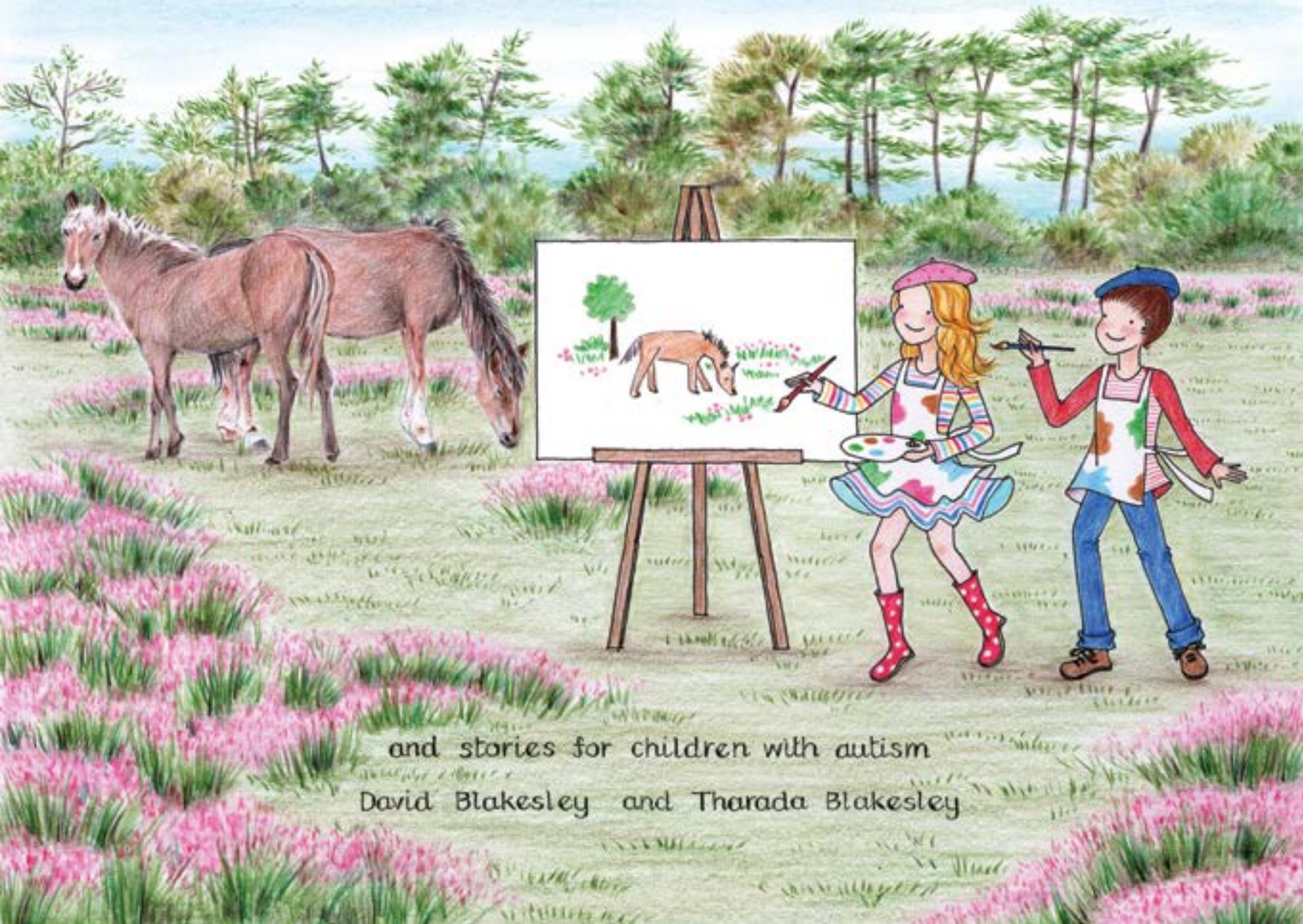


Alex and Rosie's New Forest Colouring Book



and stories for children with autism
David Blakesley and Tharada Blakesley

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Stories by David Blakesley

Illustrations by Tharada Blakesley

Introduction

We hope that children will enjoy using this 'Alex and Rosie' colouring book with their parents, carers or teachers, and that it will encourage their interest in the countryside and wildlife of the New Forest. Children will also discover some of the things they might do in the New Forest, such as watching birds, exploring woods and heaths, and discovering some of the tallest trees in the Forest.

This colouring book complements our guide 'Exploring the New Forest by bus: a guide for families with children with autism', and our children's story book 'Alex and Rosie's Adventures in the New Forest'. It features one new place, Hatchet Pond, which was not included in our earlier publications. We hope that our colouring book will appeal to younger children with autism and related disabilities, 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 the Autism and Nature website (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



and Rosie



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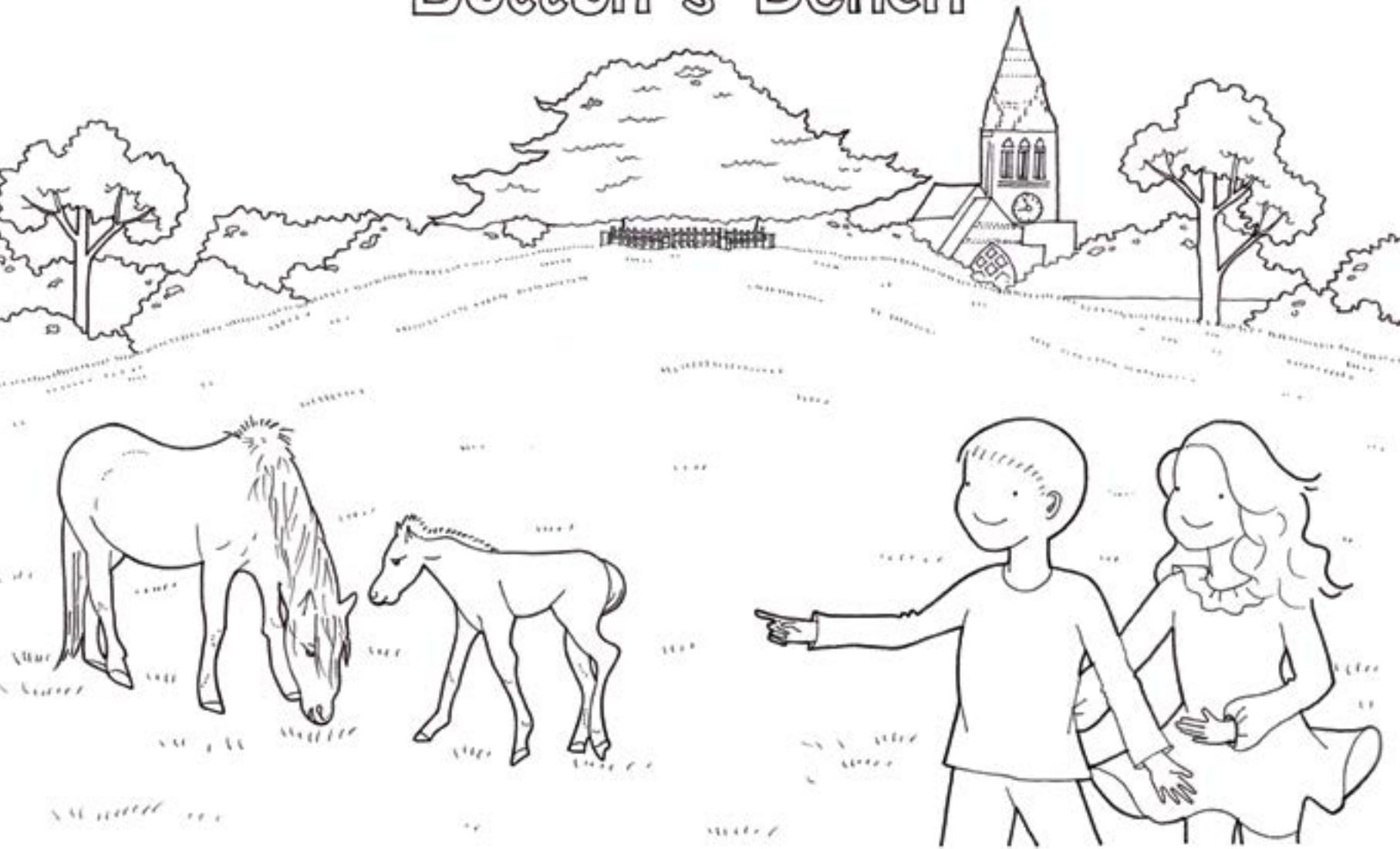
visit



the New Forest.



Bolton's Bench



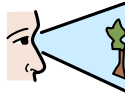
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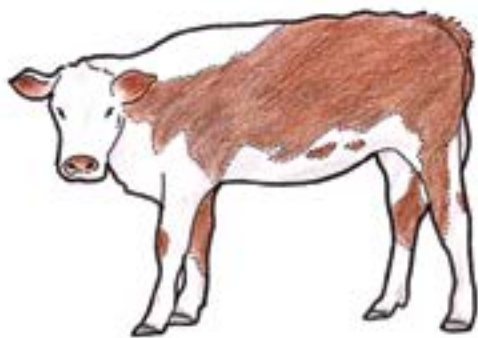
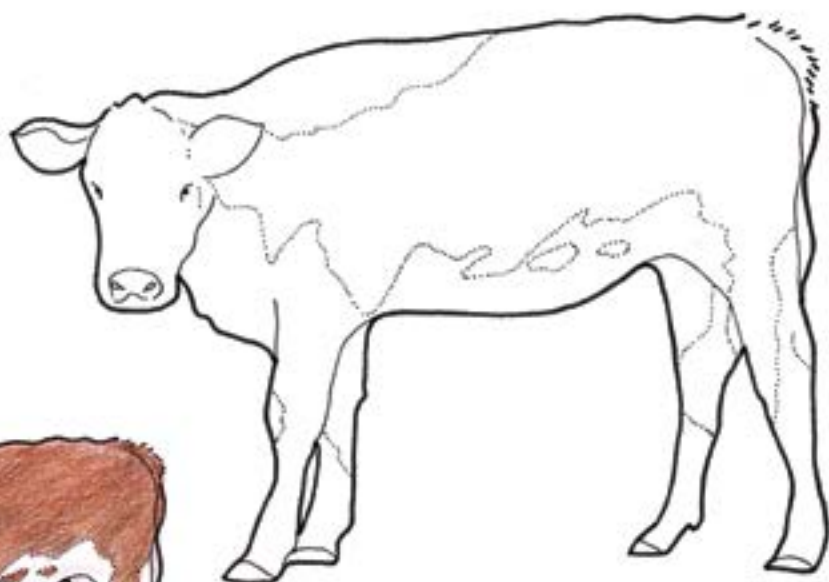
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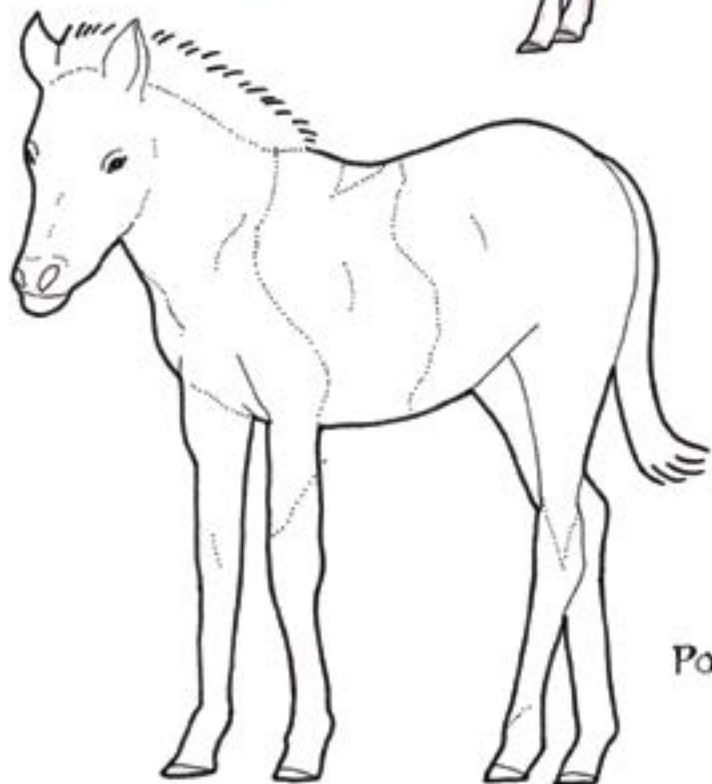
the ponies



at Bolton's Bench.



Calf



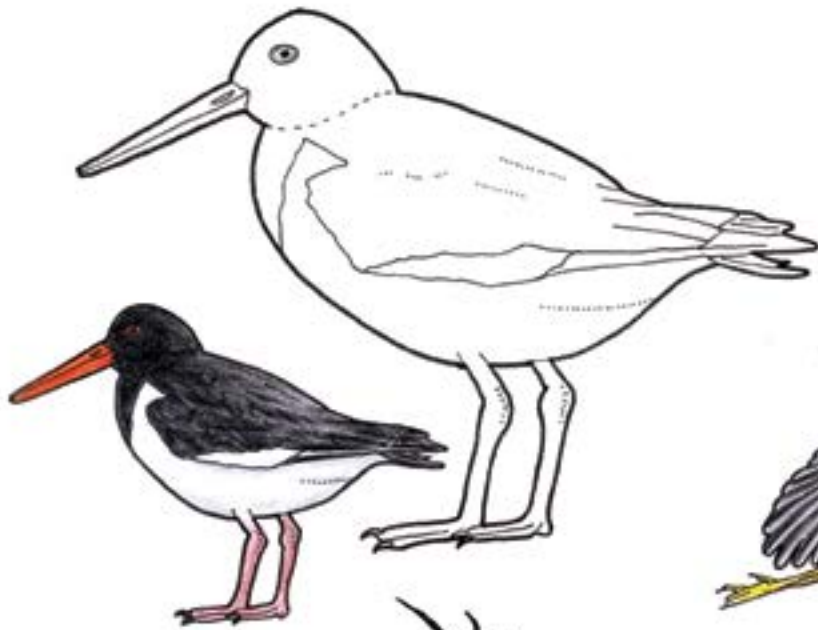
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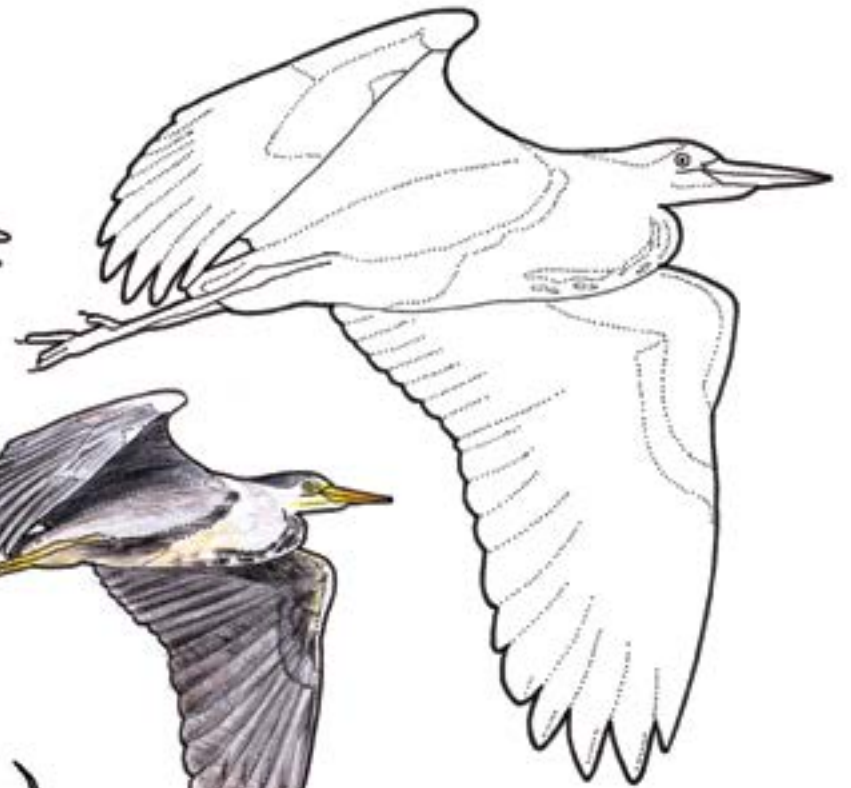
Beaulieu River



The tide was in and boats were sailing on the river.



Oystercatcher



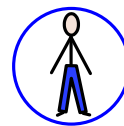
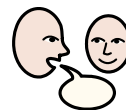
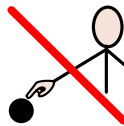
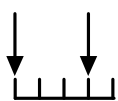
Grey Heron



Lapwing

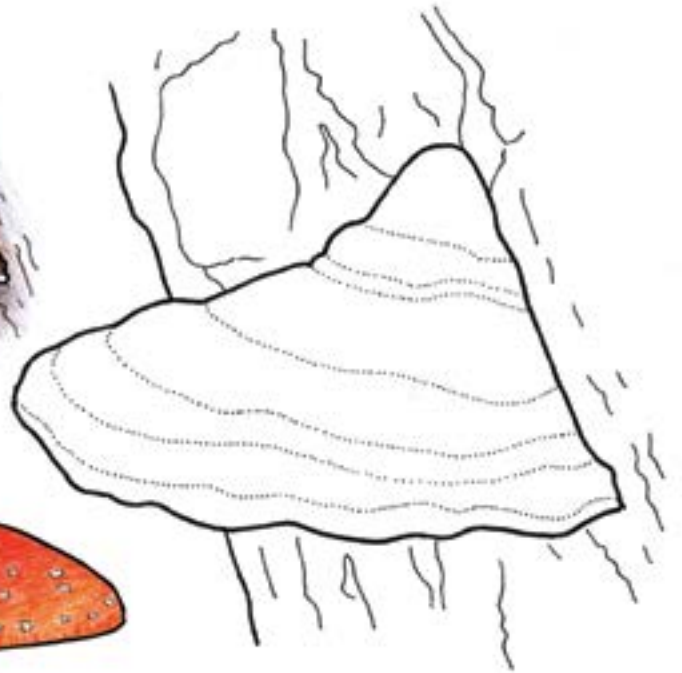
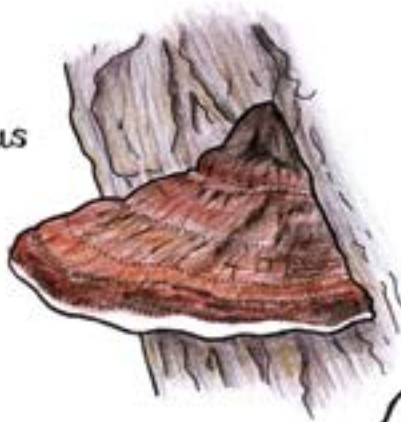


Wilverley Inclosure

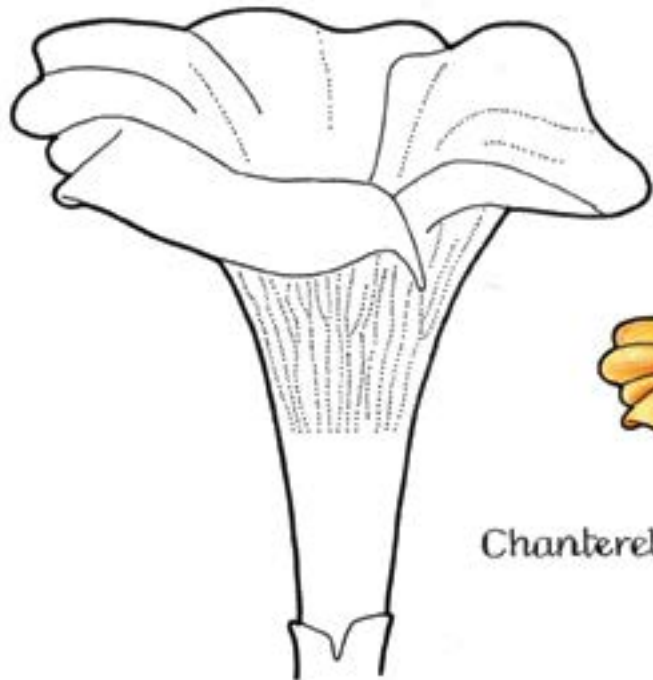


"Some toadstools are colourful, but do not touch!" said Dad.

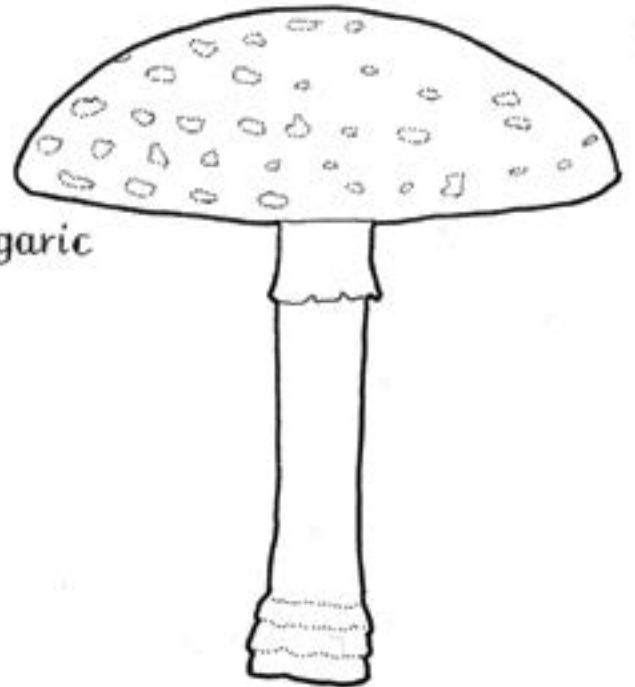
Southern bracket fungus



Fly agaric



Chanterelle



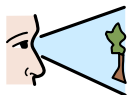
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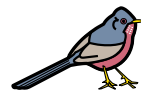
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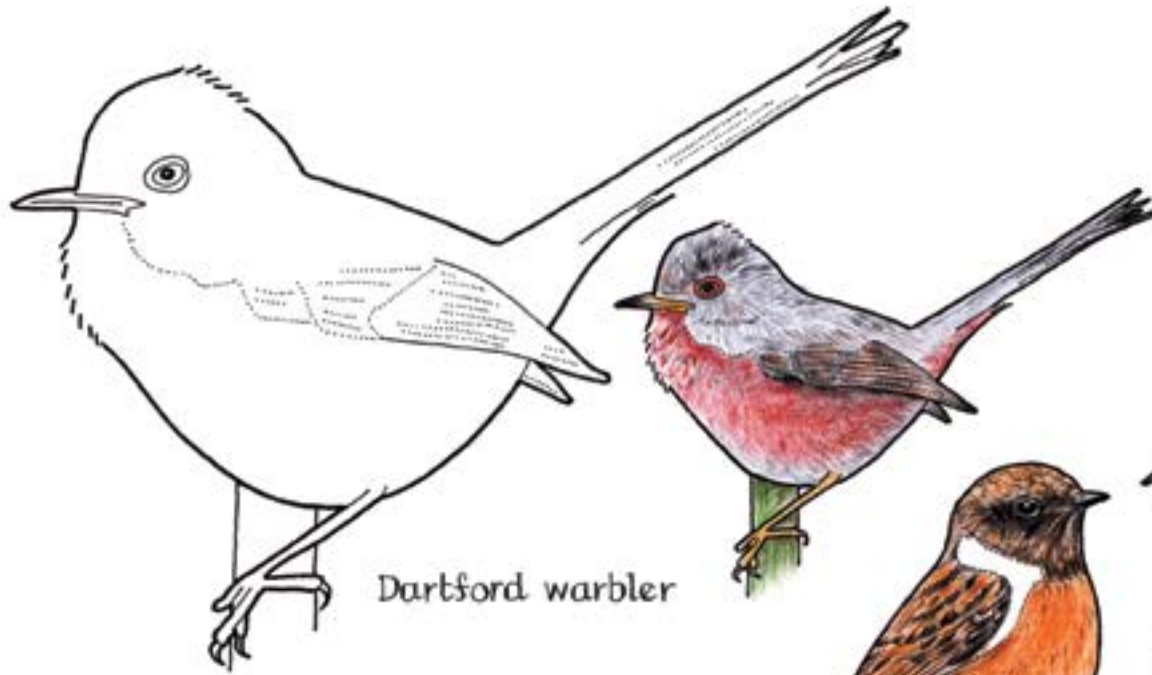
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a Dartford warbler



in the heather.



Dartford warbler



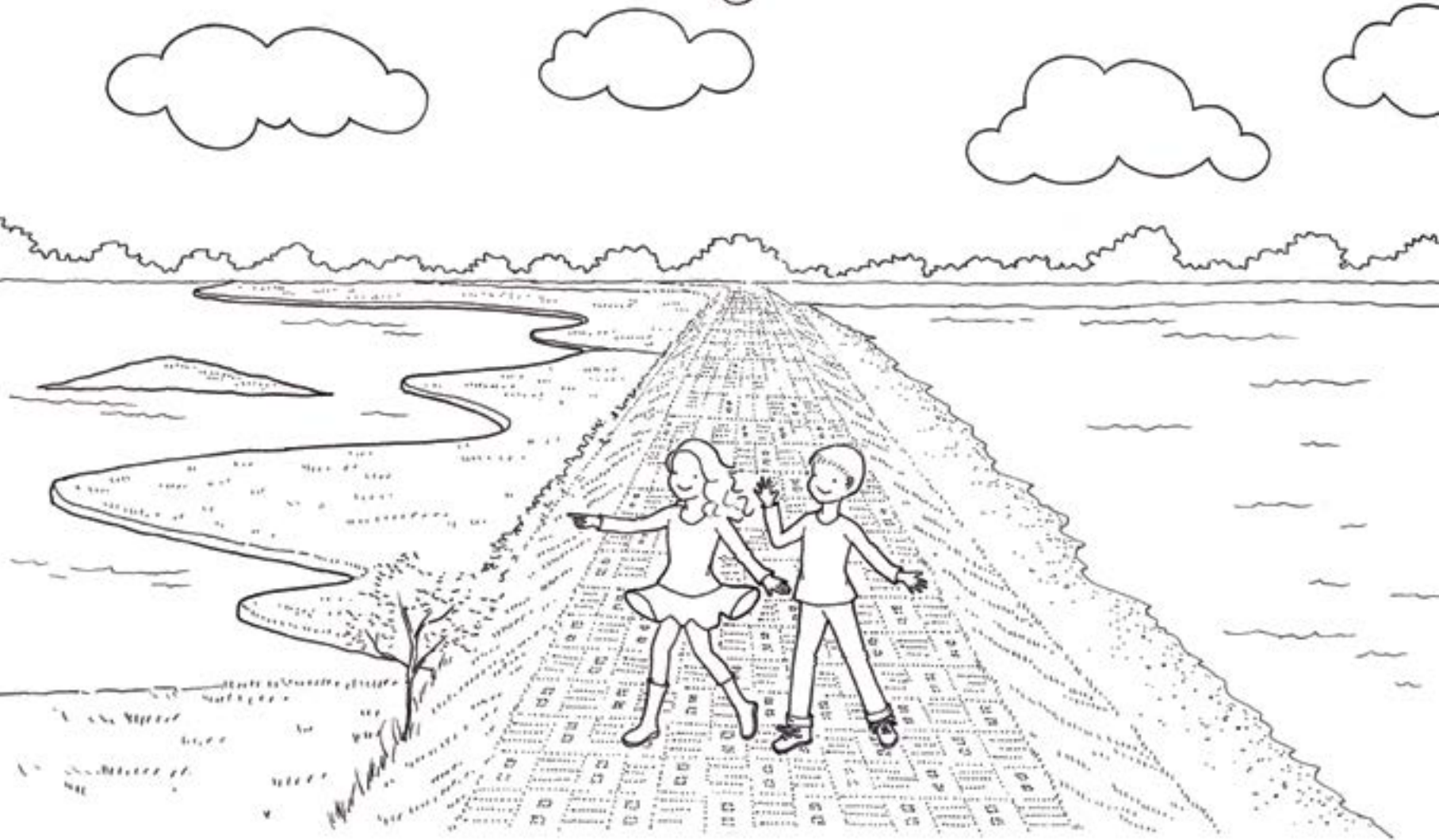
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Bell heather



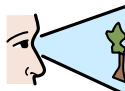
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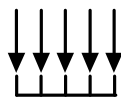
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saw



a lot



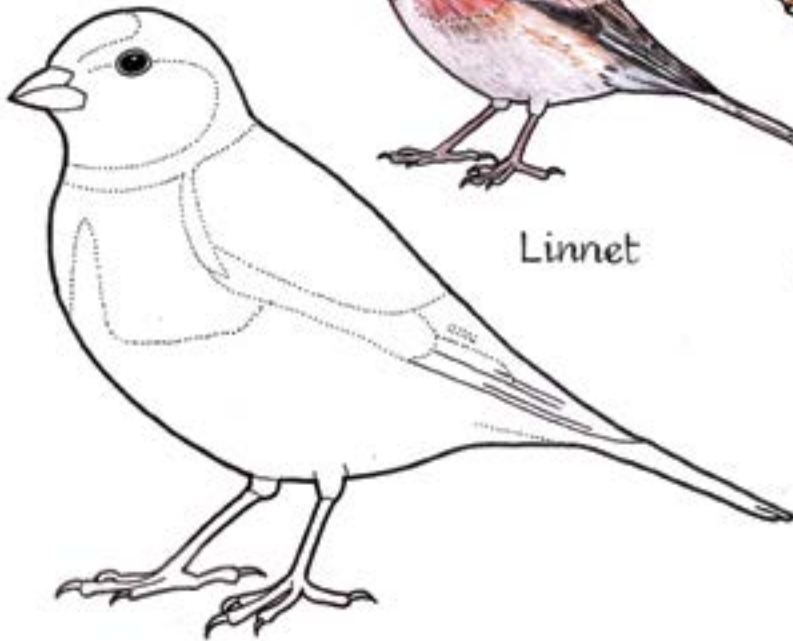
of wildlife



along the sea wall.



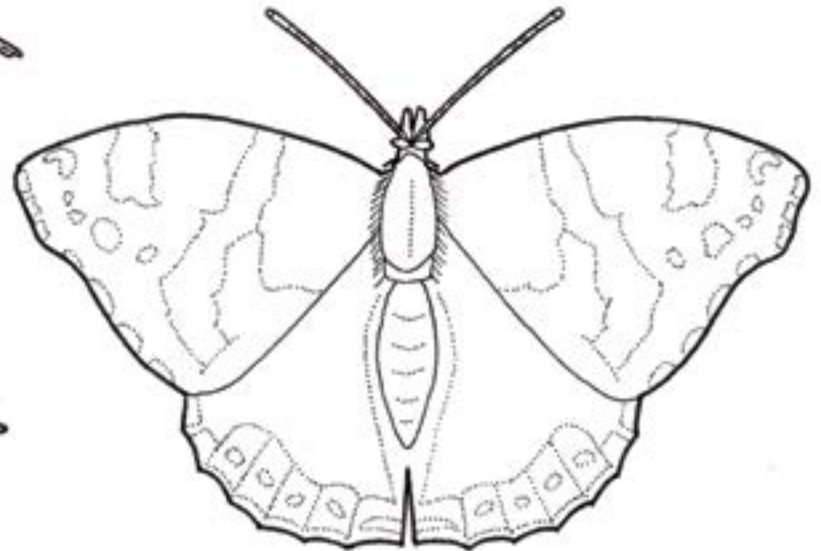
Sea aster



Linnet



Red admiral



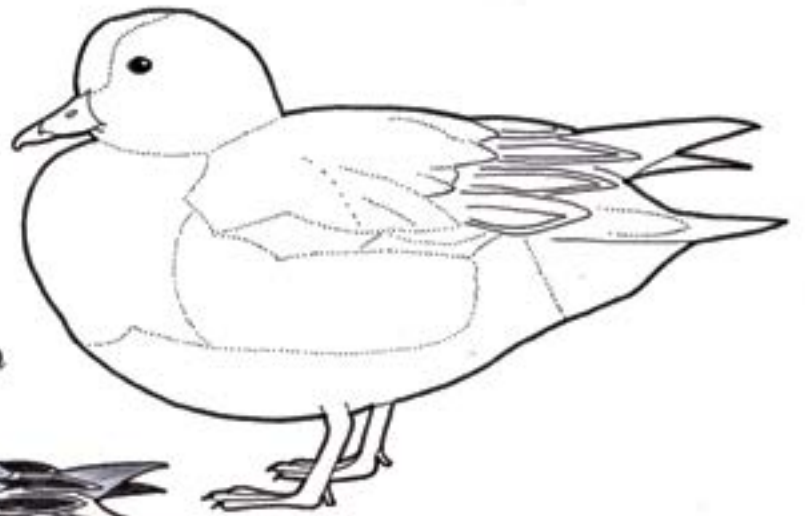
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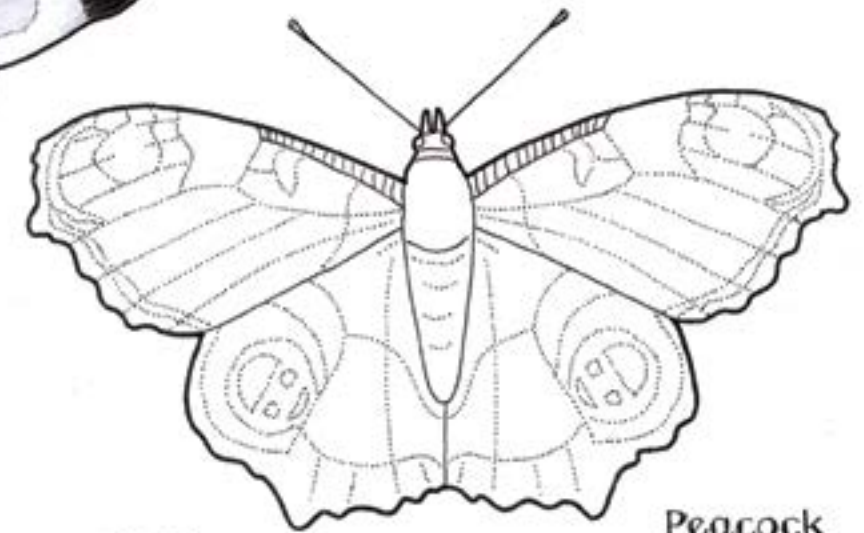
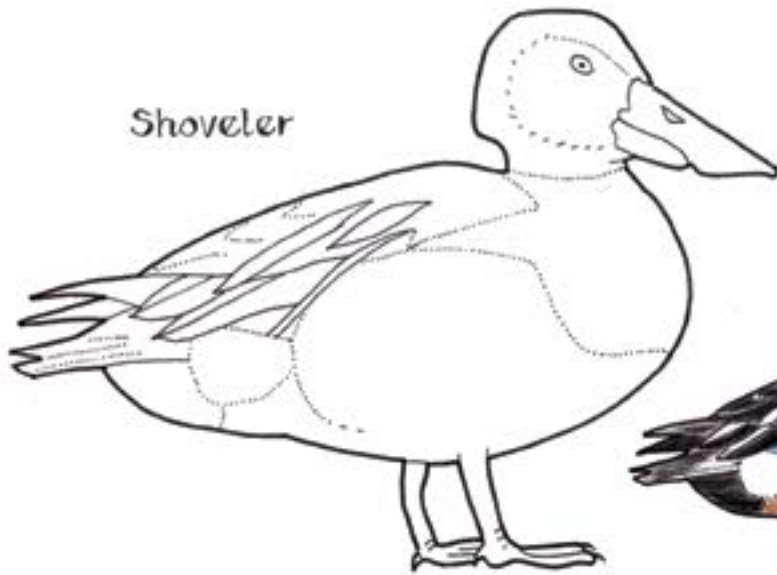
The sea wall sheltered Alex and Rosie from the cold wind.



Wigeon



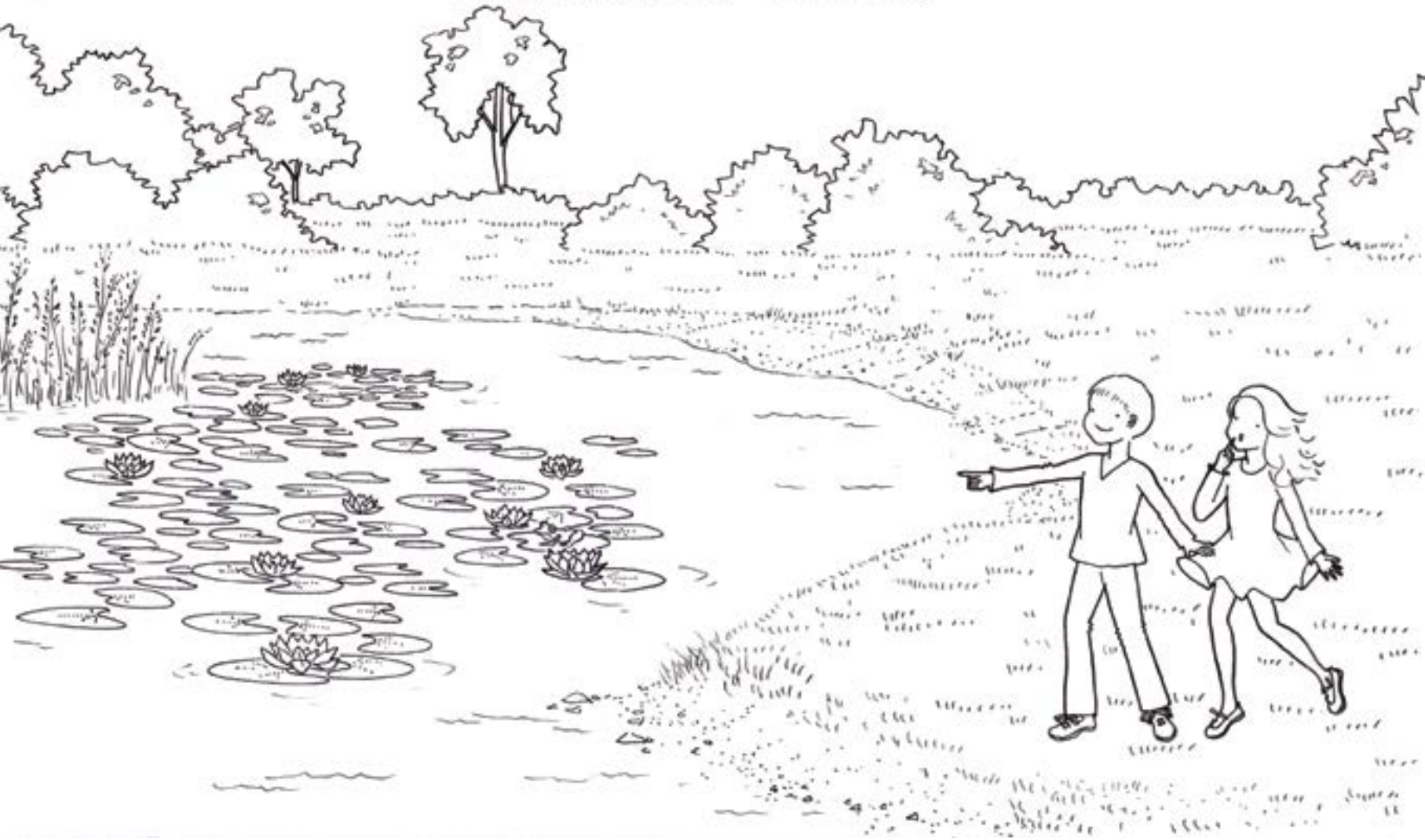
Shoveler



Peacock



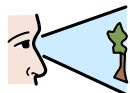
Hatchet Pond



Alex



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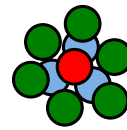
saw



a frog



hiding



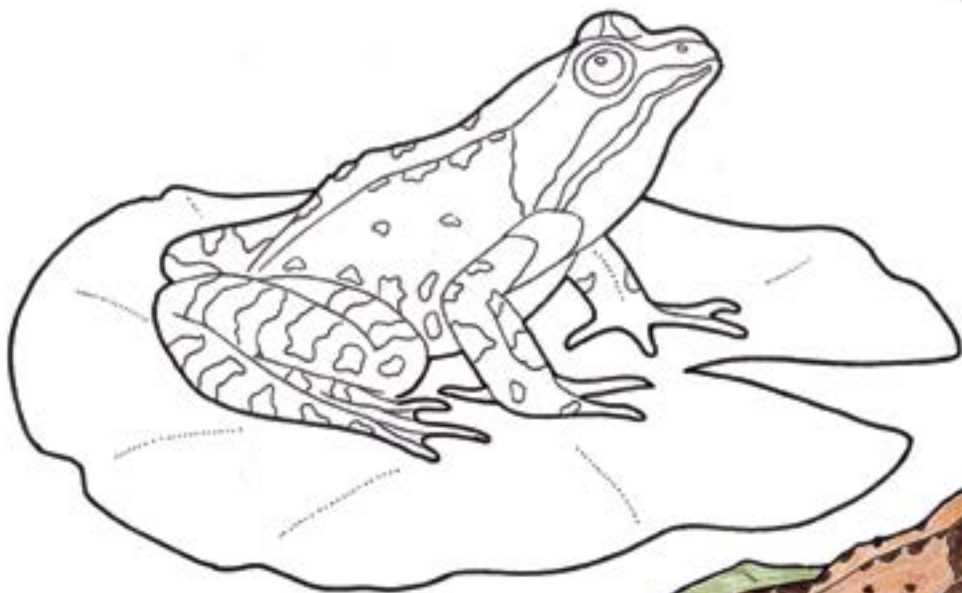
amongst



the water lilies.



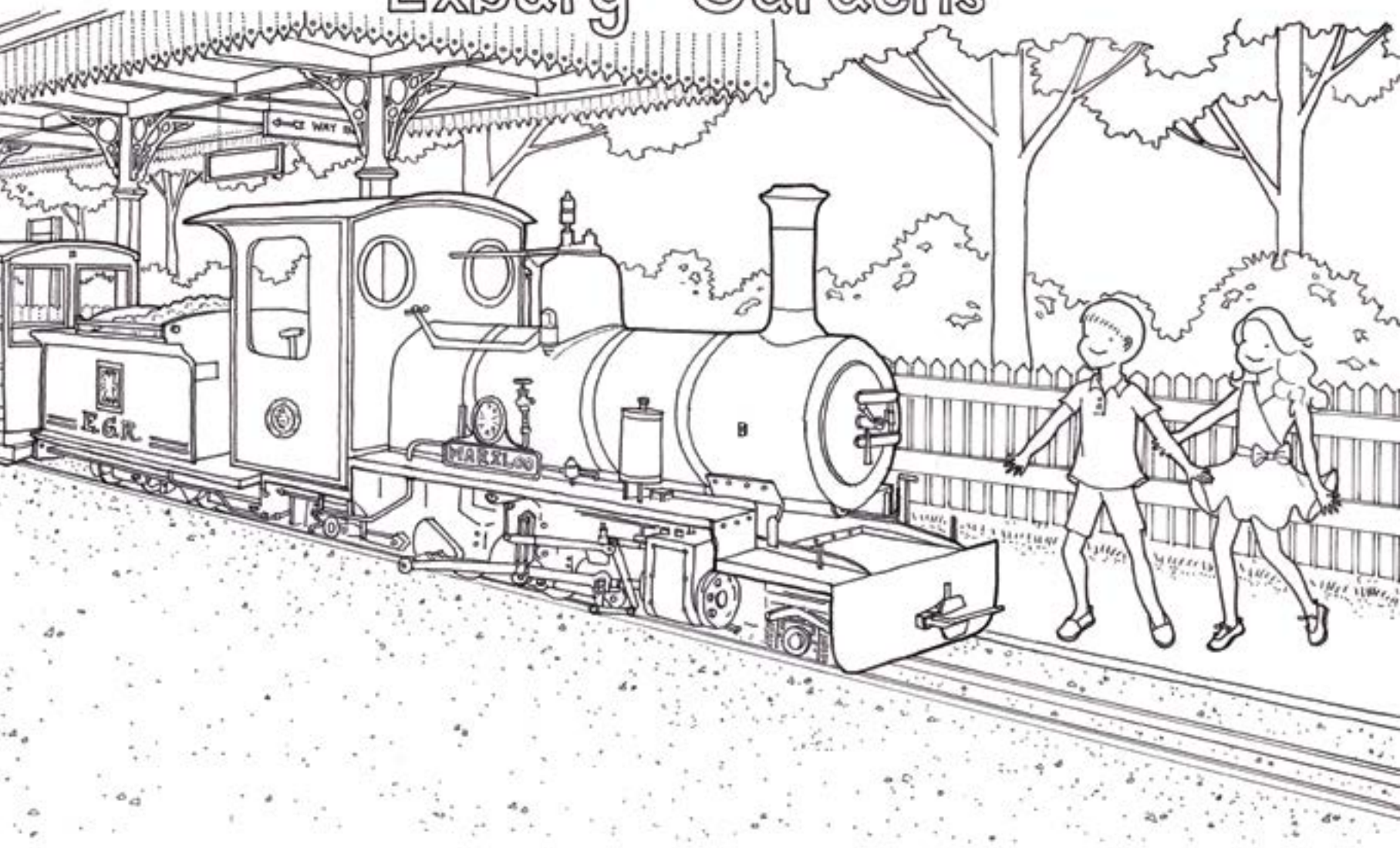
Water lily



Common frog



Exbury Gardens



Alex



and Rosie



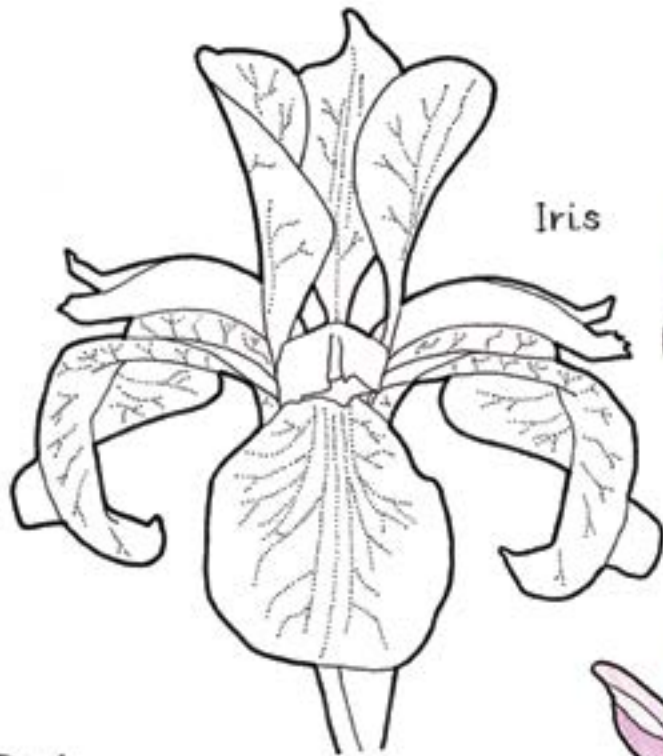
were excited



to ride on the



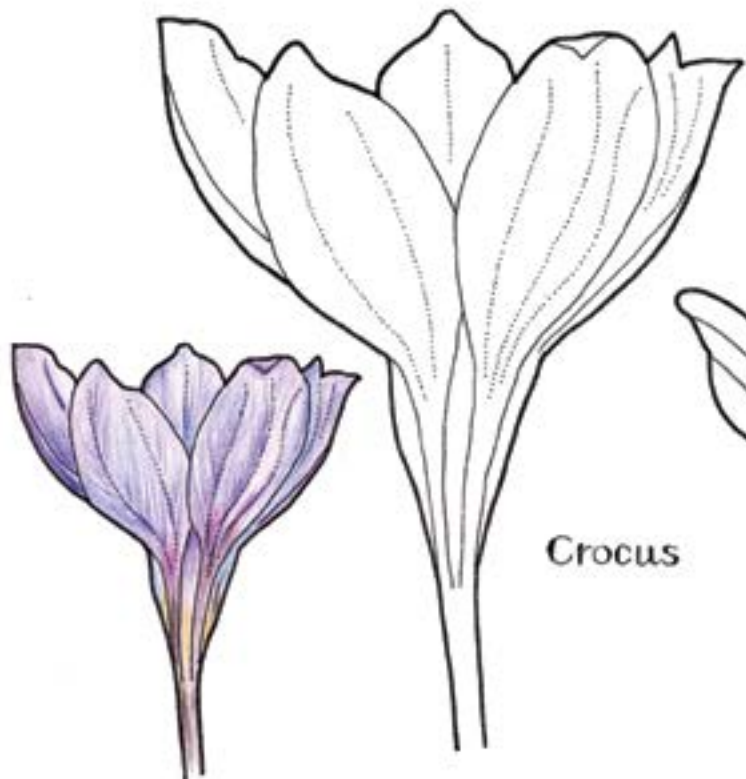
train.



Iris



Magnolia



Crocus



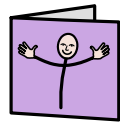
Lepe Country Park



Alex

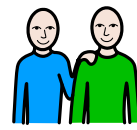


Rosie



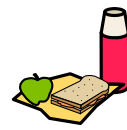
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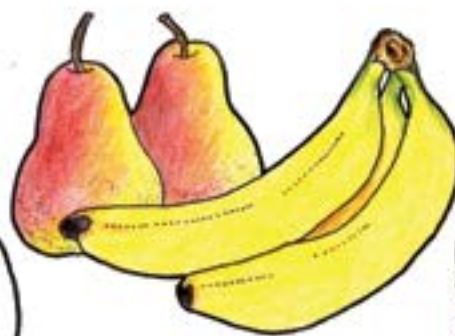
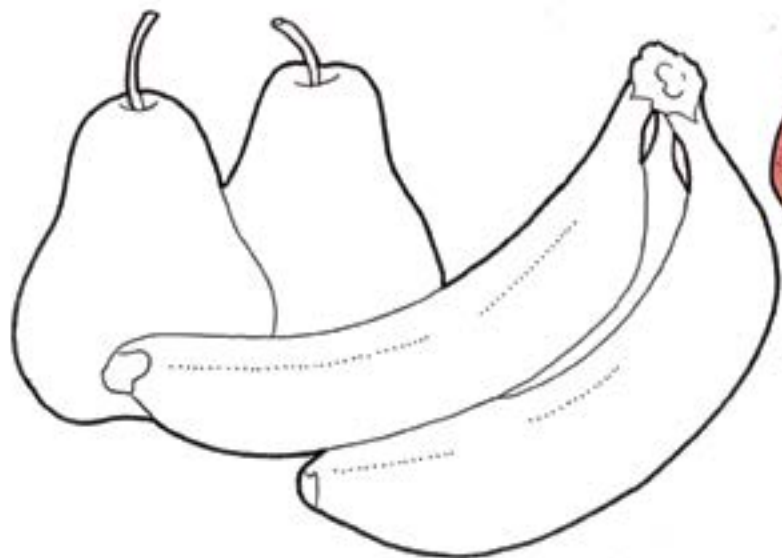


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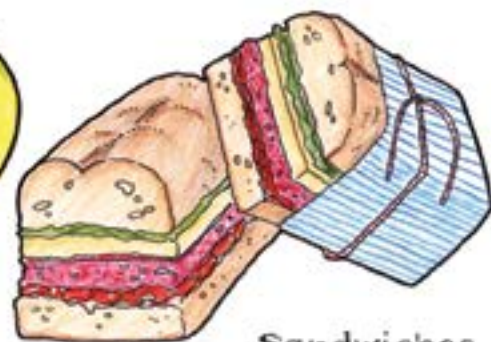
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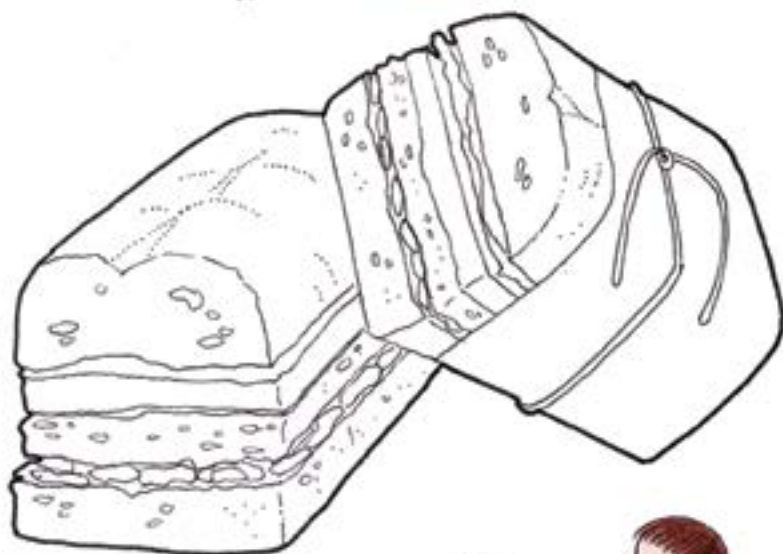
picnic.



Bananas and Pears



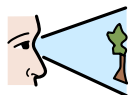
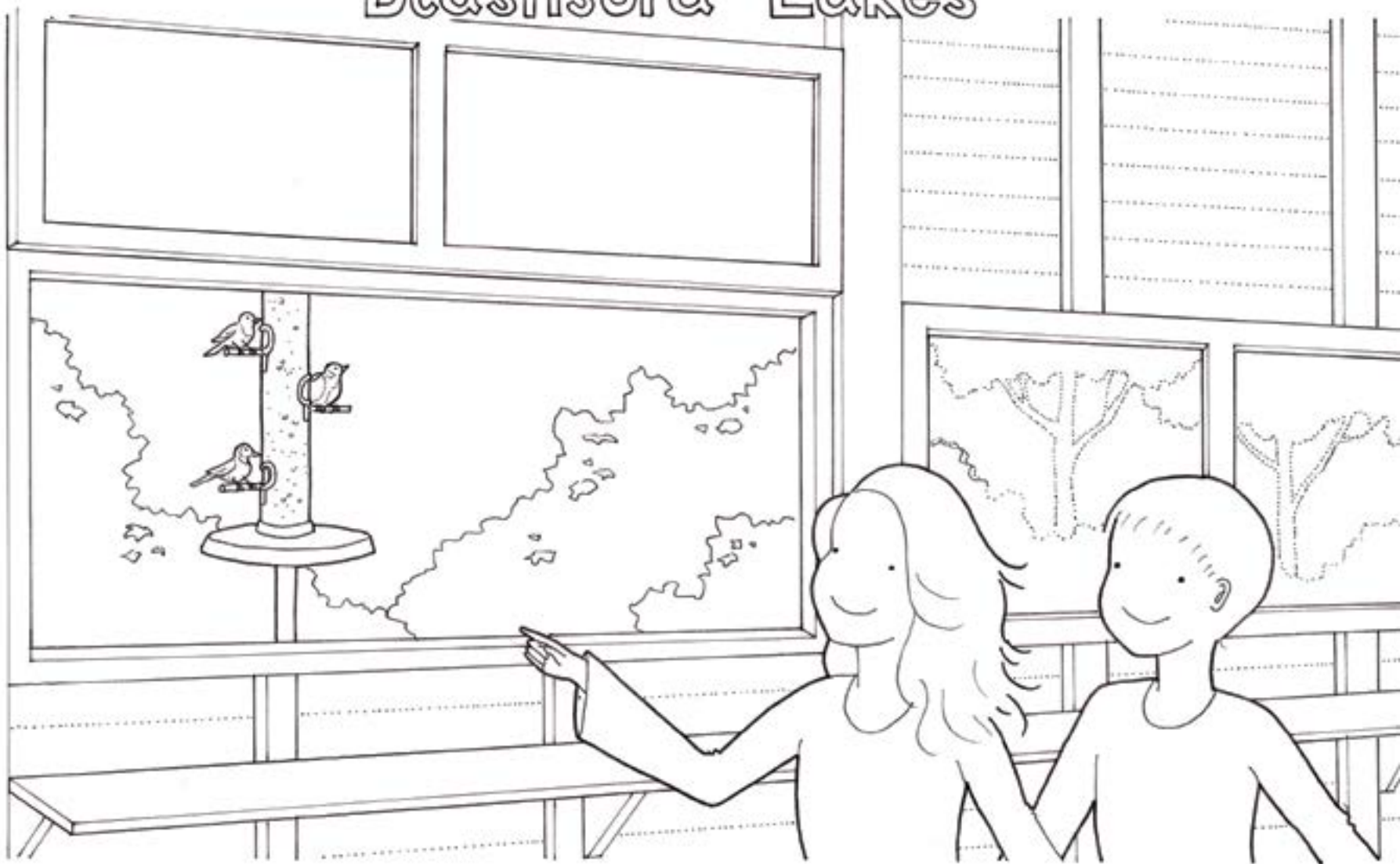
Sandwiches



Cupcakes

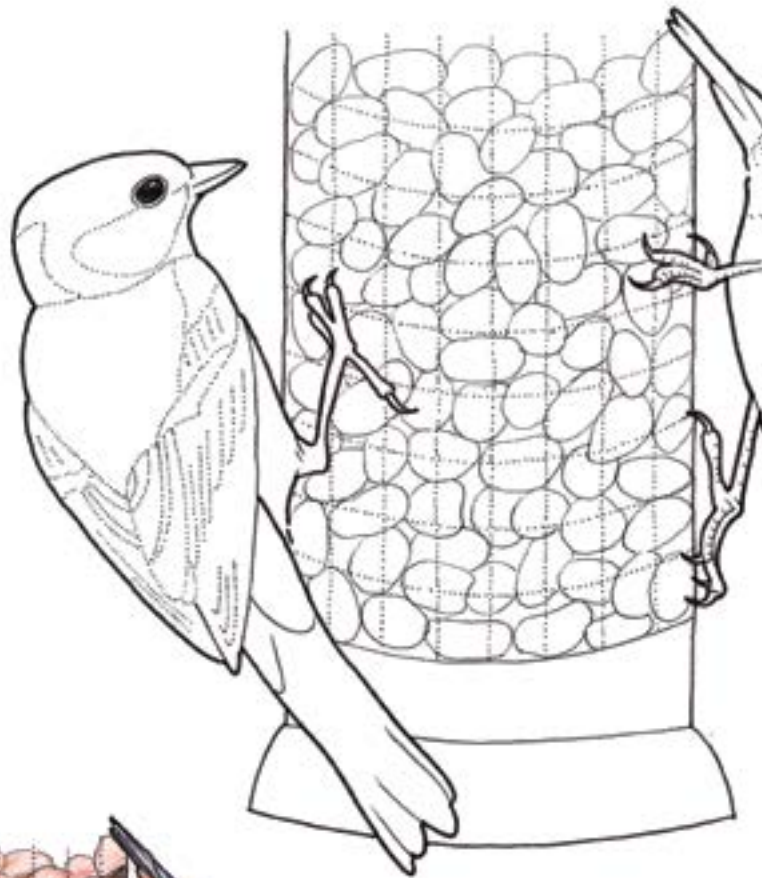


Blashford Lakes

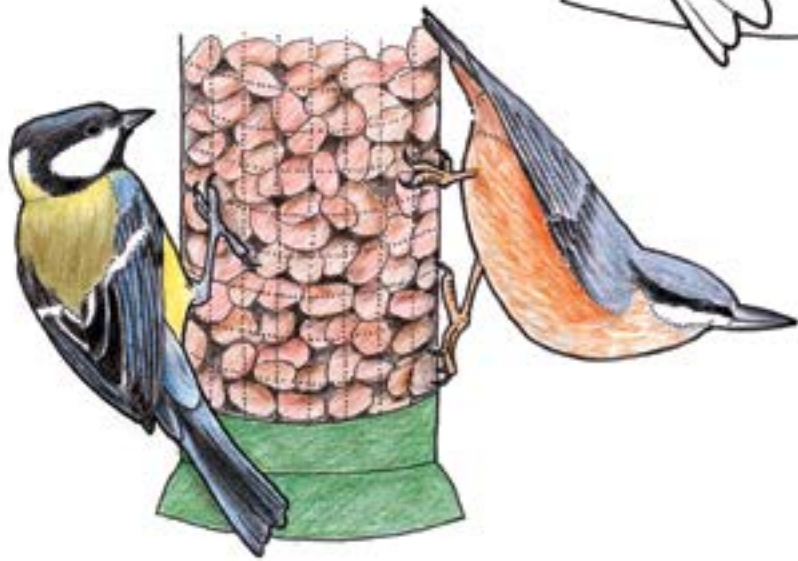
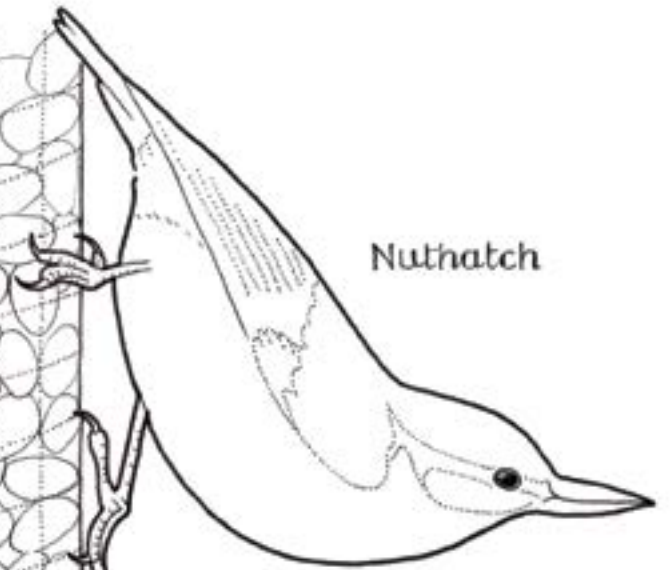


Alex and Rosie enjoyed watching birds on the bird feeder.

Great tit



Nuthatch



Ober Water



Alex



and Rosie



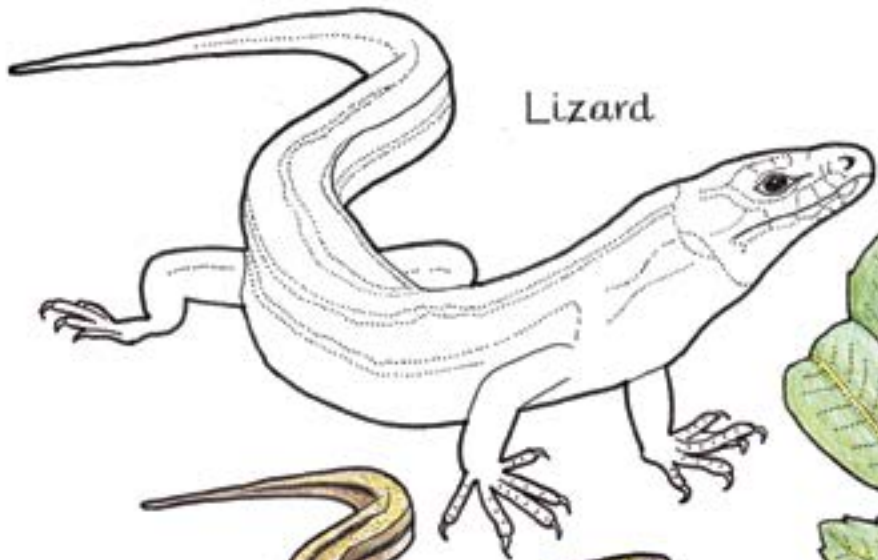
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the smell



of bog myrtle leaves.

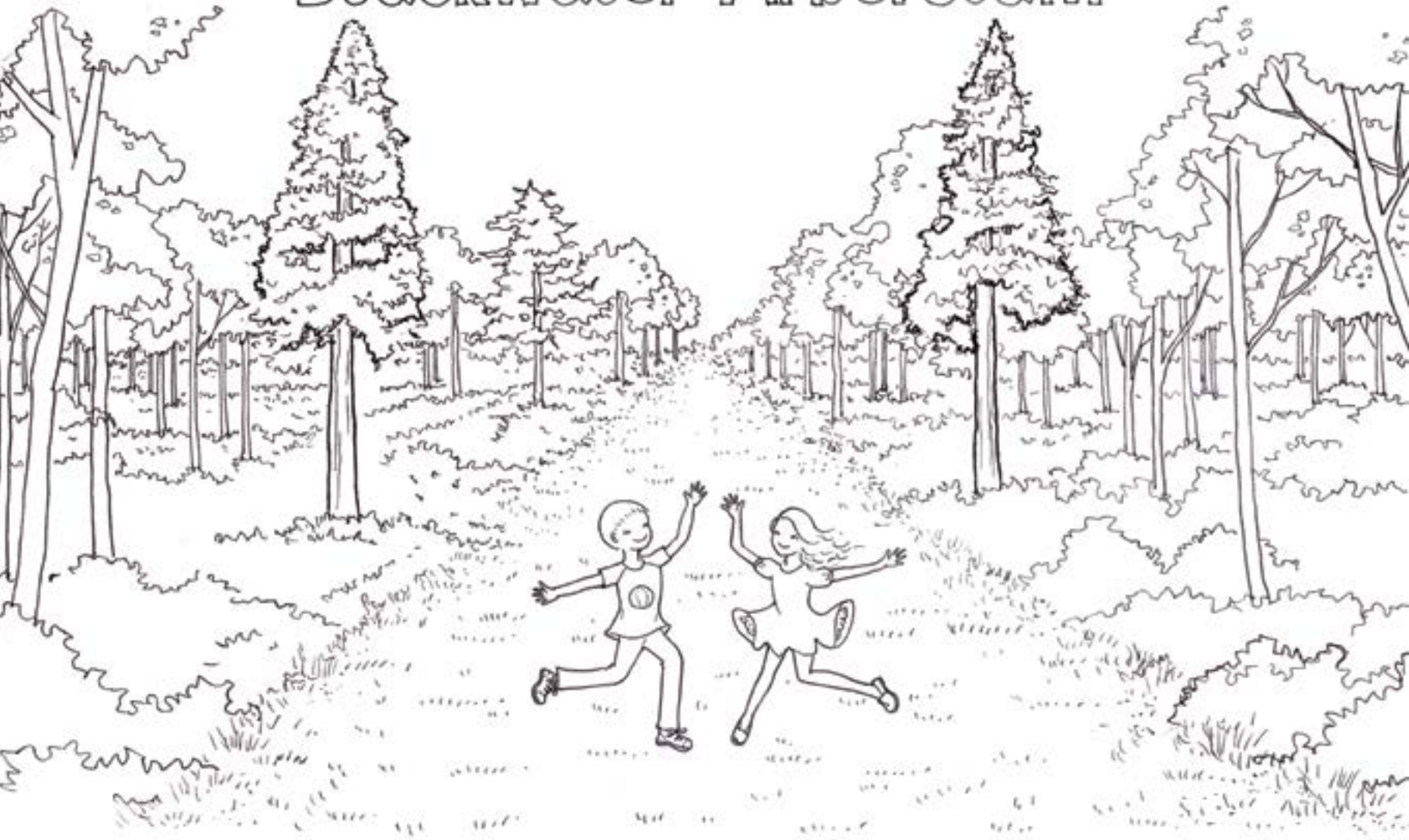


Lizard

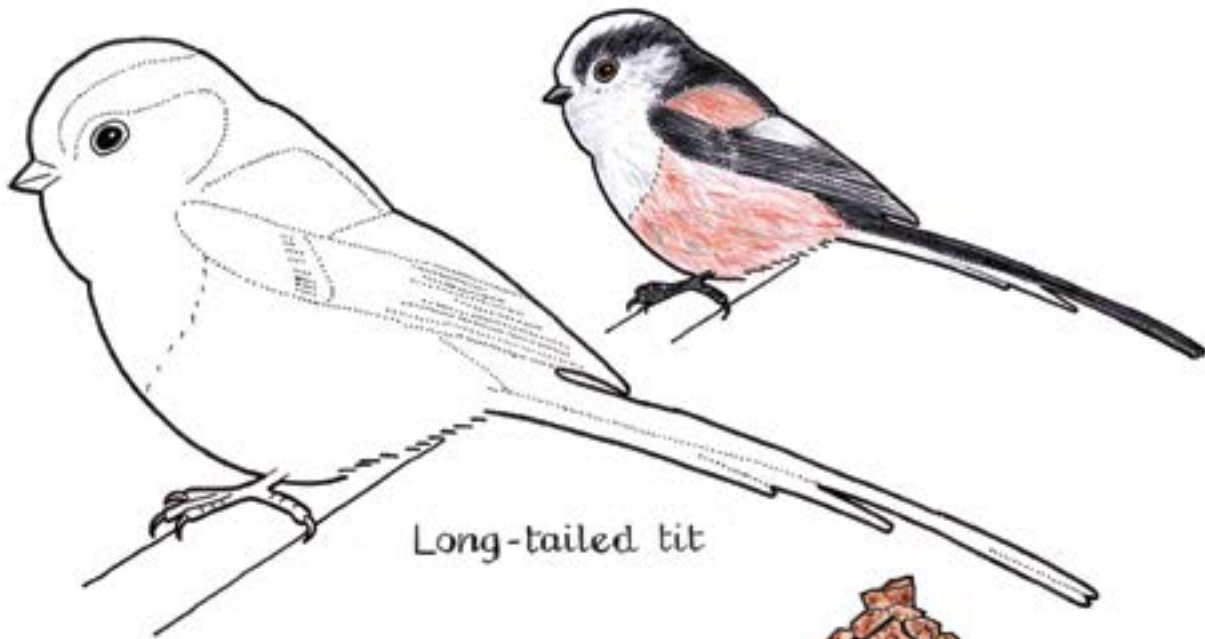


Bog myrtle

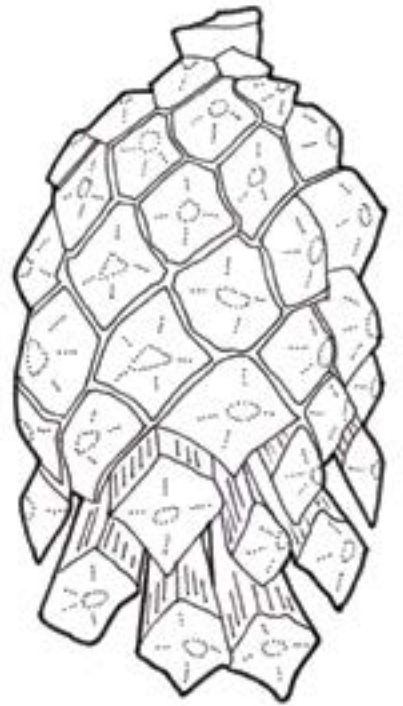
Blackwater Arboretum



Giant sequoia trees are the tallest trees in the New Forest.



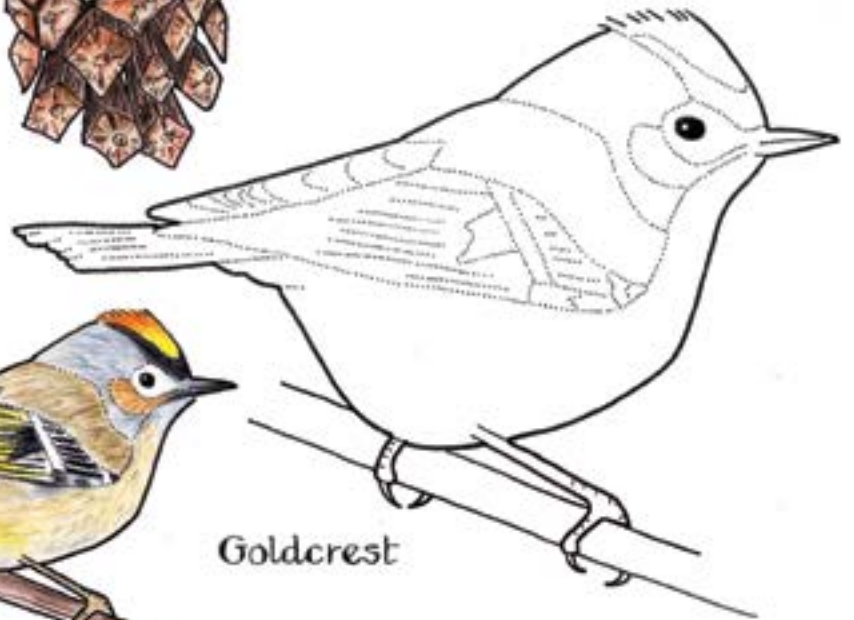
Long-tailed tit



Pine cone



Goldcrest



Denny Wood



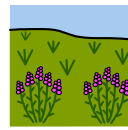
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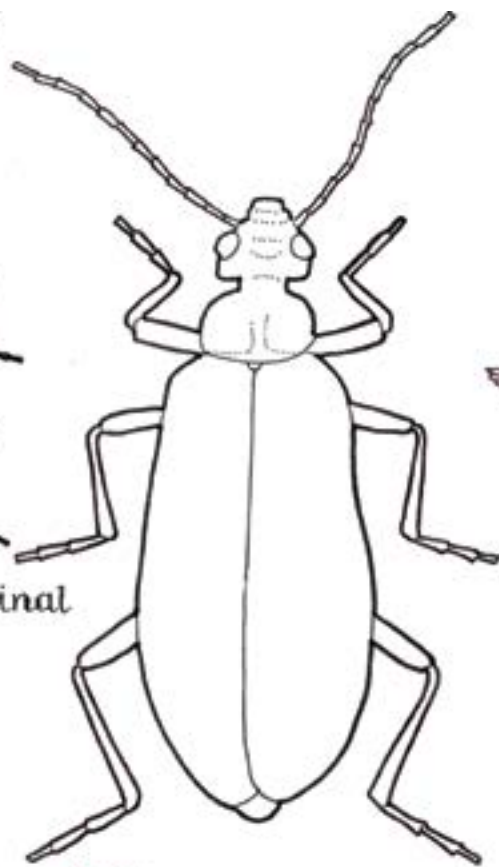
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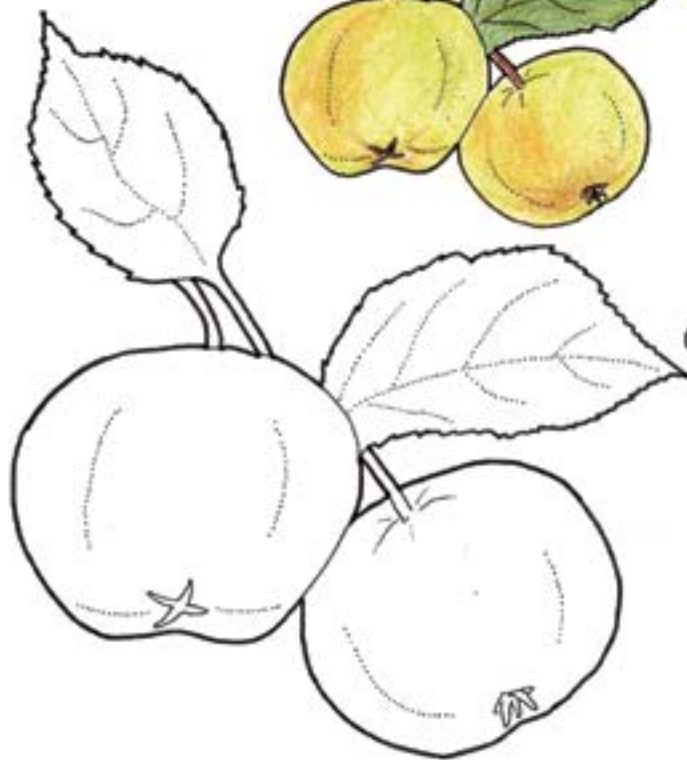
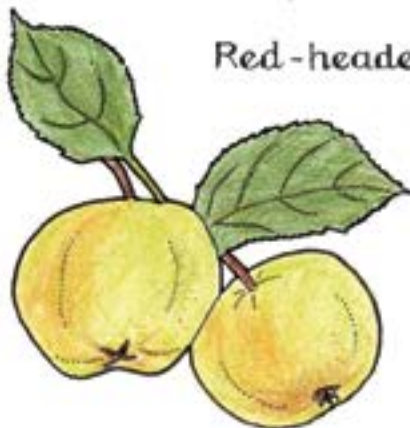
the heath



to Denny Wood.



Red-headed cardinal



Crab apple



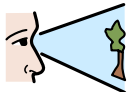
Testwood Lakes



Alex



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saw



colourful



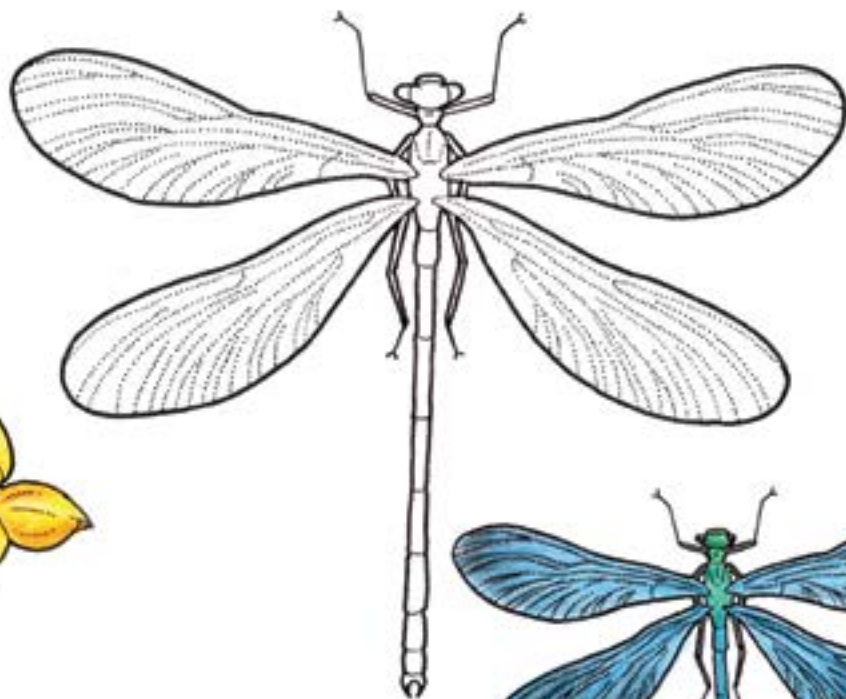
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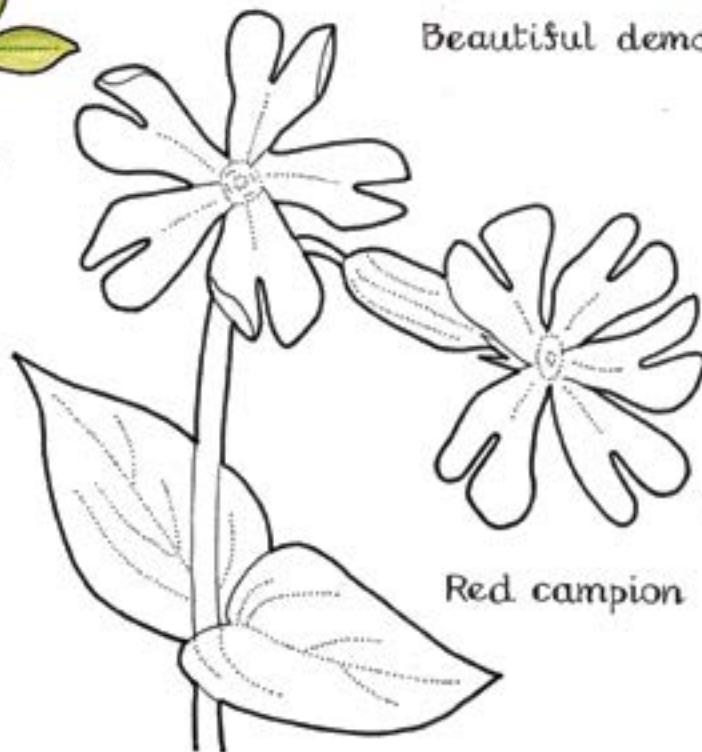
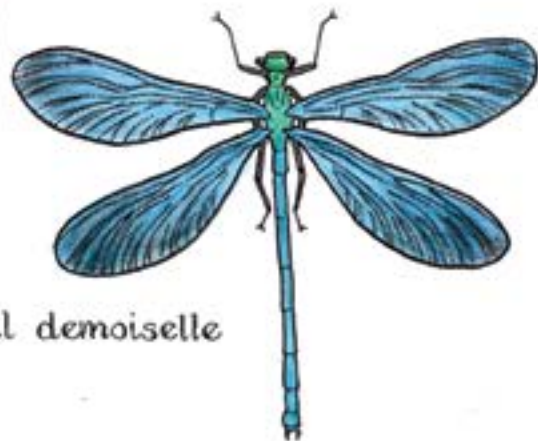
and damselflies.



Bird's-foot-trefoil



Beautiful demoiselle



Red campion



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Alex and Rosie enjoy visiting New Forest countryside. Back at home, they love to colour pictures of places they have been to, and the wildlife that they have seen.

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