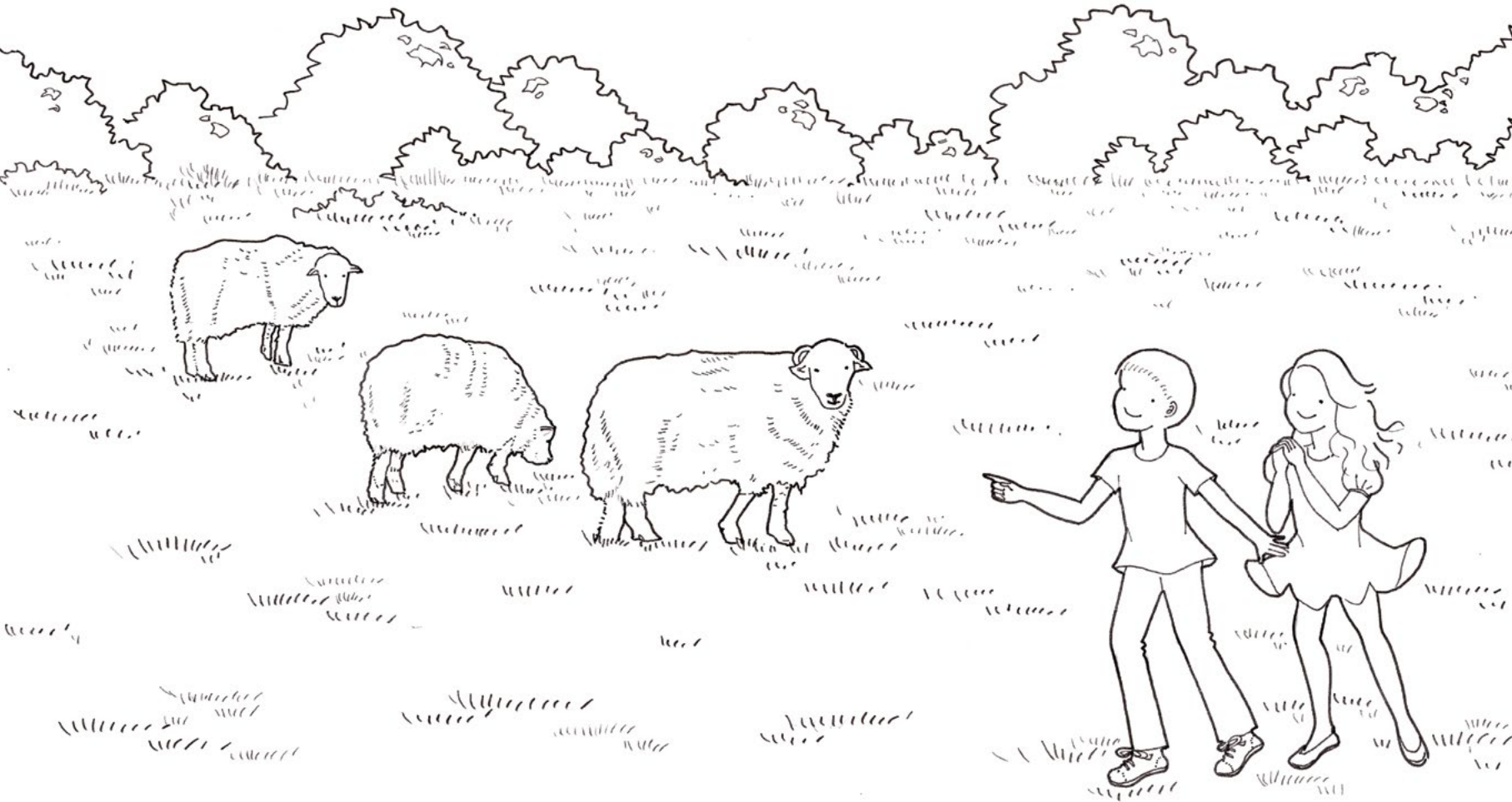


Black cherries

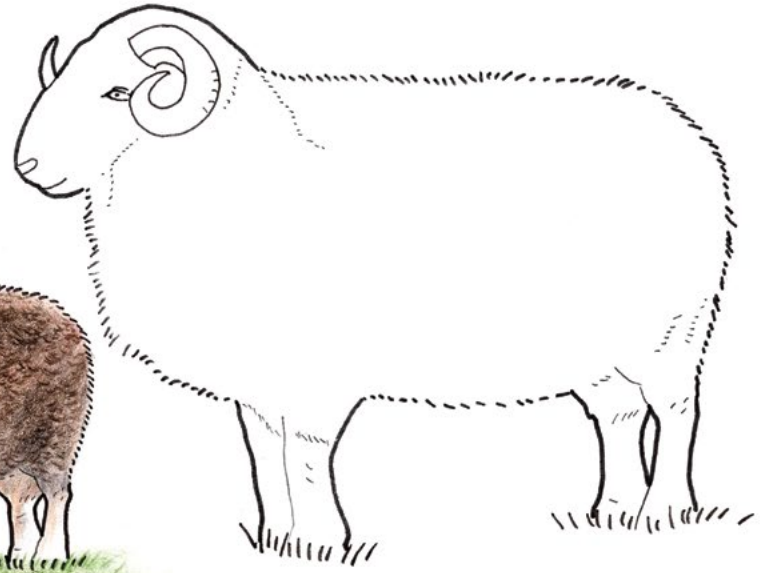
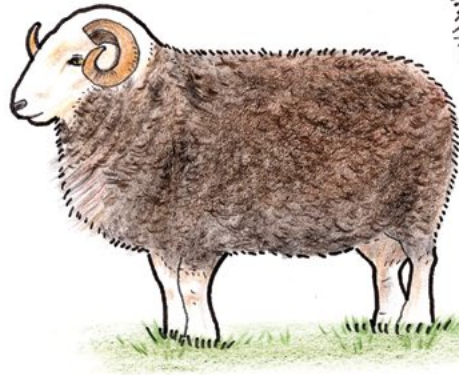


Grey heron

Queendown Warren



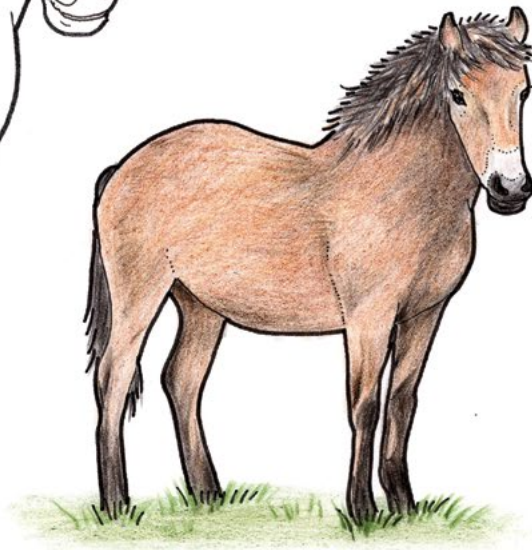
Sheep and ponies were grazing at Queendown Warren.



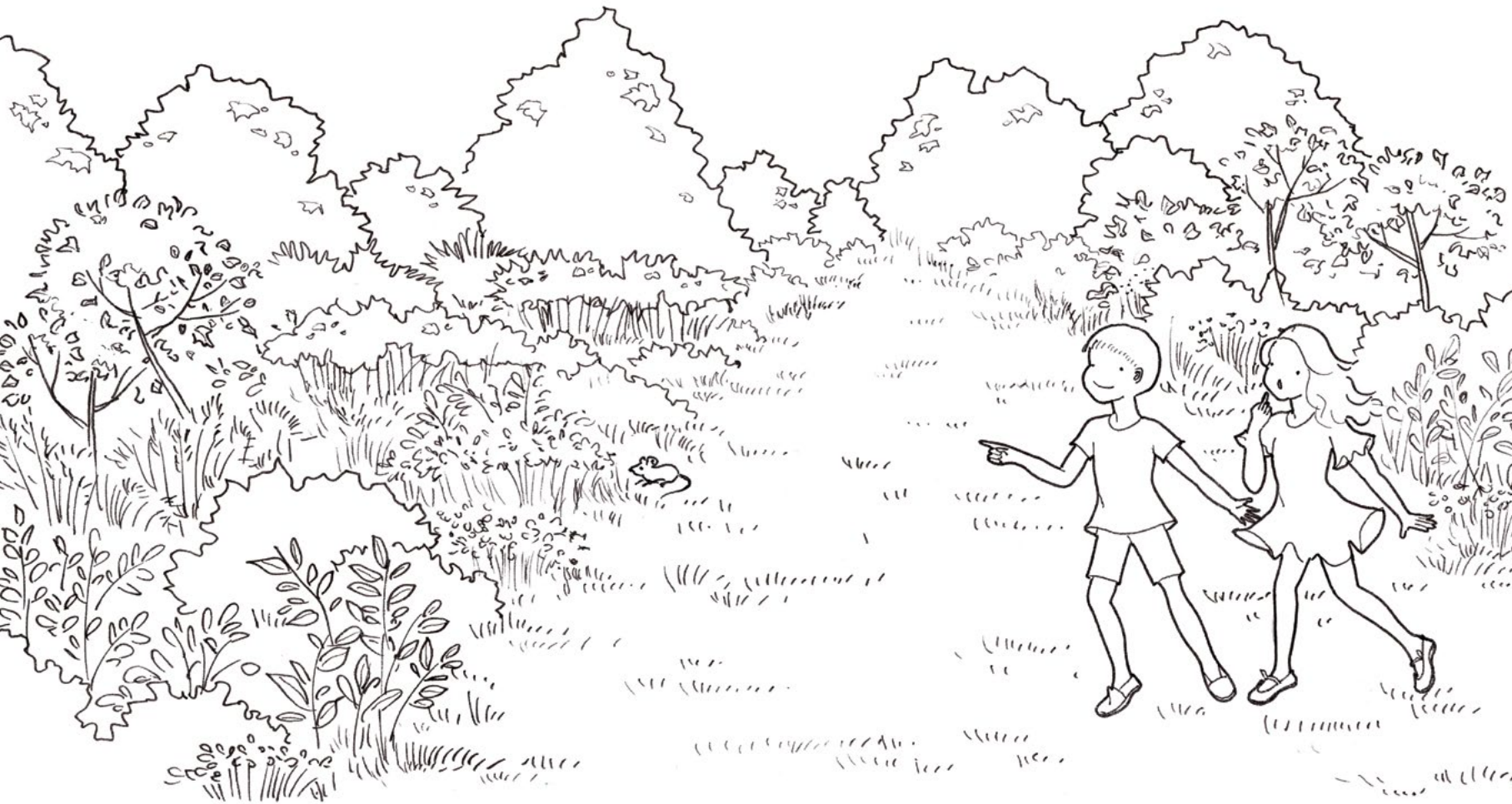
Herdwick sheep



Exmoor pony



Hucking Estate



Alex



and Rosie



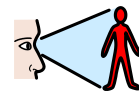
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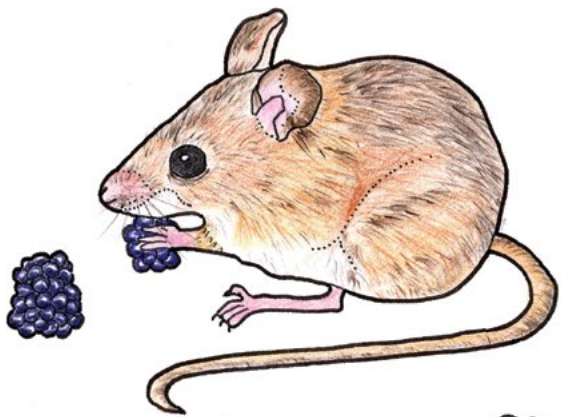
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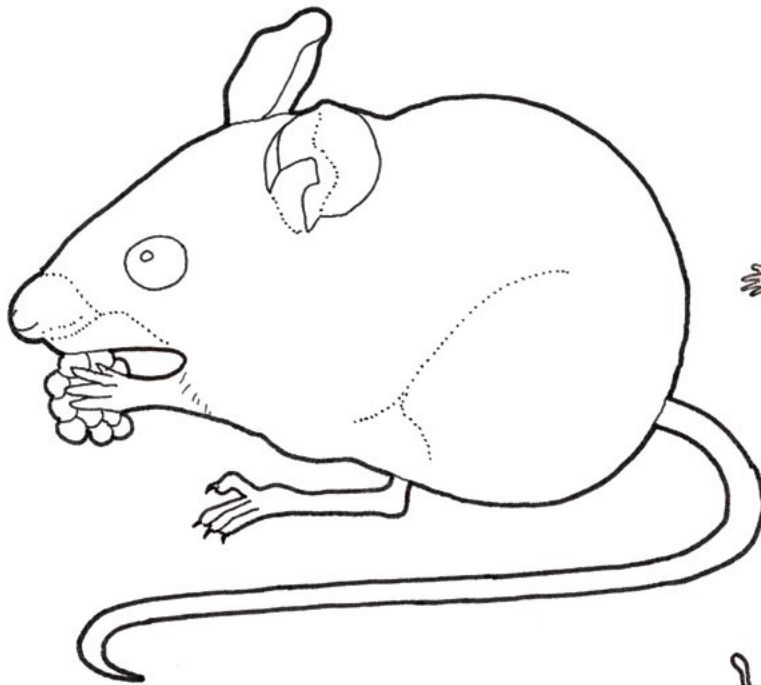
and a wood mouse



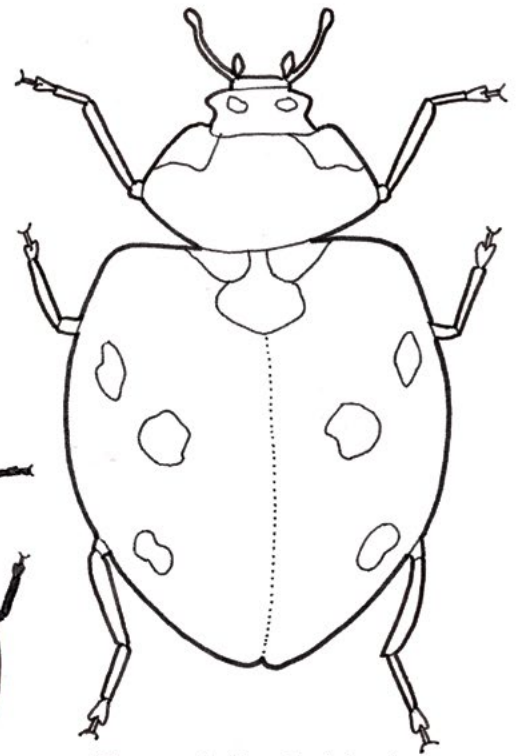
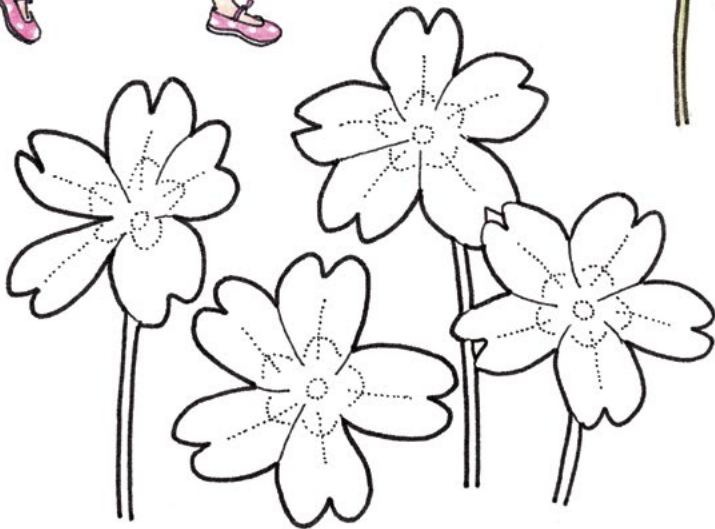
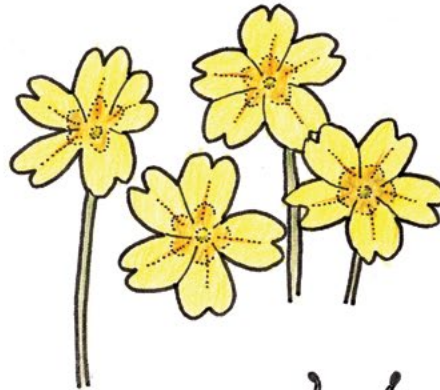
appeared!



Wood mouse

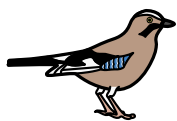


Primroses



7-spot ladybird

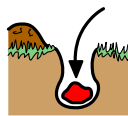
Dering Wood



Jays



and squirrels



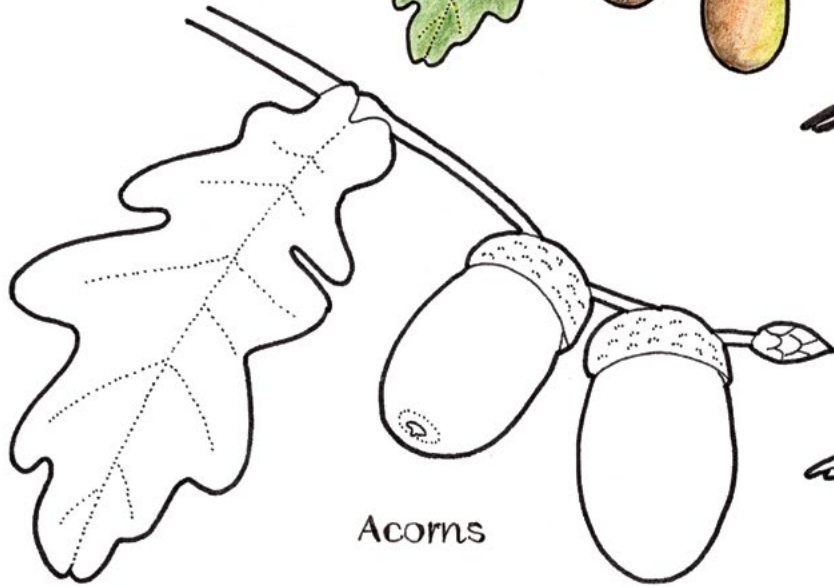
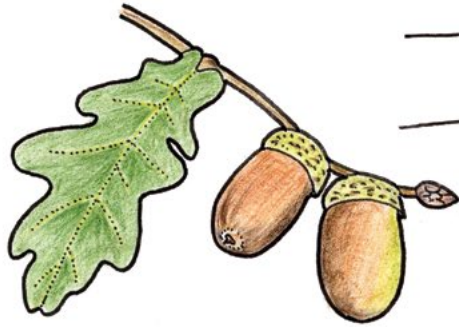
were burying



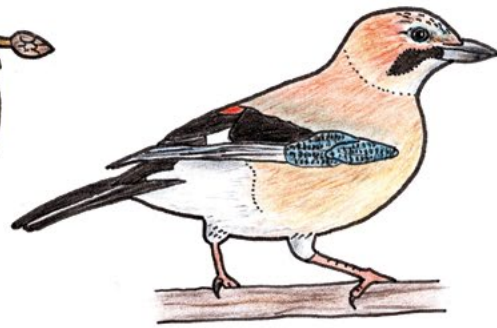
acorns



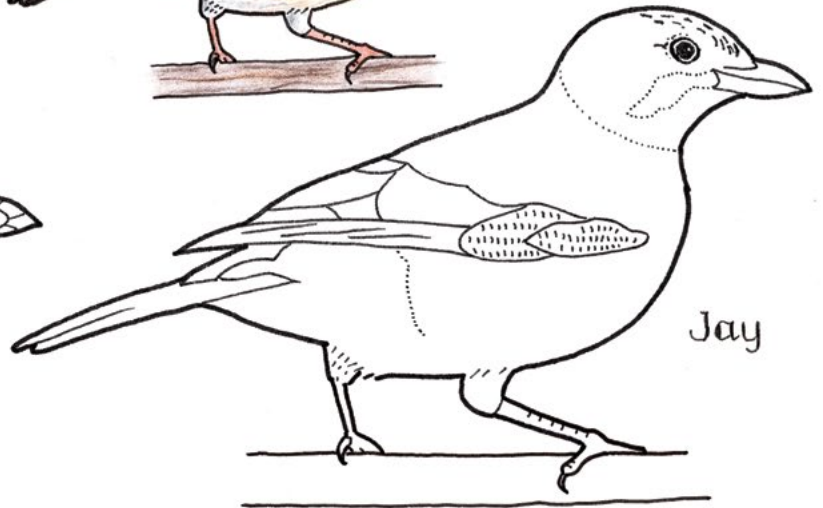
for the winter.



Acorns

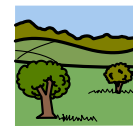
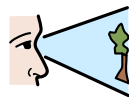
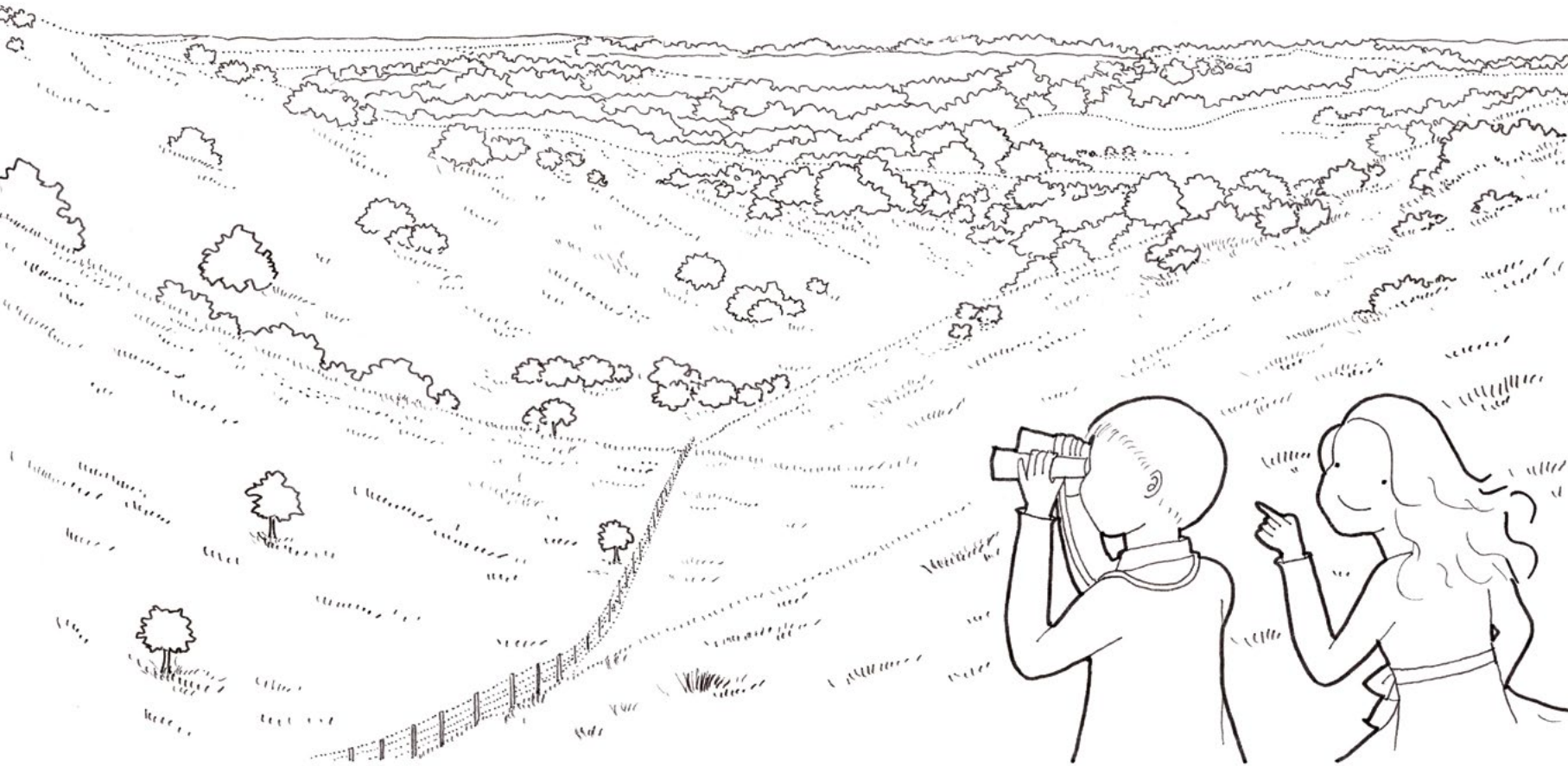


Grey squirrel

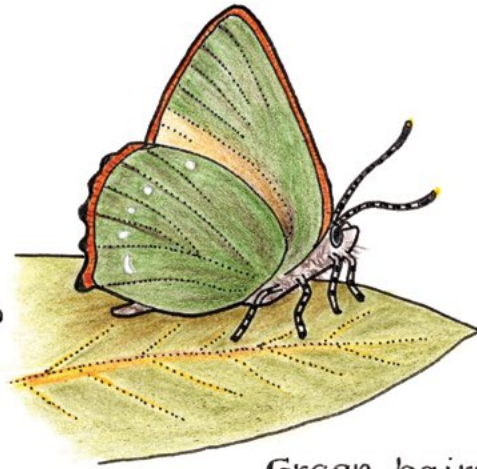
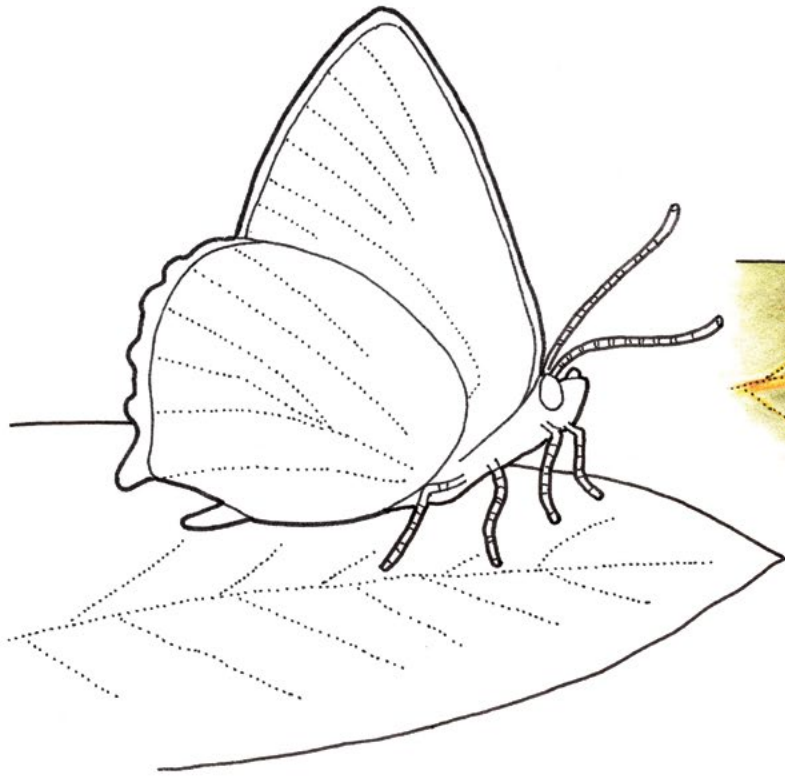


Jay

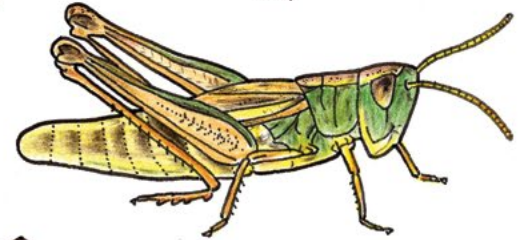
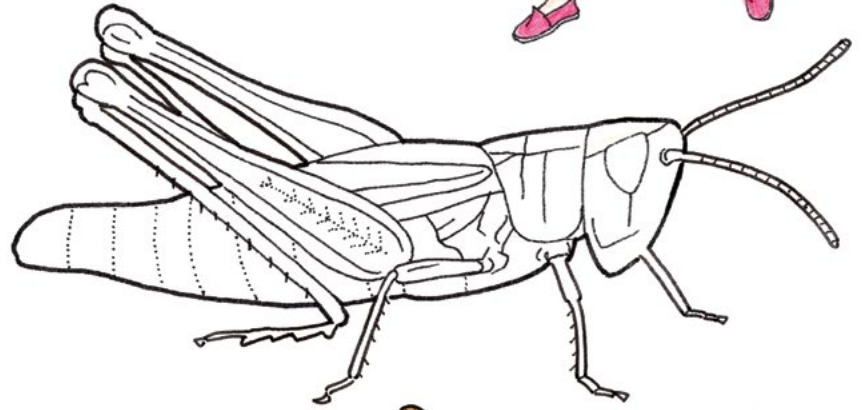
Wye Downs NNR



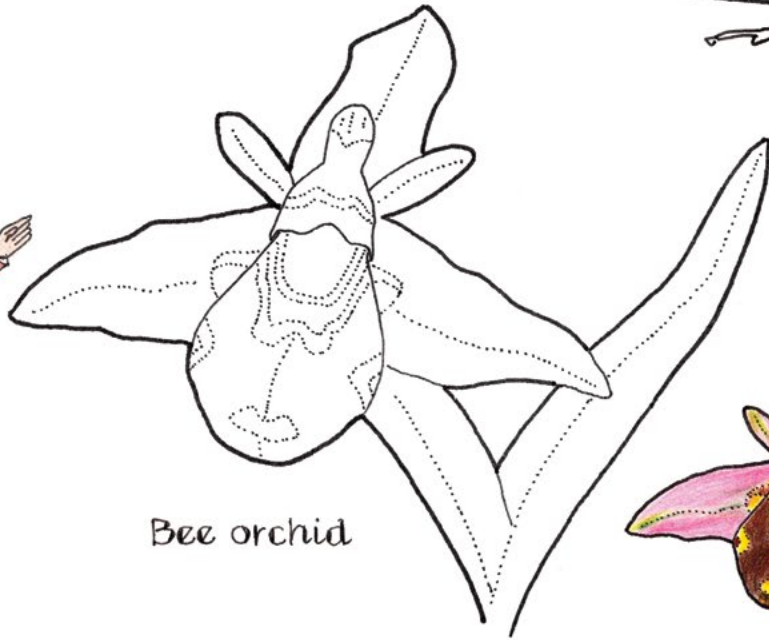
Alex and Rosie enjoyed looking at the wonderful view.



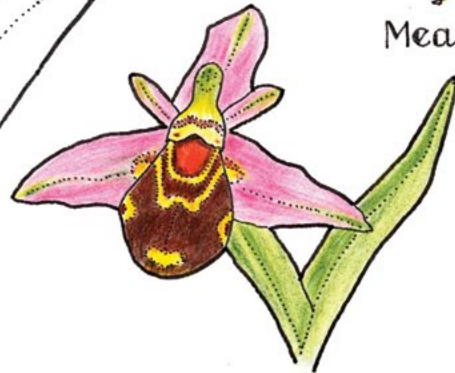
Green hairstreak



Meadow grasshopper



Bee orchid



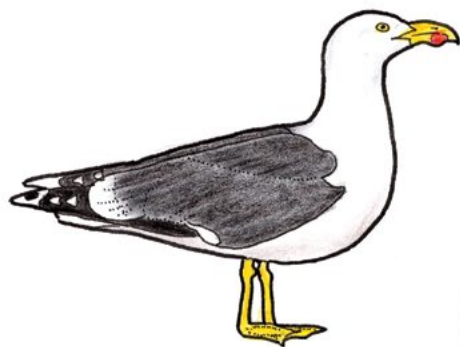
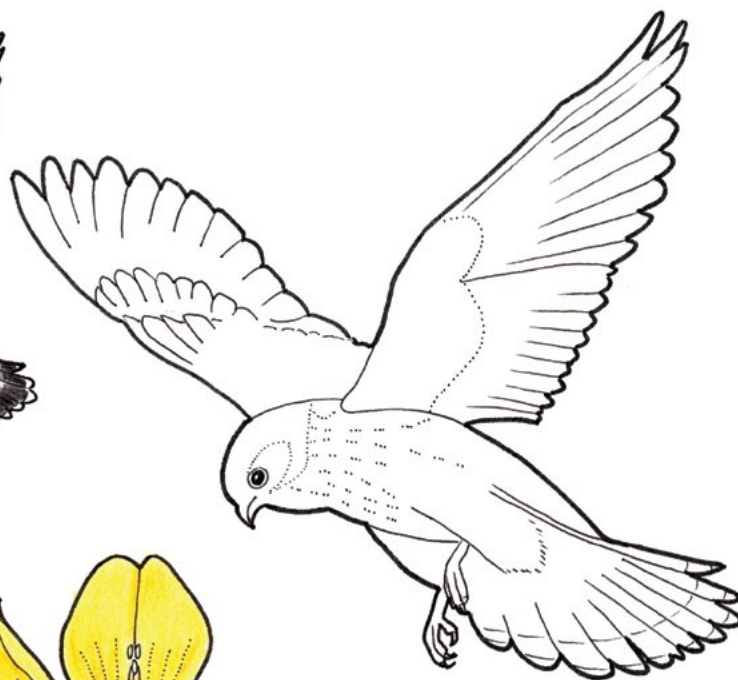
Dungeness NNR



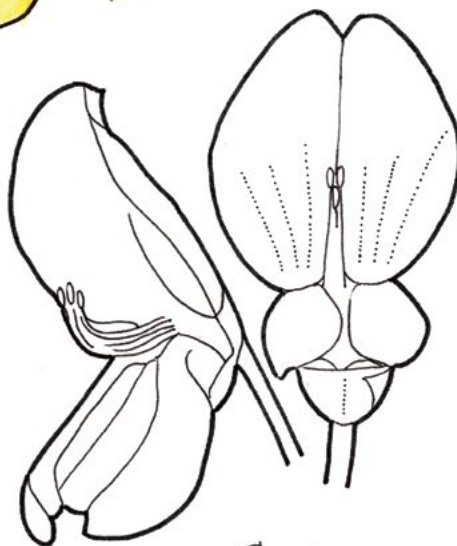
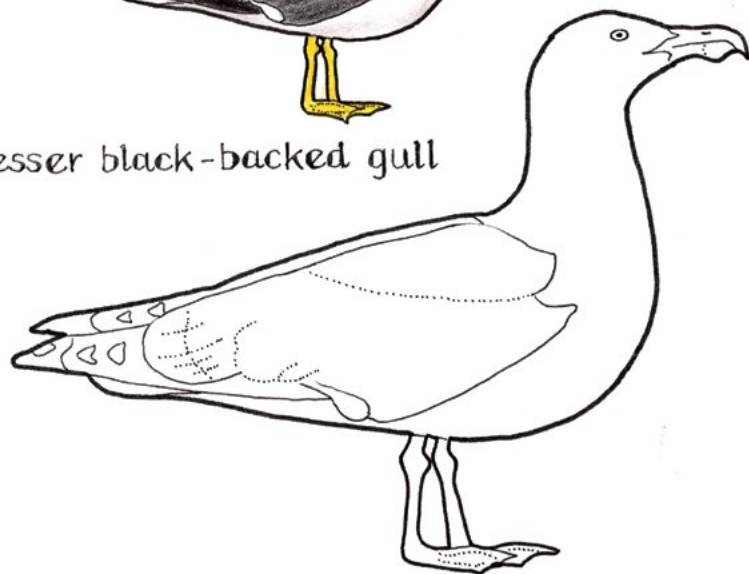
The Old Lighthouse is very tall!



Kestrel



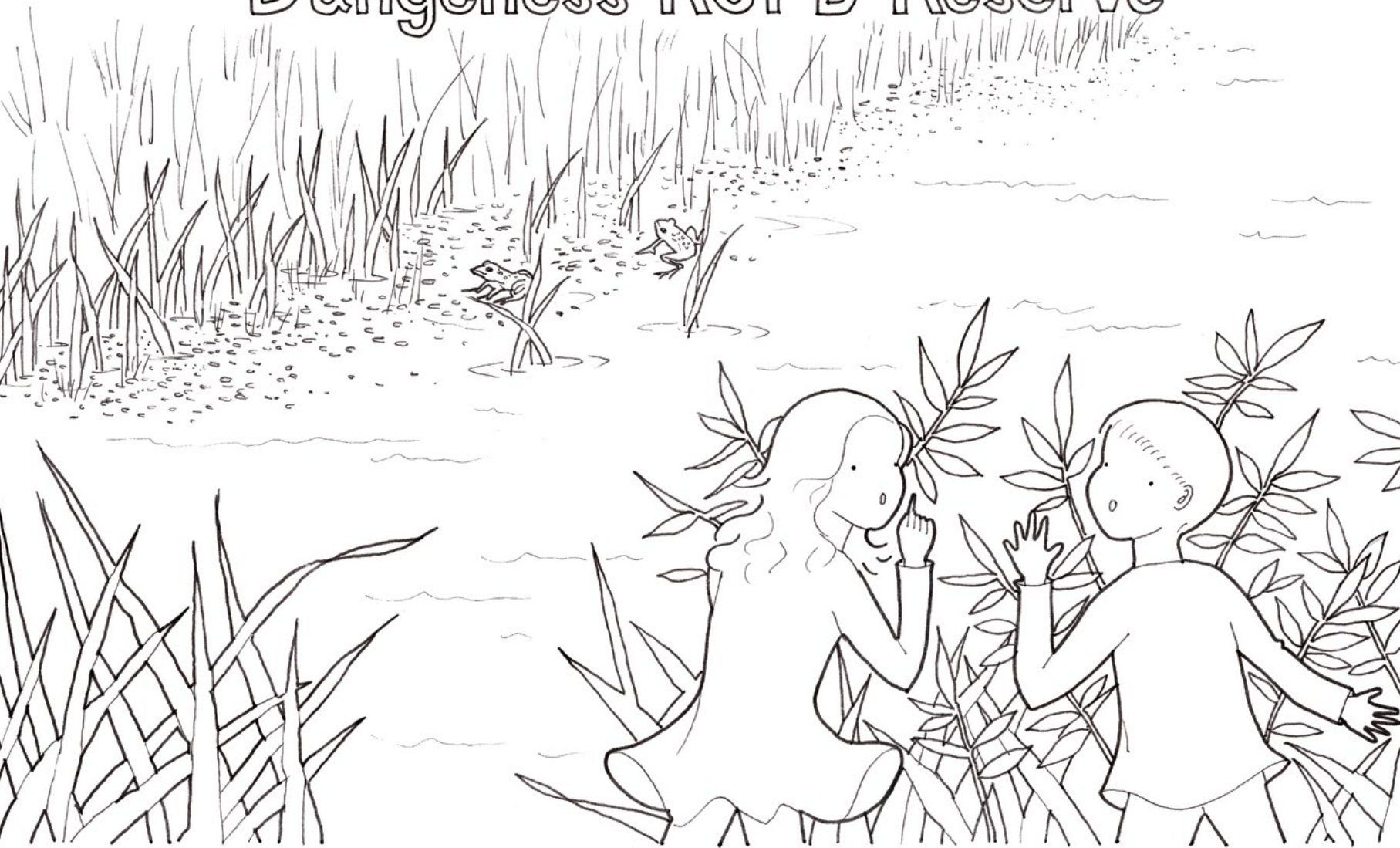
Lesser black-backed gull



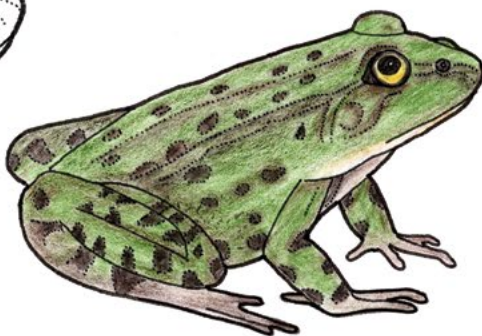
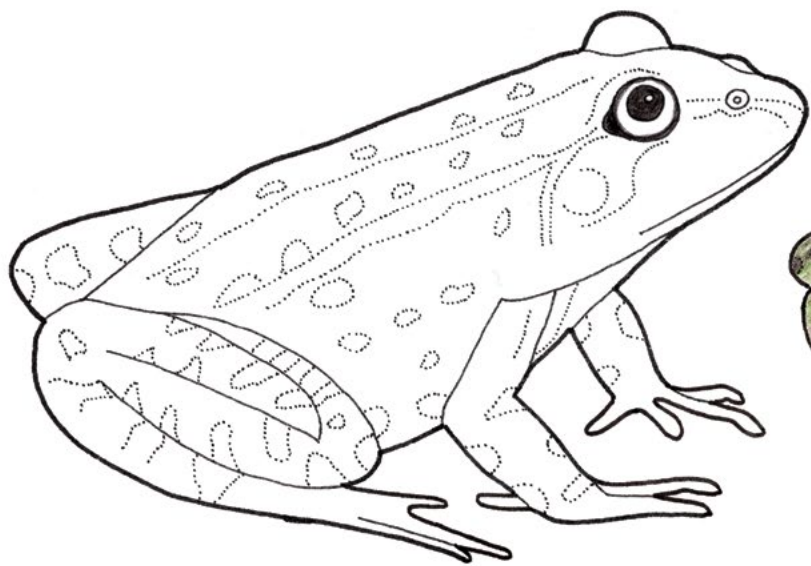
Gorse



Dungeness RSPB Reserve



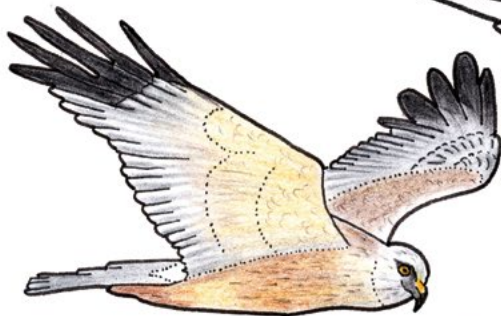
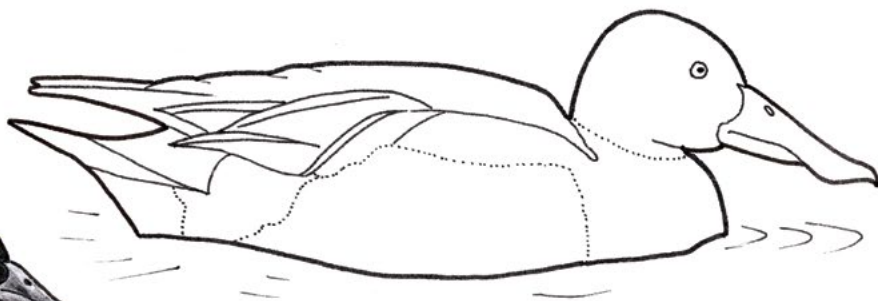
Alex and Rosie smiled when they heard the frog chorus.



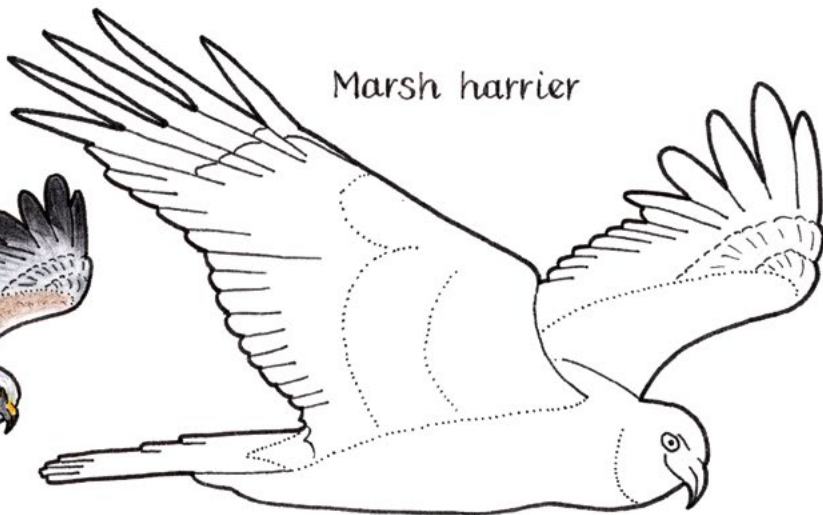
Marsh frog



Shoveler



Marsh harrier



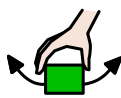
Blean Woods NNR



Alex



and Rosie



used



autumn



leaves



to make



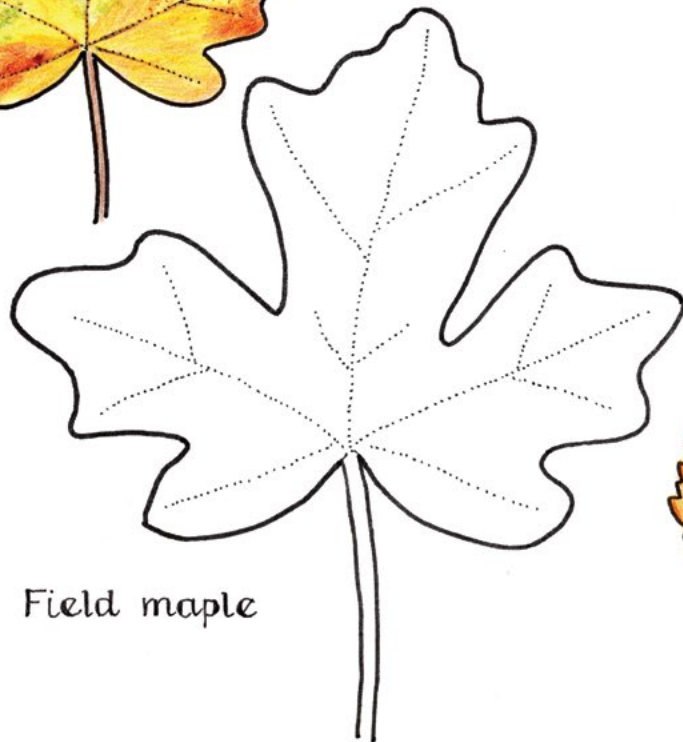
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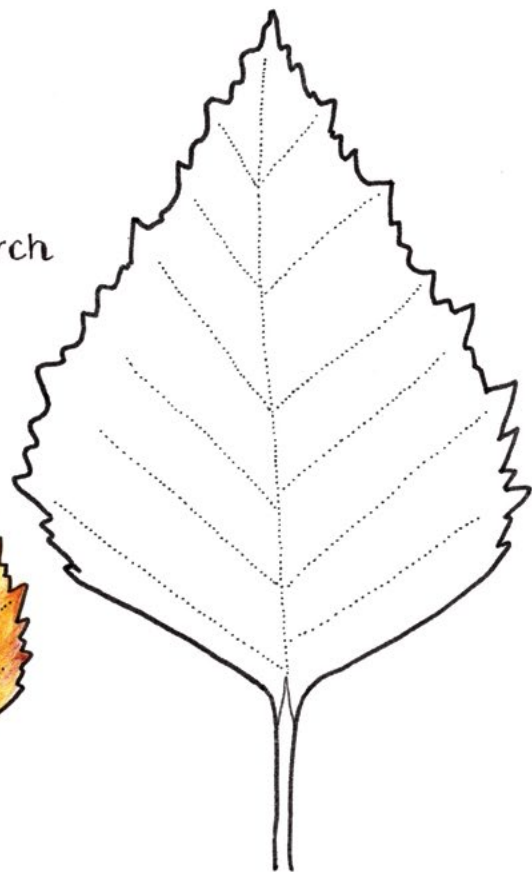
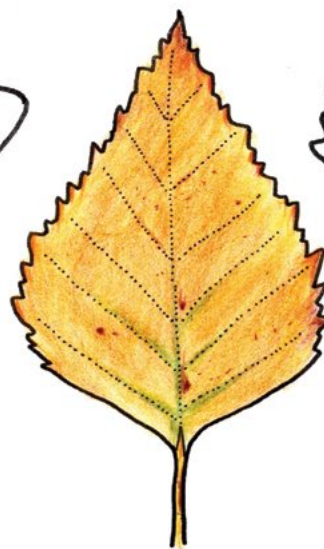


Beech

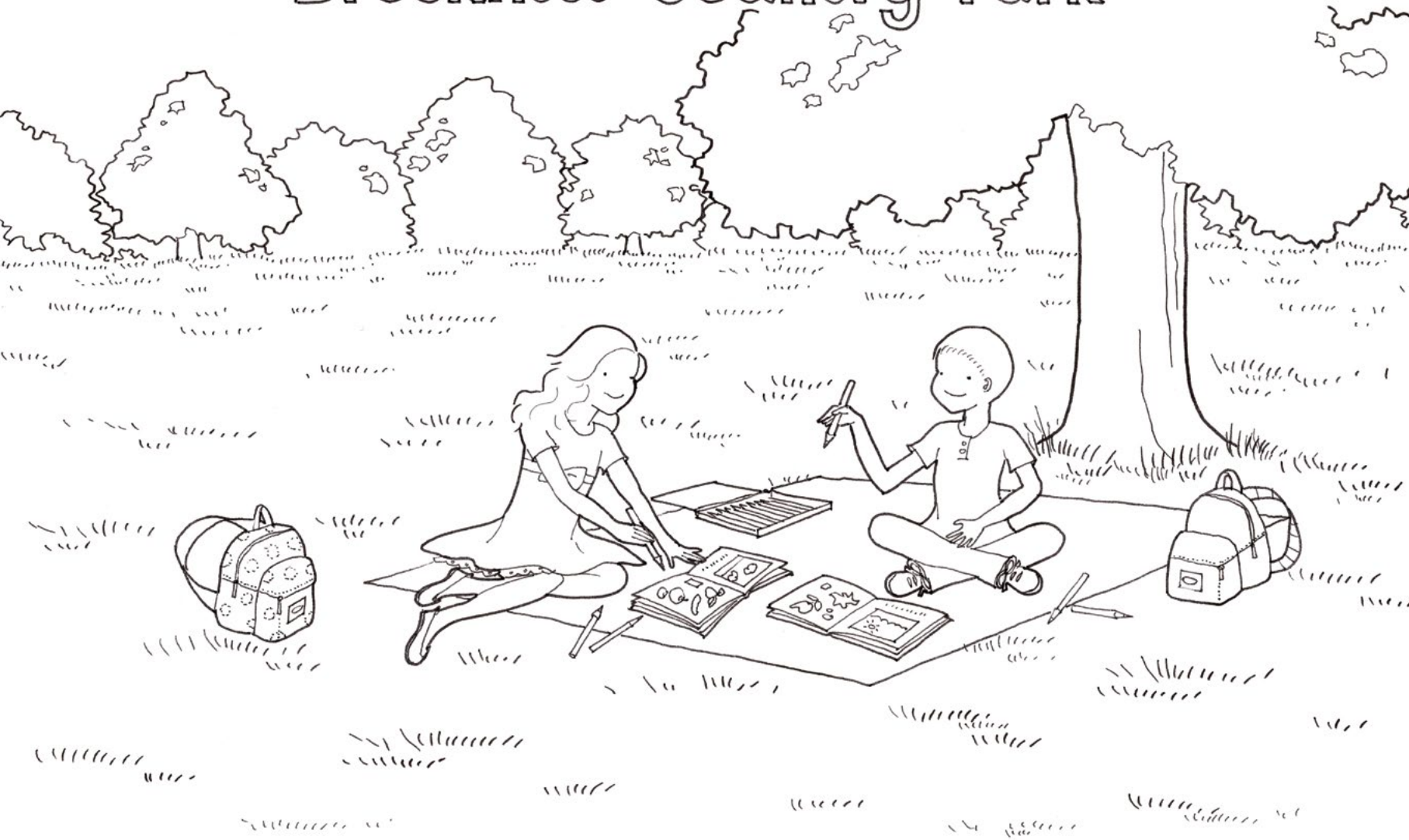


Field maple

Silver birch



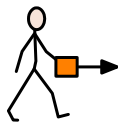
Brockhill Country Park



Alex



and Rosie



took



their colouring



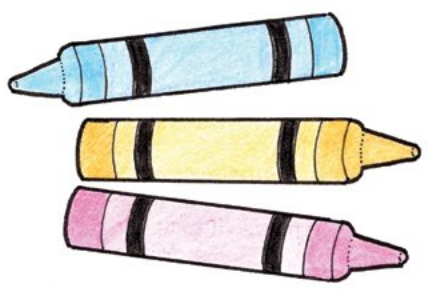
books



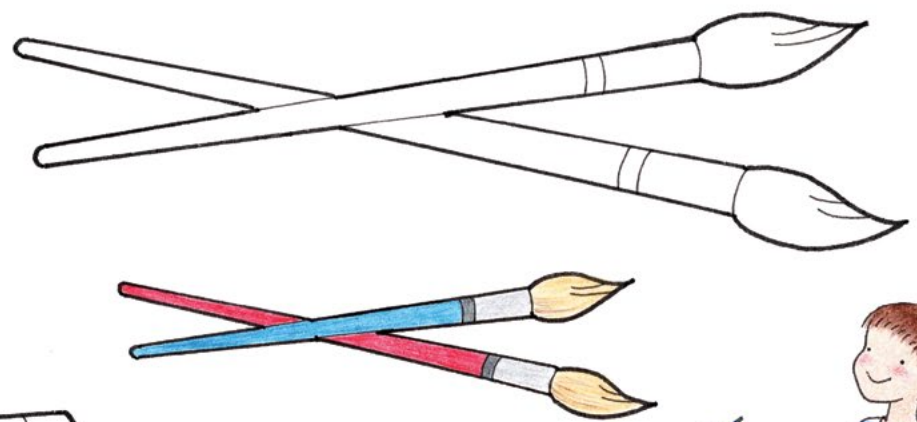
to the park.



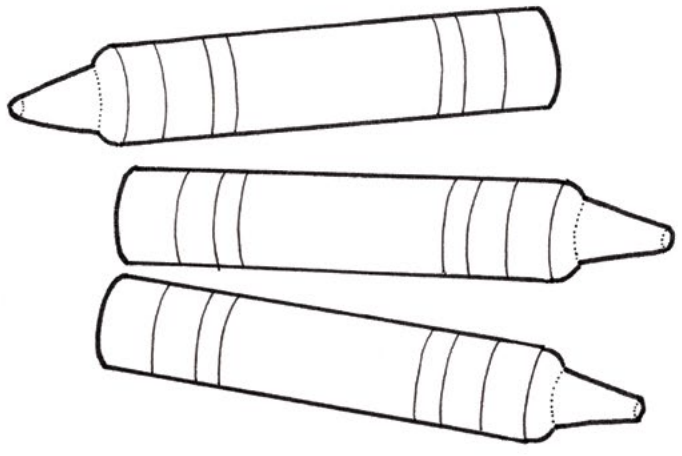
Paint box



Crayons



Paint brushes



Stodmarsh



Alex

and



Rosie

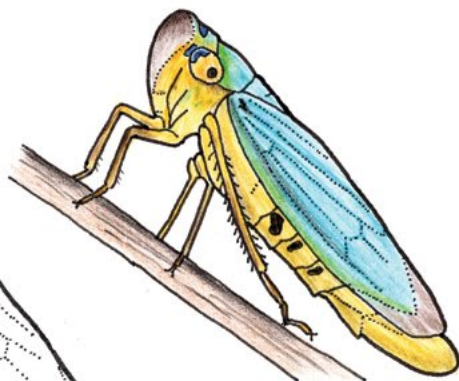
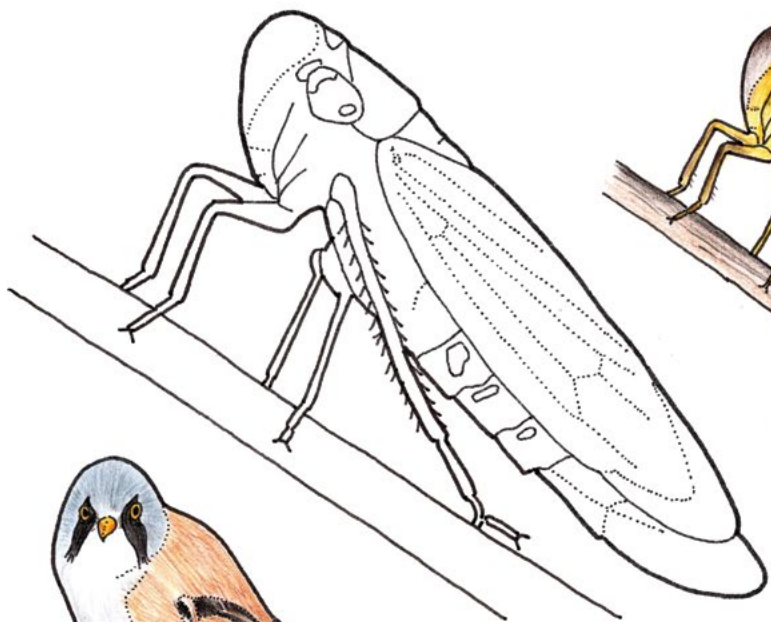


like

to



walk on the boardwalk.



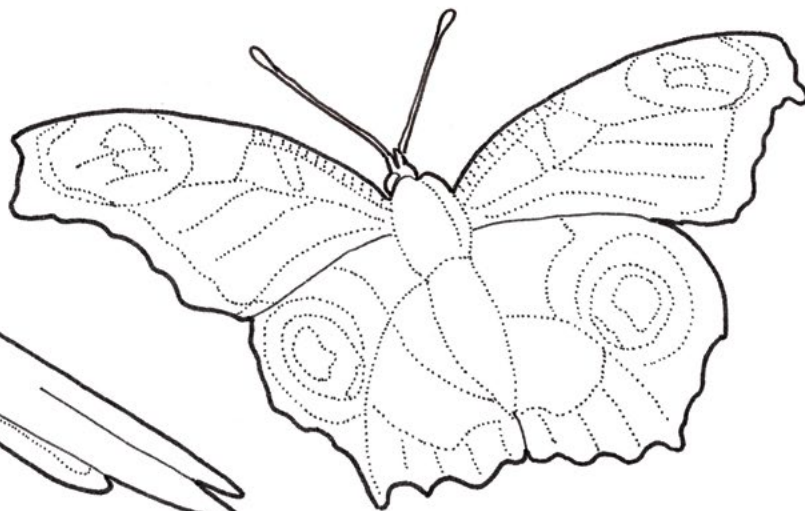
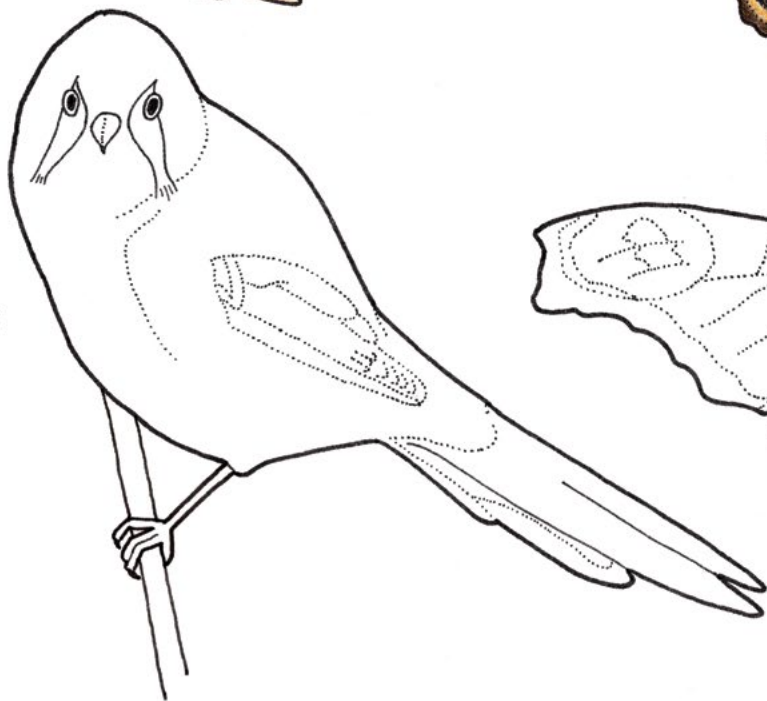
Green leafhopper



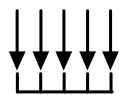
Bearded tit



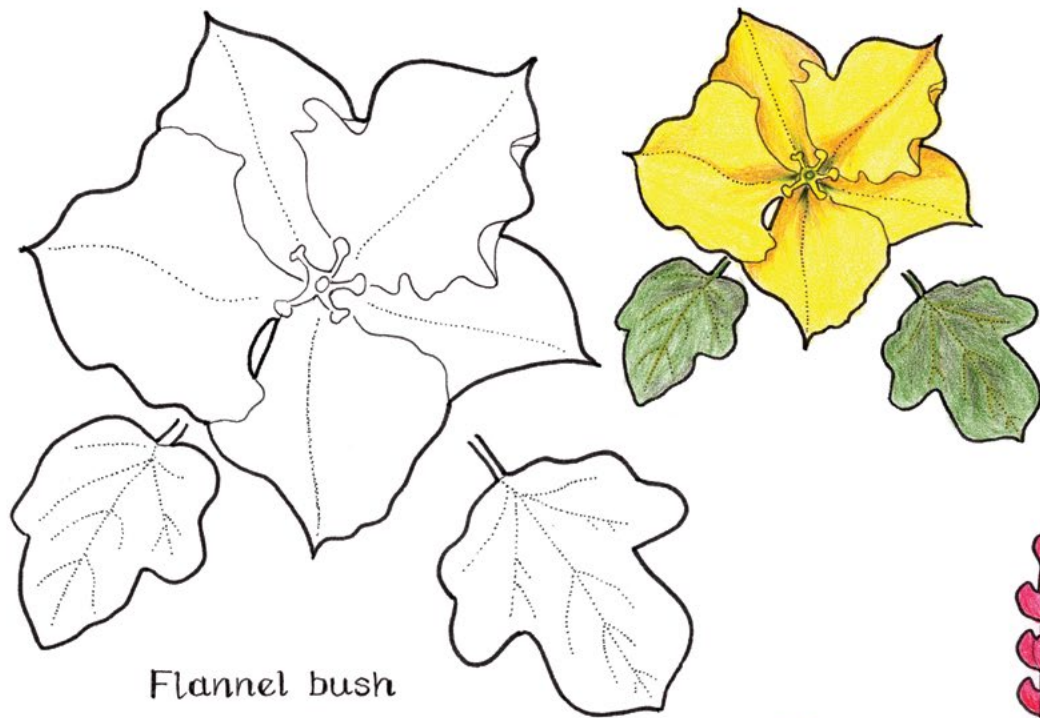
Peacock



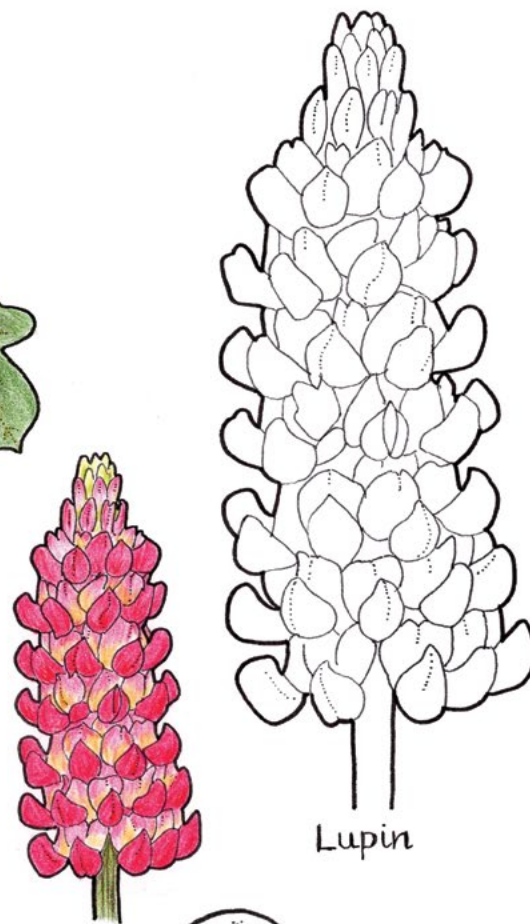
Goodnestone Park Gardens



There were a lot of colourful flowers in the garden.



Flannel bush



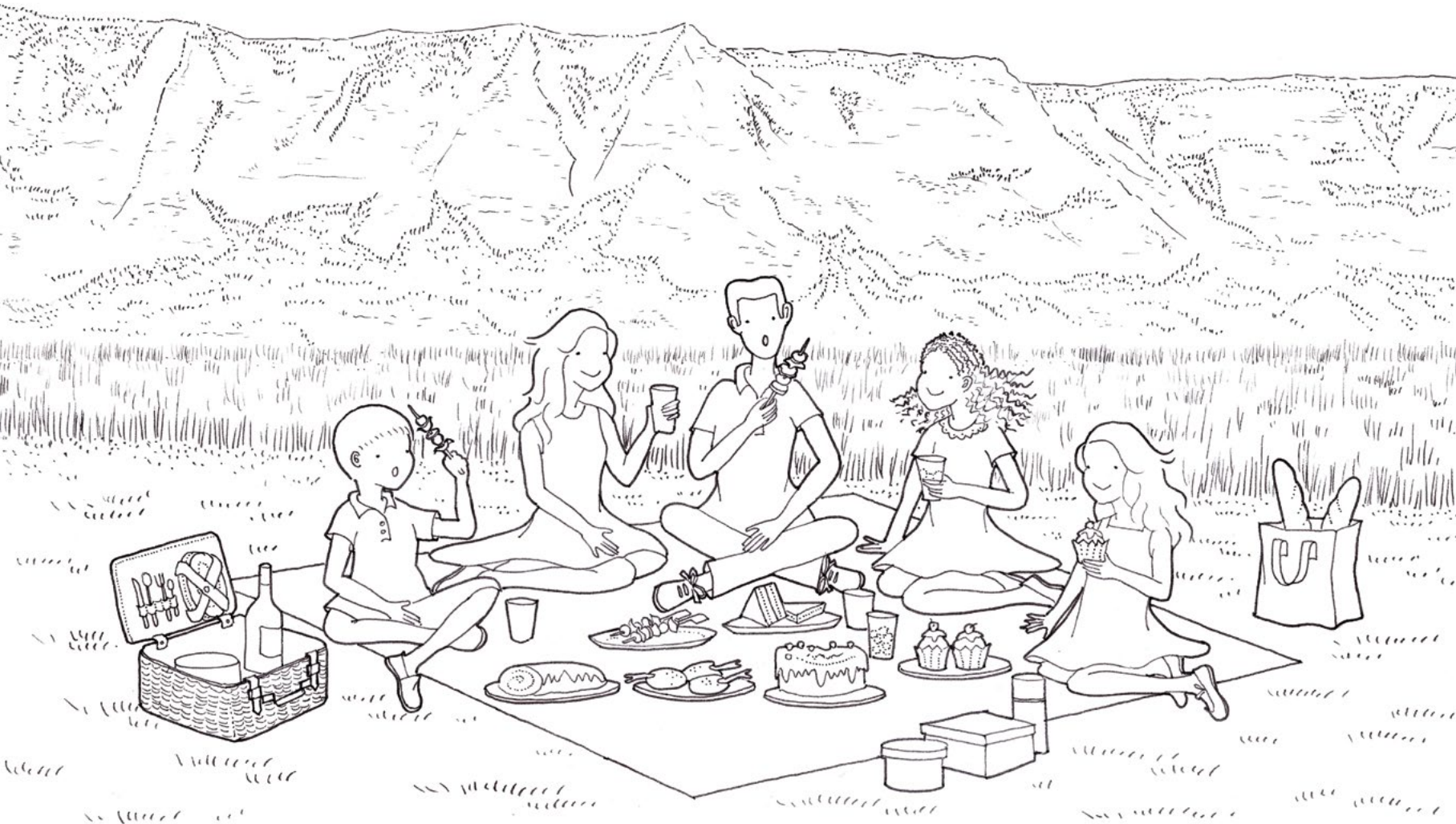
Lupin



Clematis



Samphire Hoe



Alex

and



Rosie



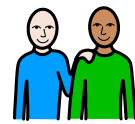
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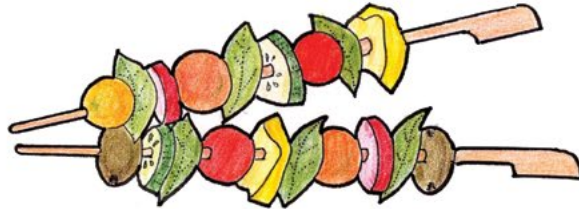
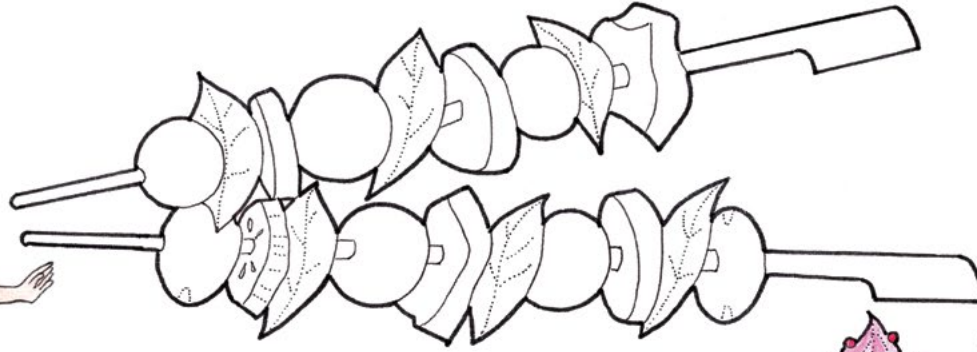


picnic

with their



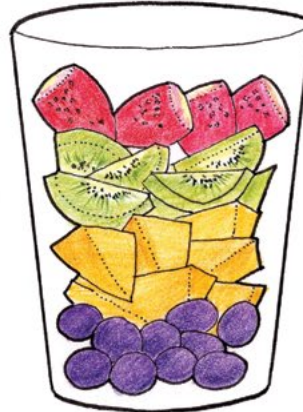
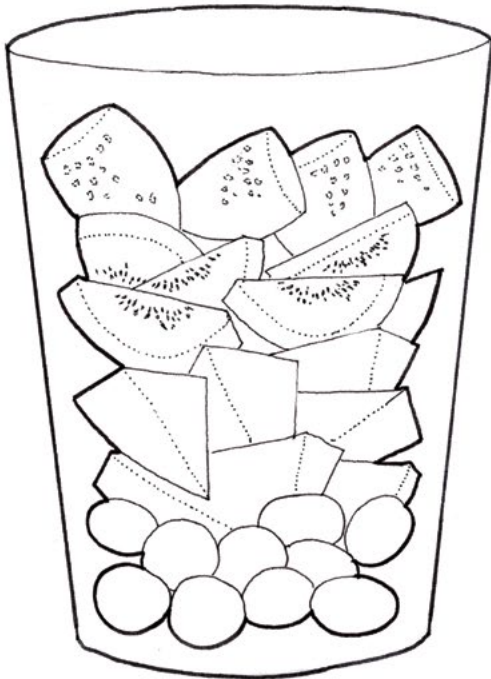
friend.



Salad skewers



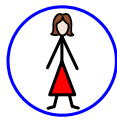
Cupcakes



Fruit salad



Pines Garden



Mum



read a story

to



Alex

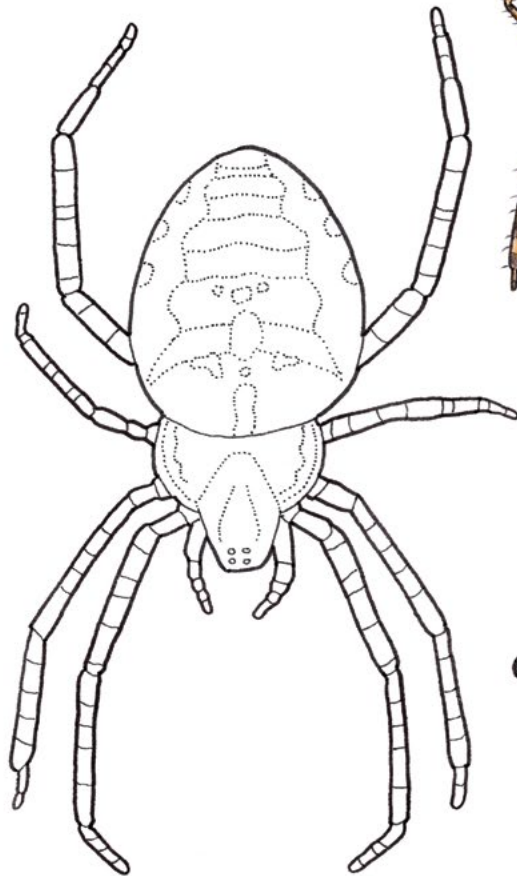
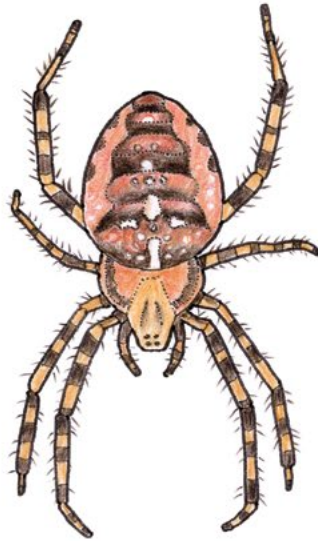
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Rosie.



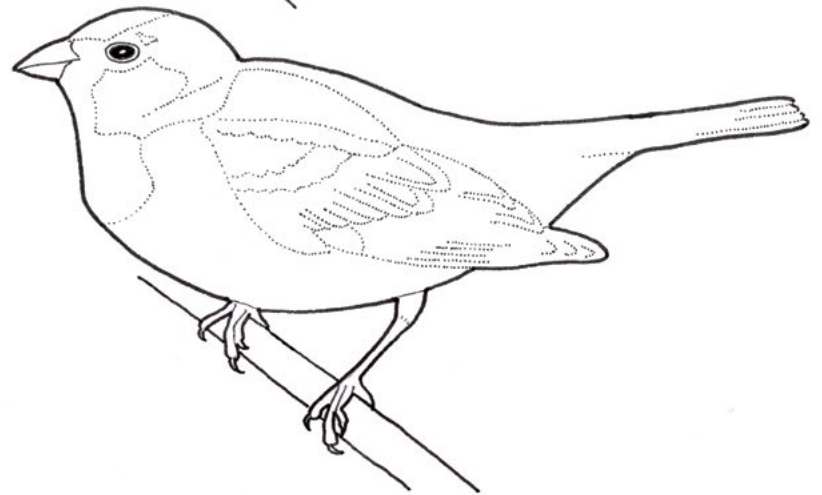
Robin



Garden spider



House sparrow



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