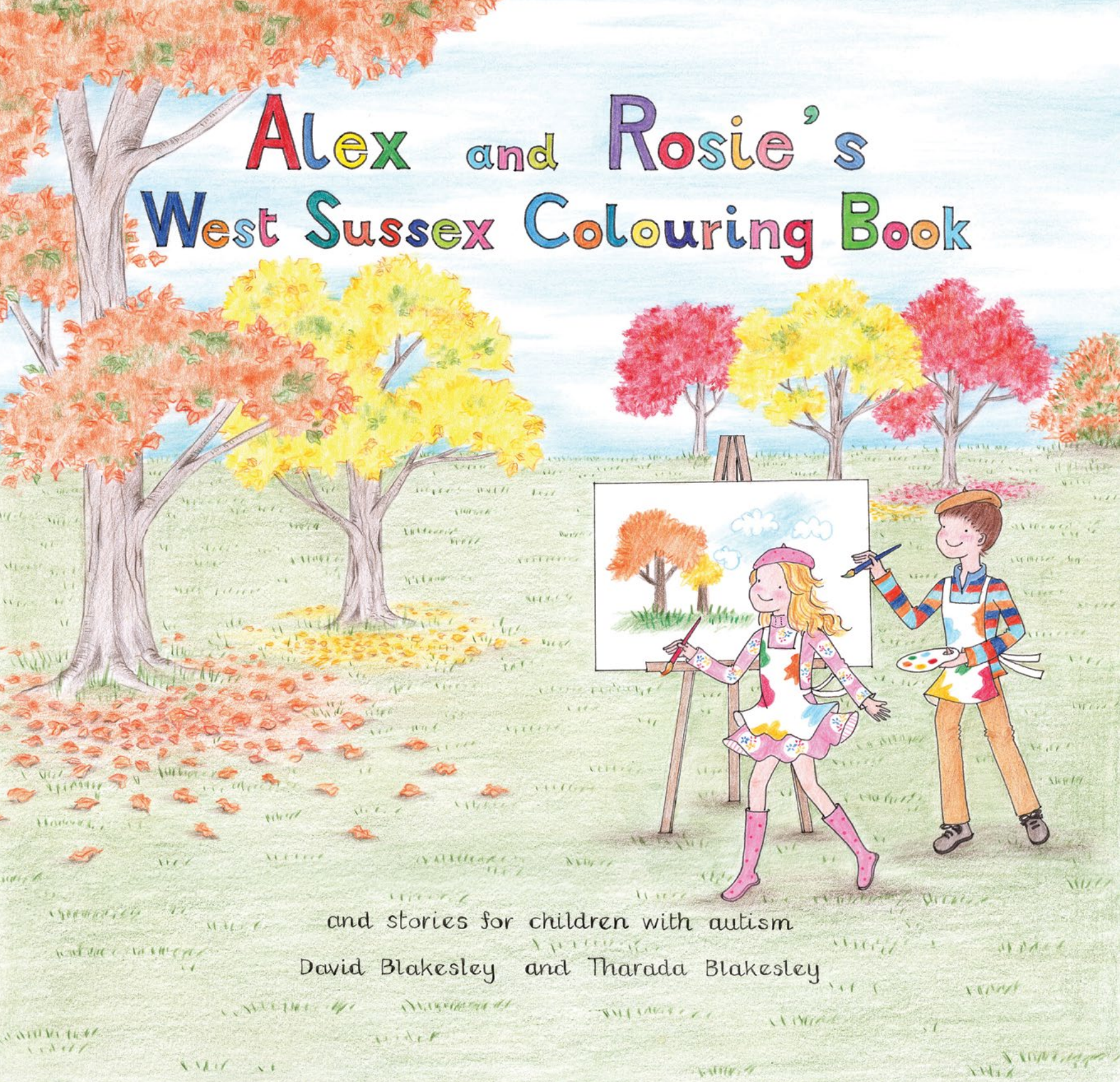


Alex and Rosie's West Sussex Colouring Book



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 and teachers, and that it will encourage their interest, and their family's interest in the West Sussex 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, and producing natural art.

This colouring book complements our guide 'Visiting the West Sussex countryside: a guide for parents and teachers of children with autism', and our children's story book 'Alex and Rosie's Adventures in West Sussex'. 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 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



Rosie



love

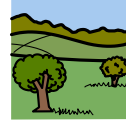


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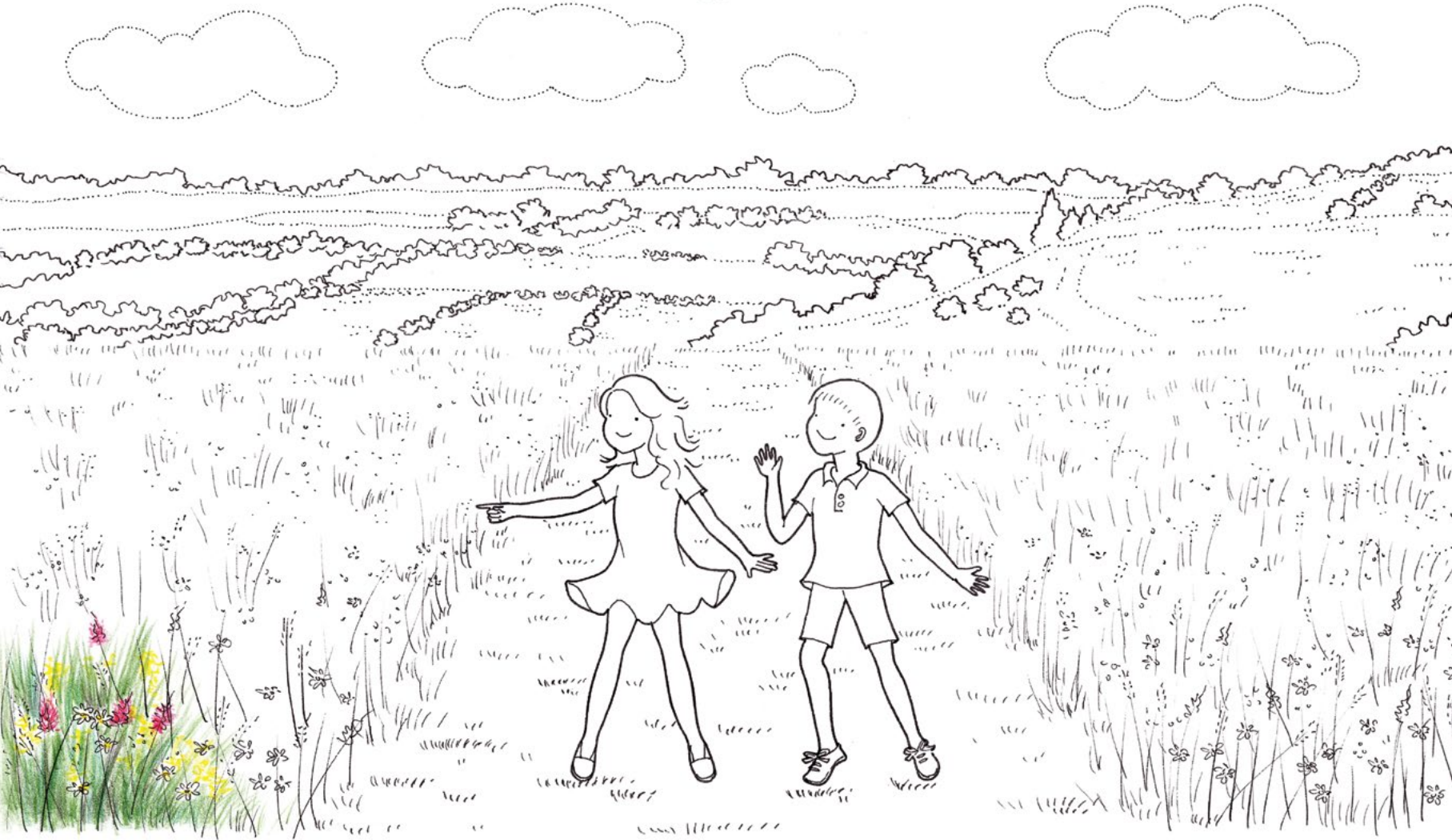
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the West Sussex countryside.



Harting Down



Alex



and

Rosie

went for a

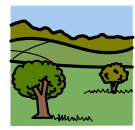


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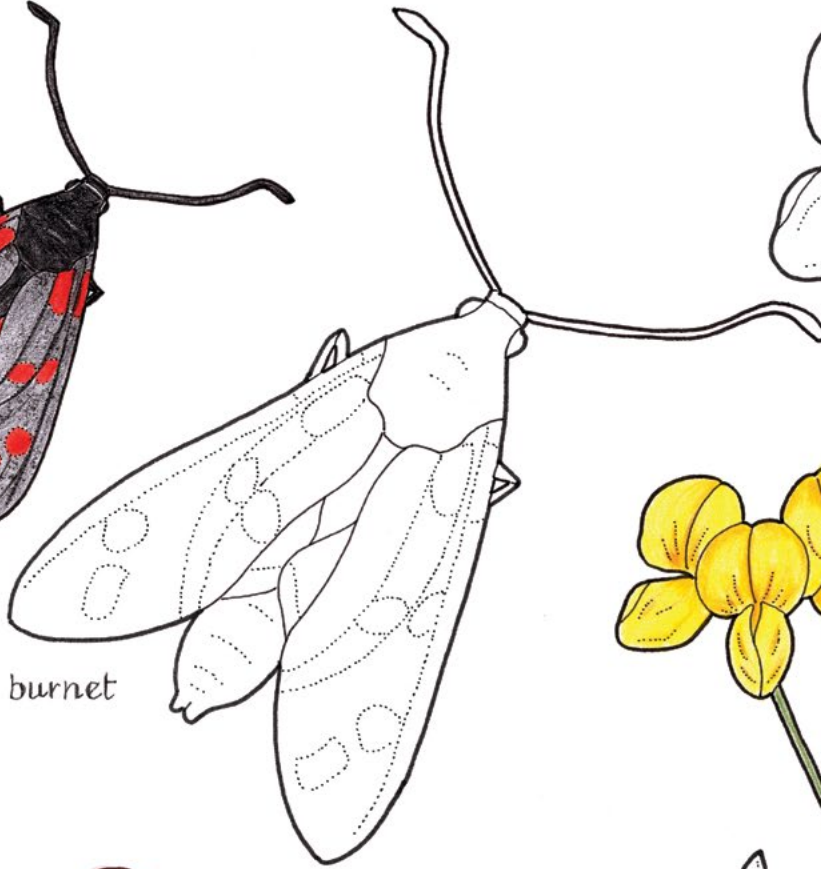
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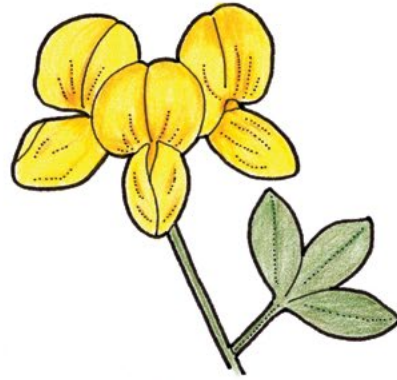
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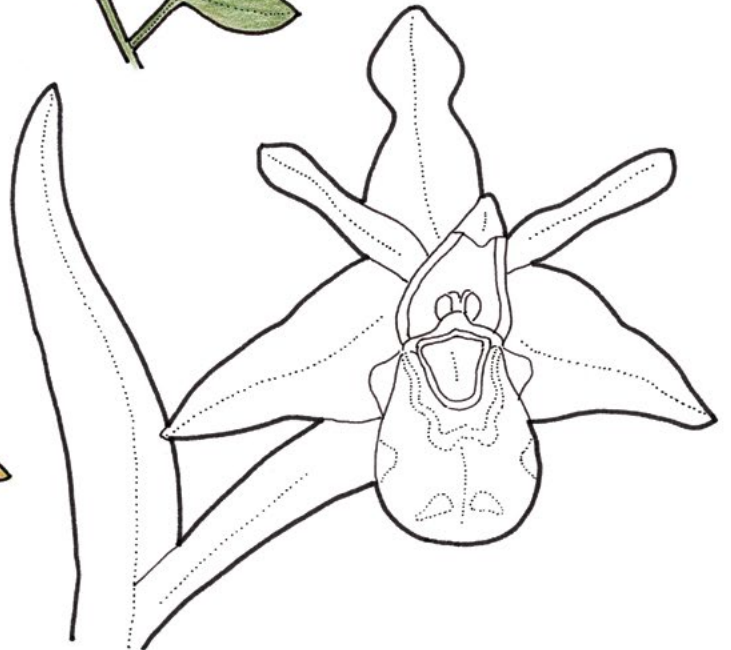
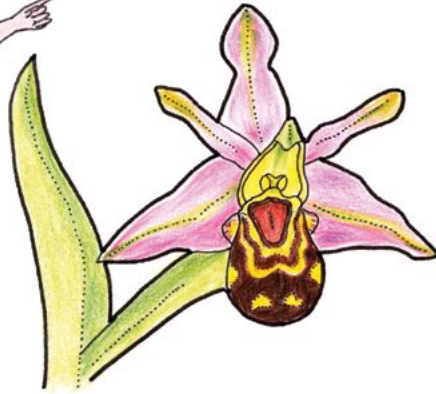
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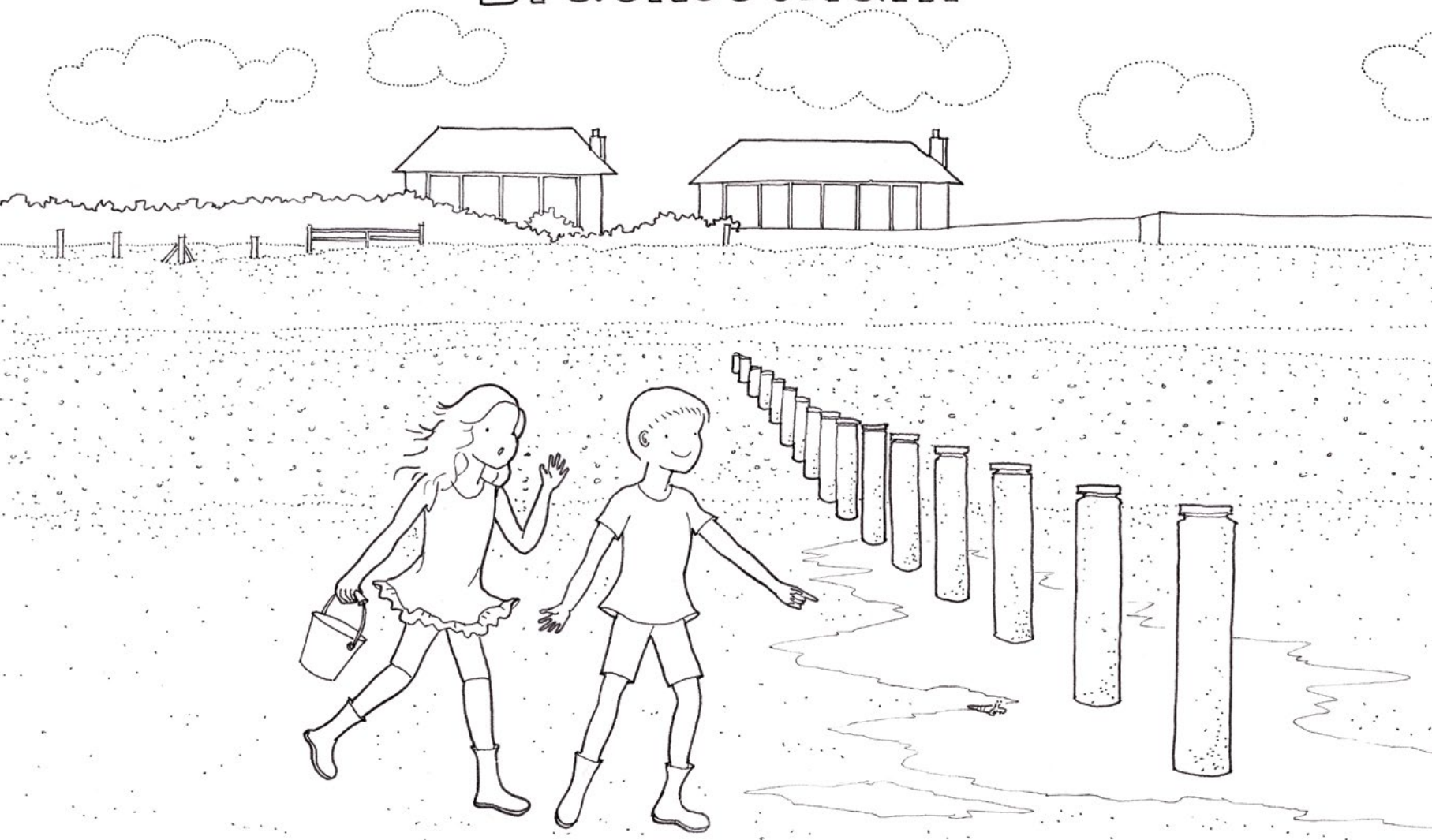
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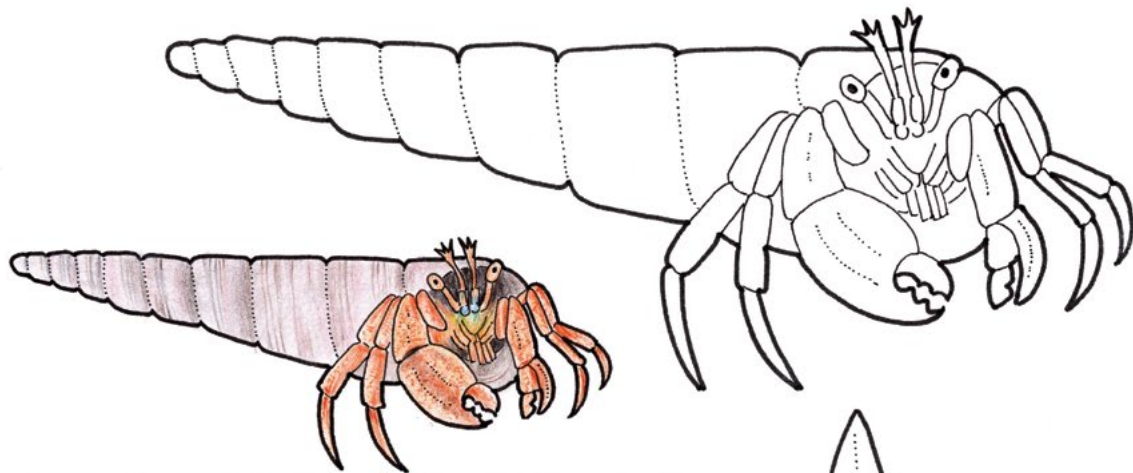
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Bracklesham



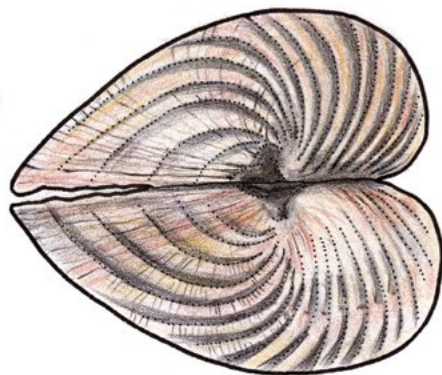
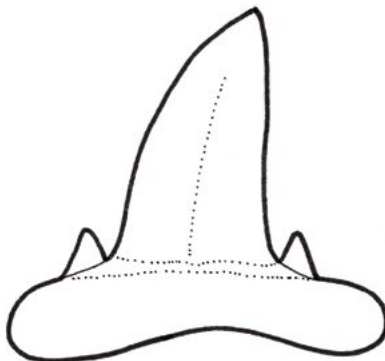
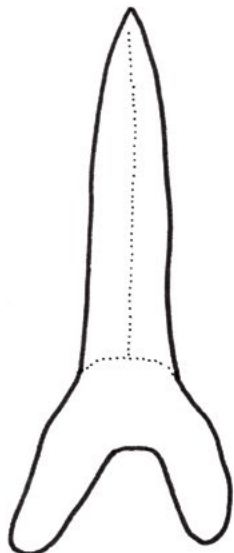
A hermit crab was living in a fossil shell!



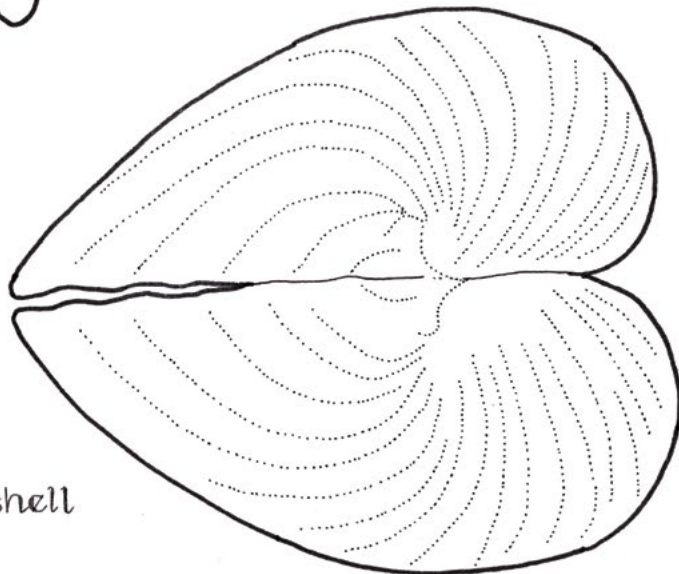
Hermit crab in fossil Turritella shell



Shark's teeth



Fossil shell



Kingley Vale

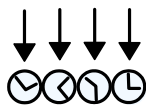


Alex



and

Rosie



always

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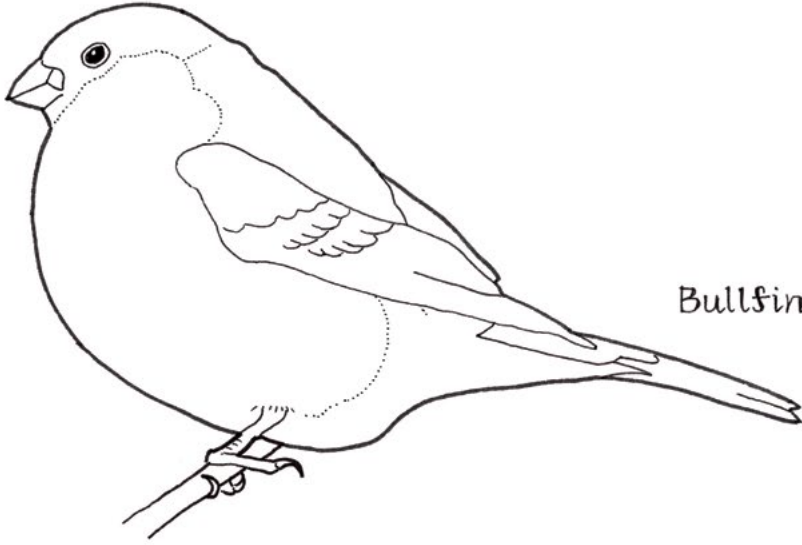


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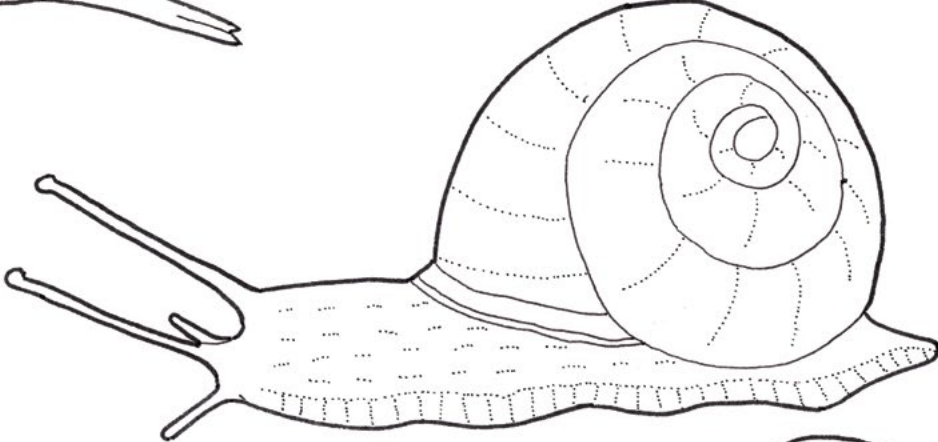
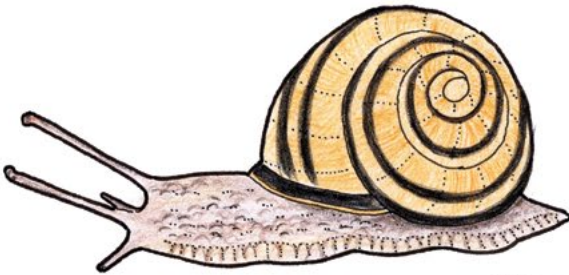
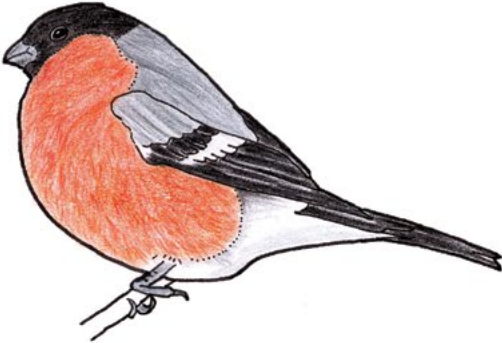
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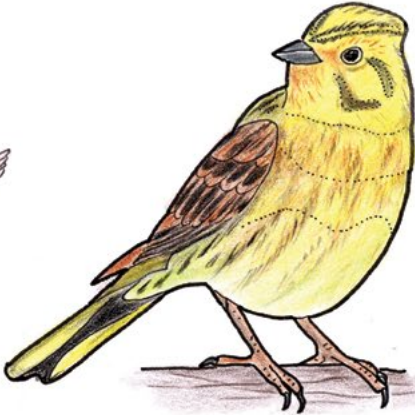
big hug.



Bullfinch



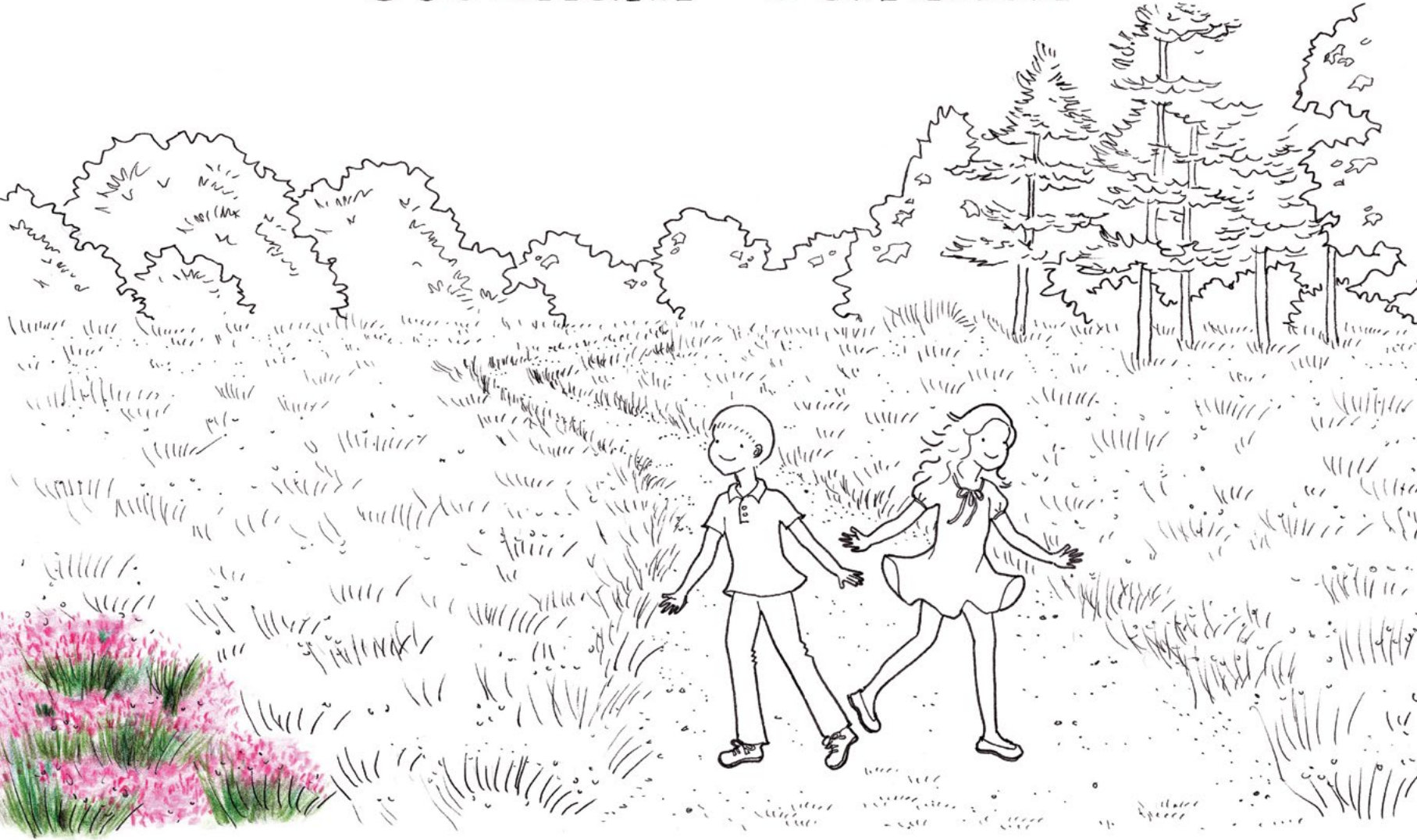
Brown-lipped snail



Yellowhammer



Stedham Common



Alex



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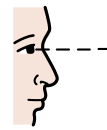
Rosie



walked



quietly,



looking

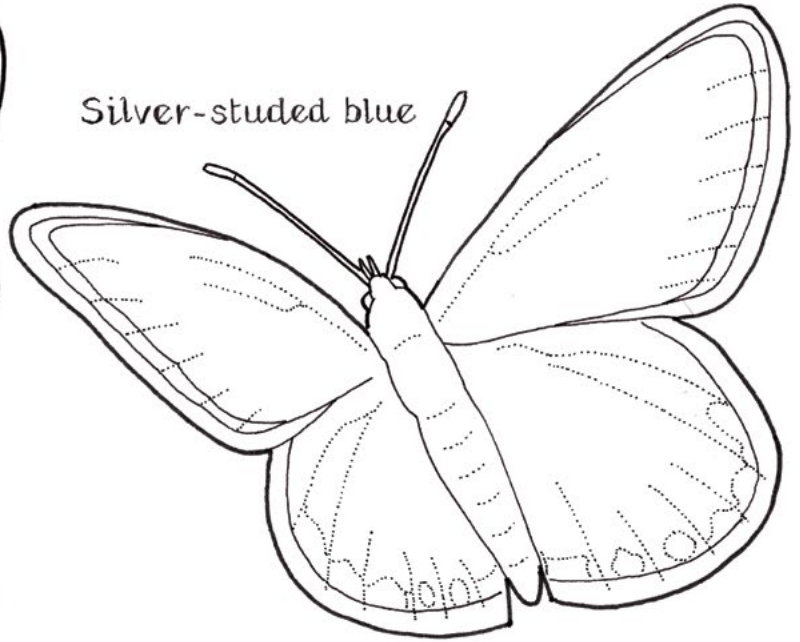
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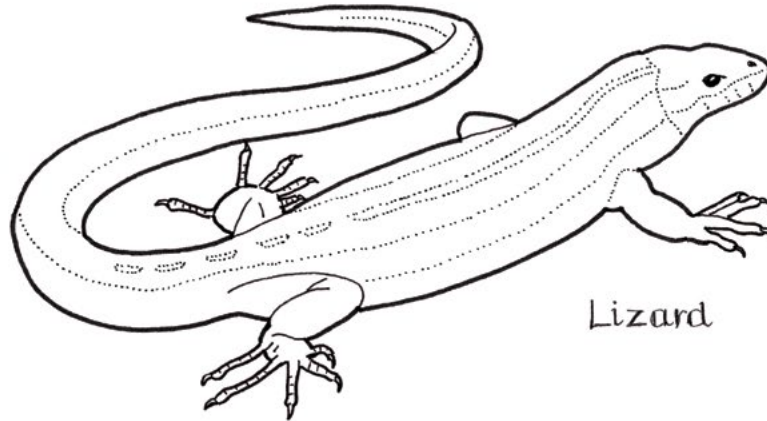
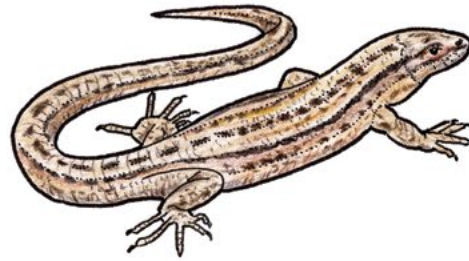
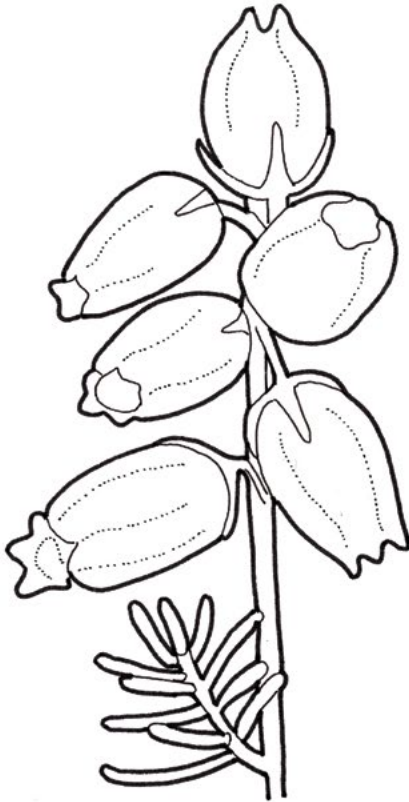
reptiles.



Silver-studded blue



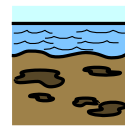
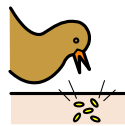
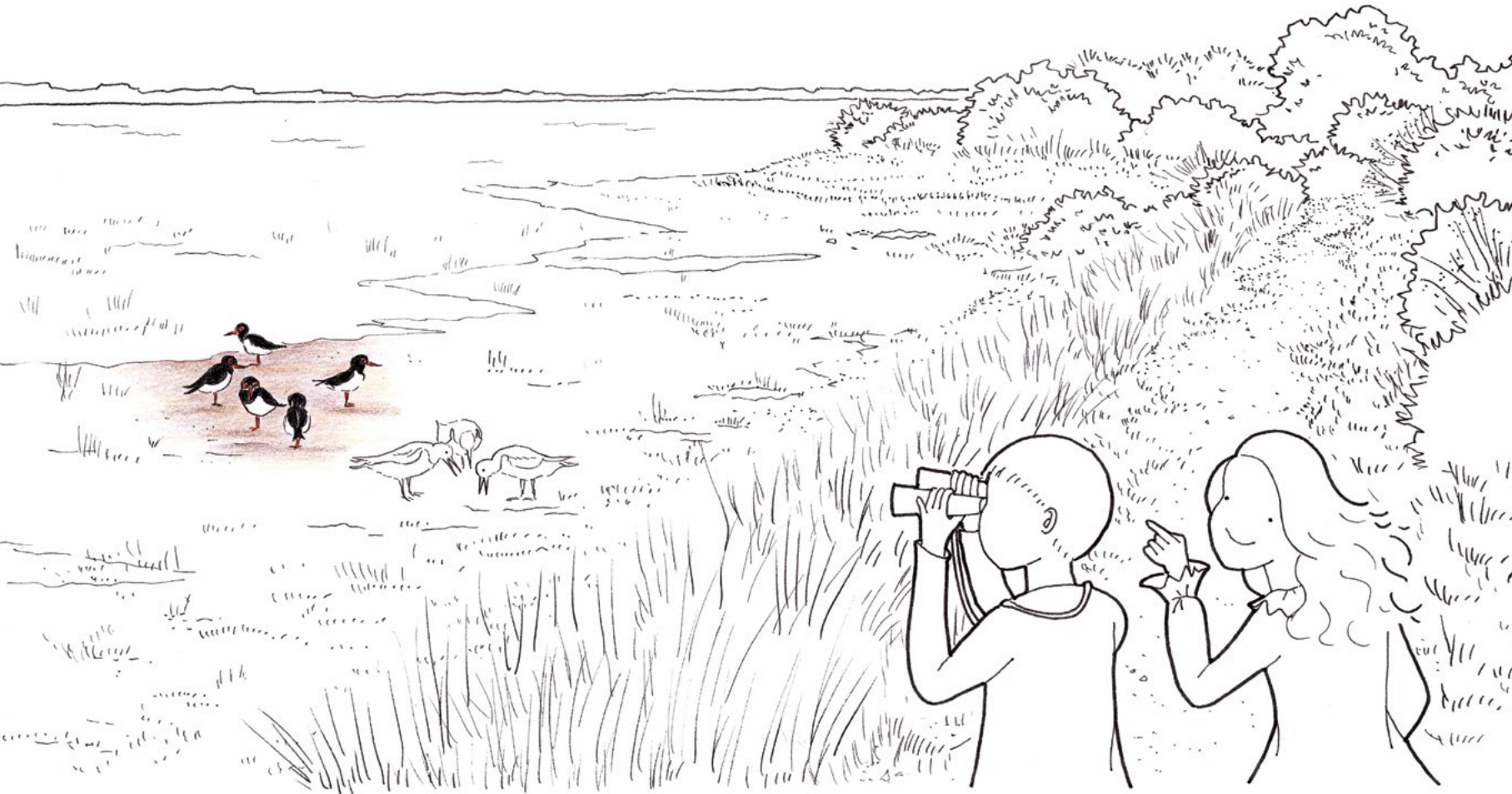
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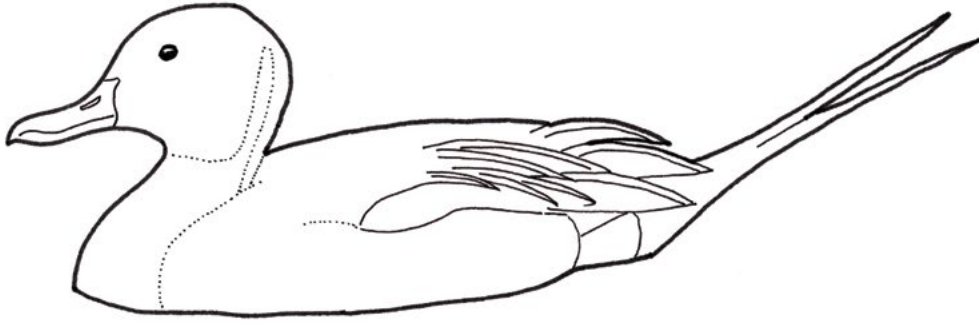
Lizard



Pagham Harbour



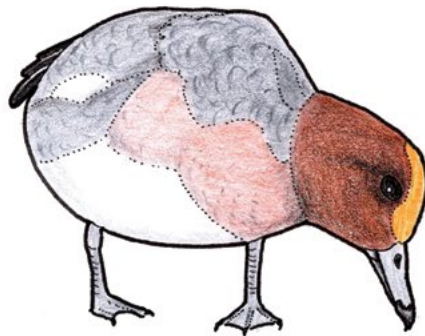
When the tide goes out, birds feed on the mud.



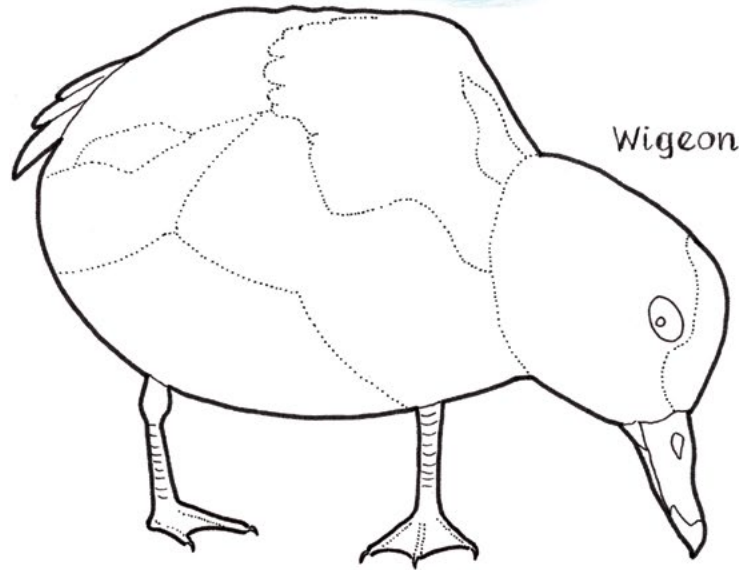
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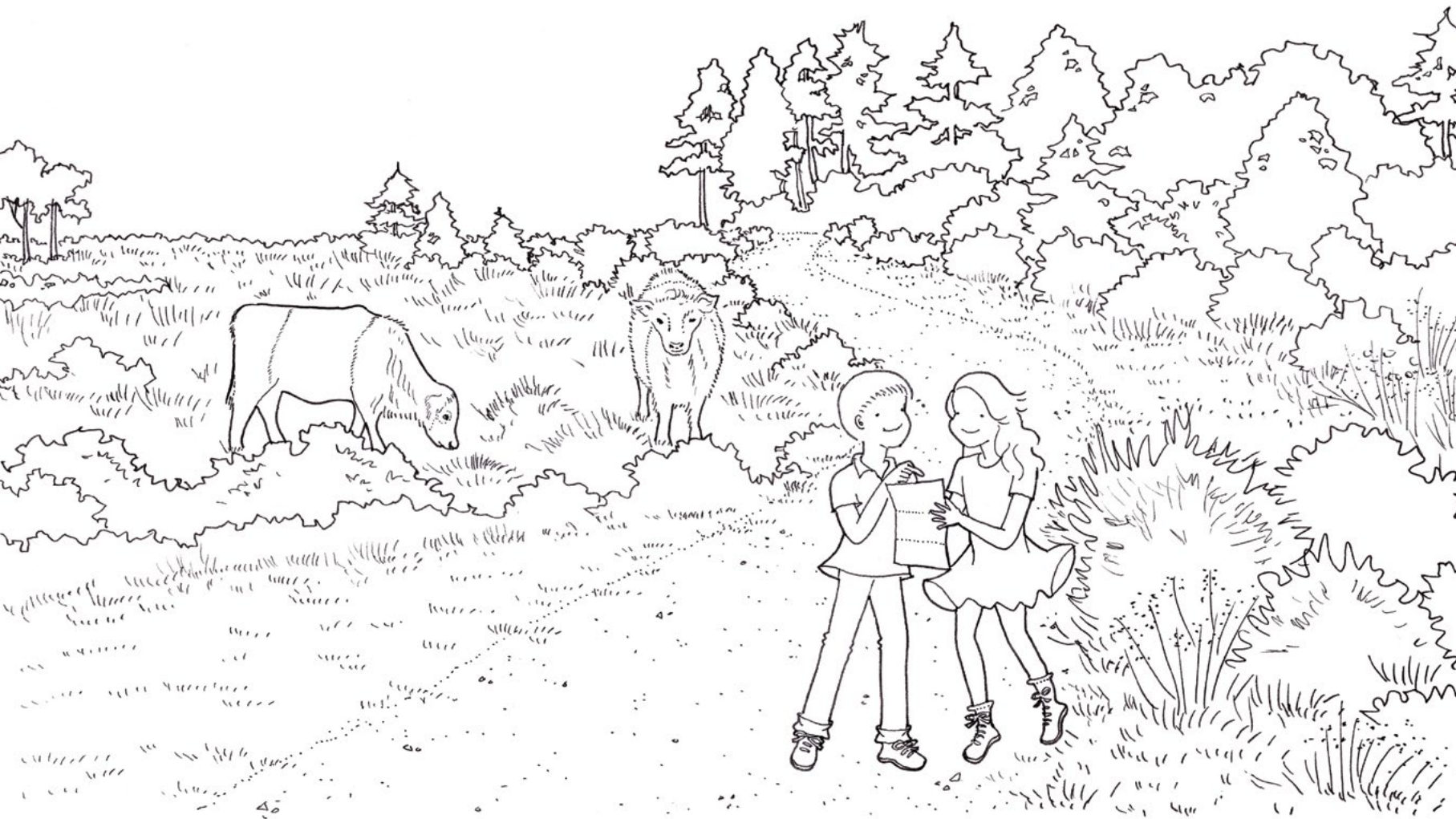
Lapwing



Wigeon



Black Down



Alex



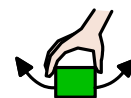
and Rosie



explored



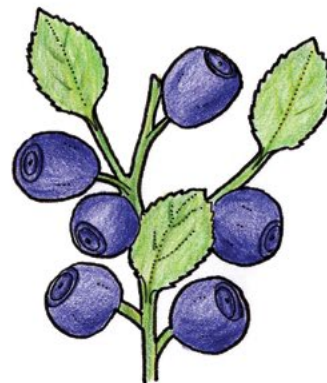
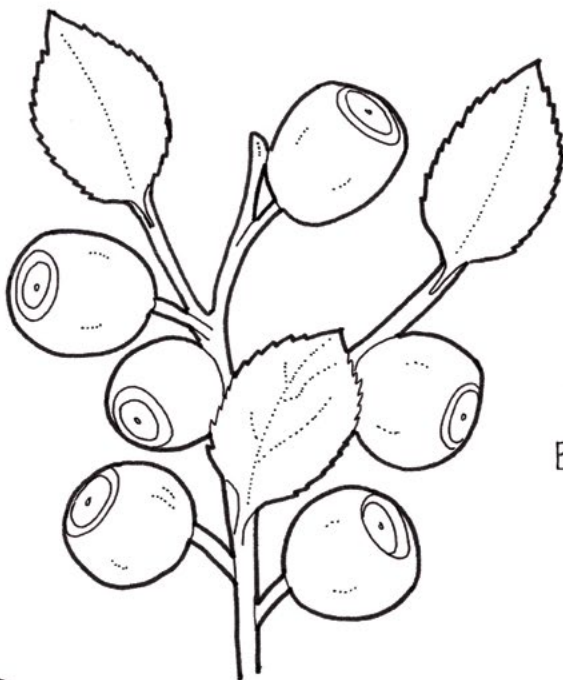
the nature reserve



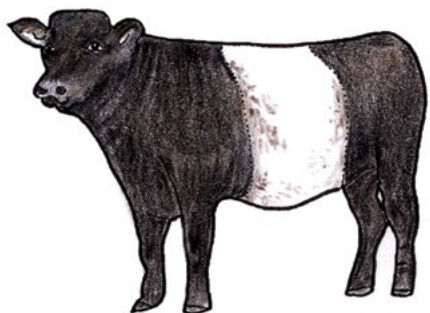
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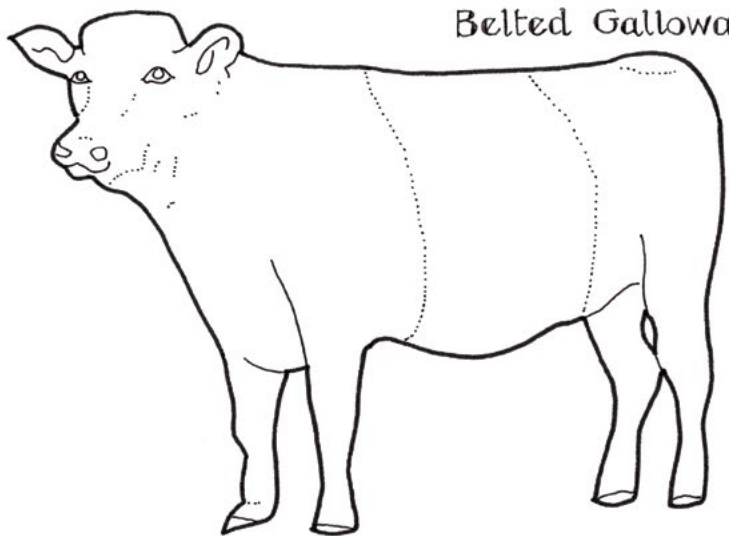
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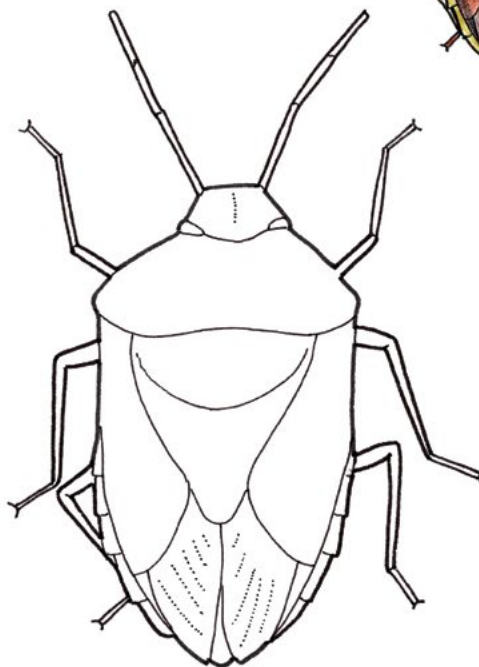
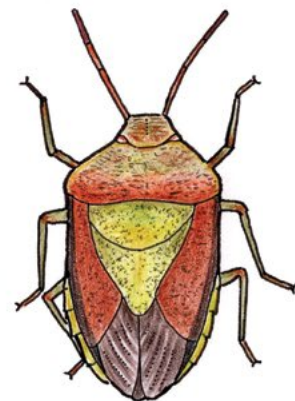
Bilberries



Belted Galloway



Gorse shieldbug



Petworth Park



Alex



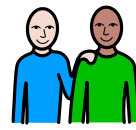
and Rosie



enjoyed



a picnic

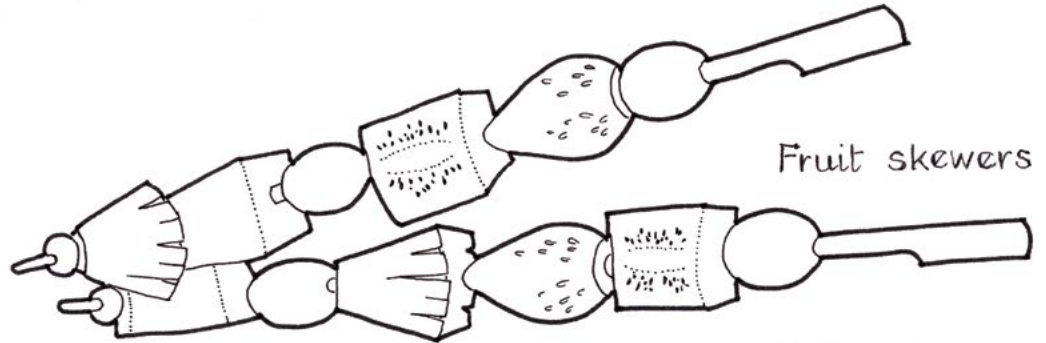
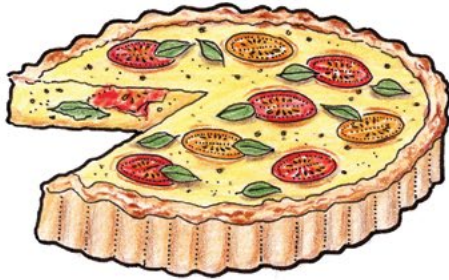
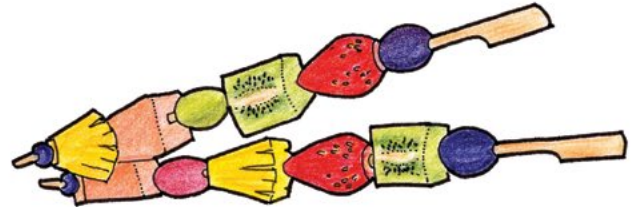


with their

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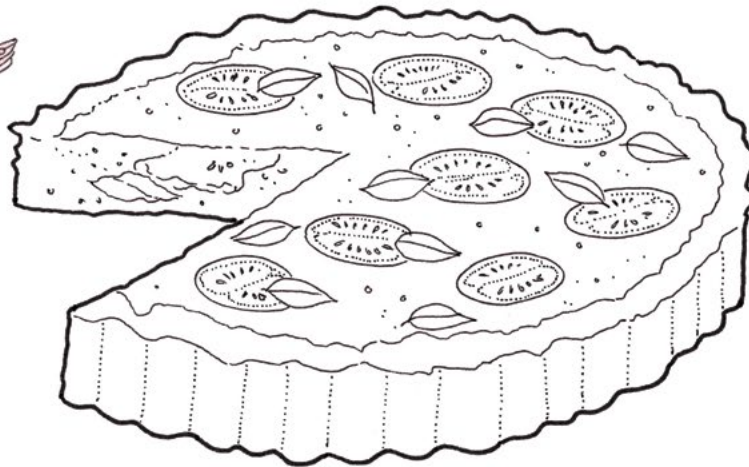


Cupcakes



Fruit skewers

Quiche



Ebernoe Common

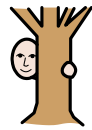


Alex



and

Rosie



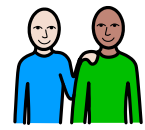
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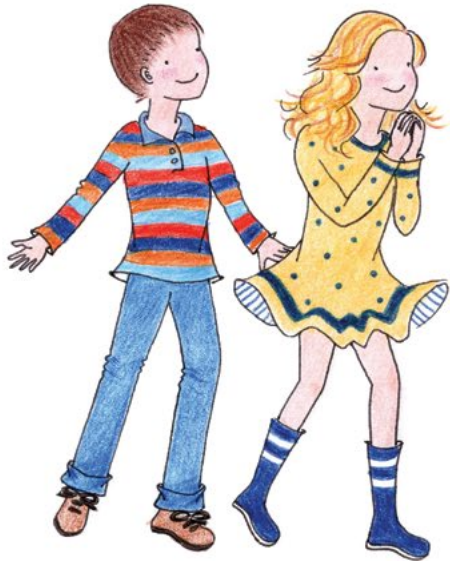
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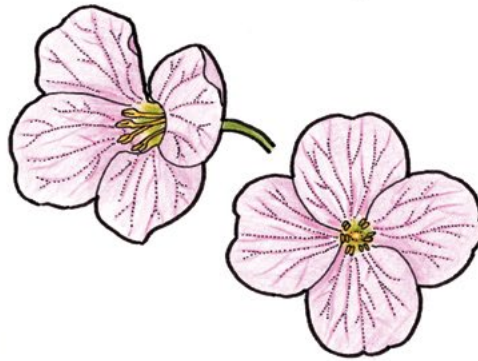
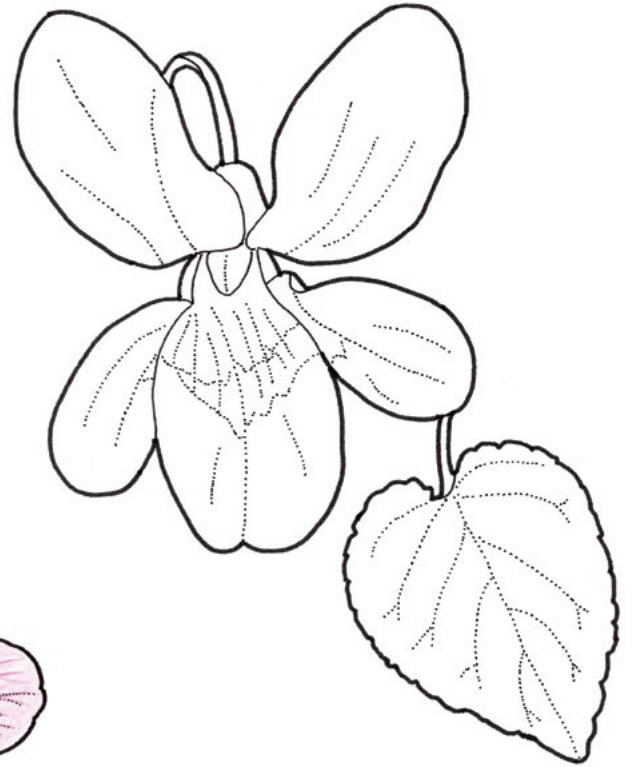
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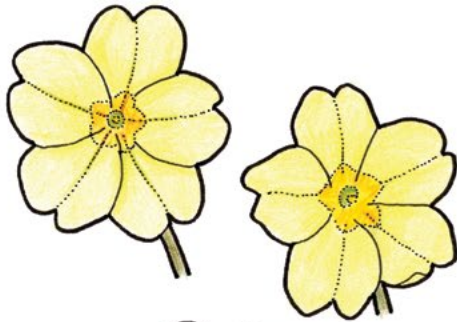
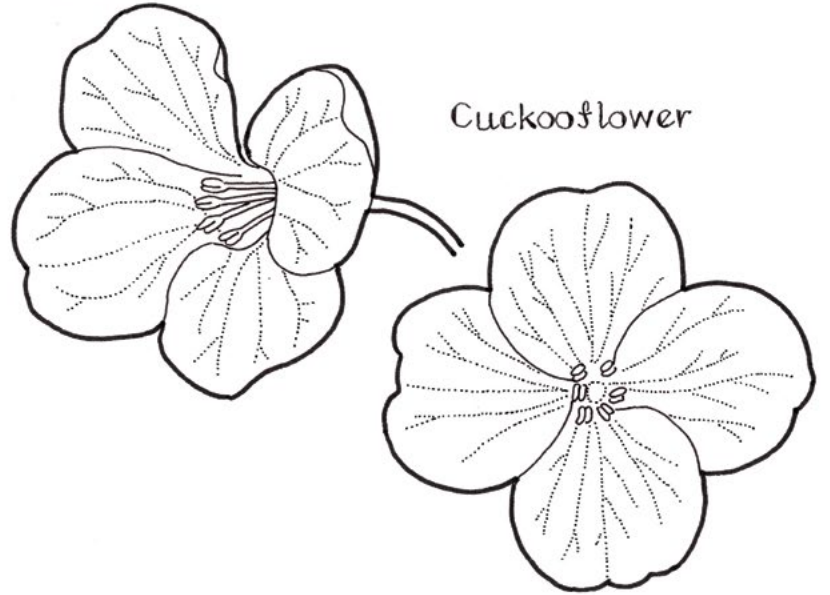
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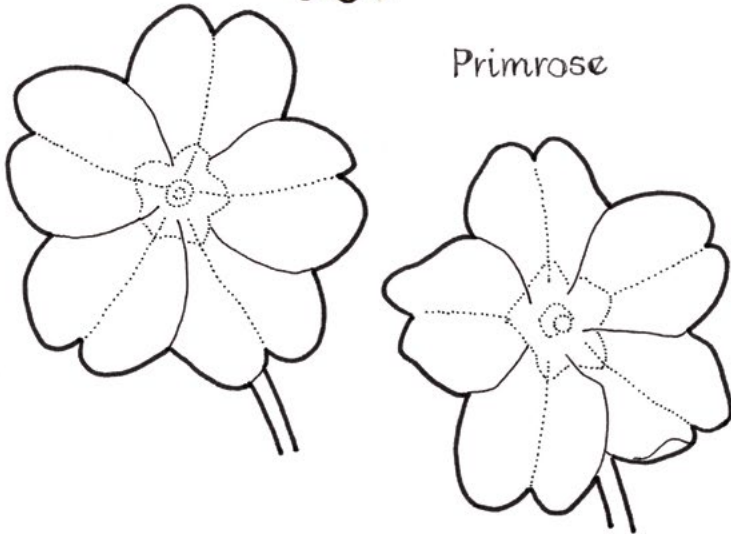
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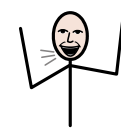
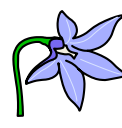
Cuckoo flower



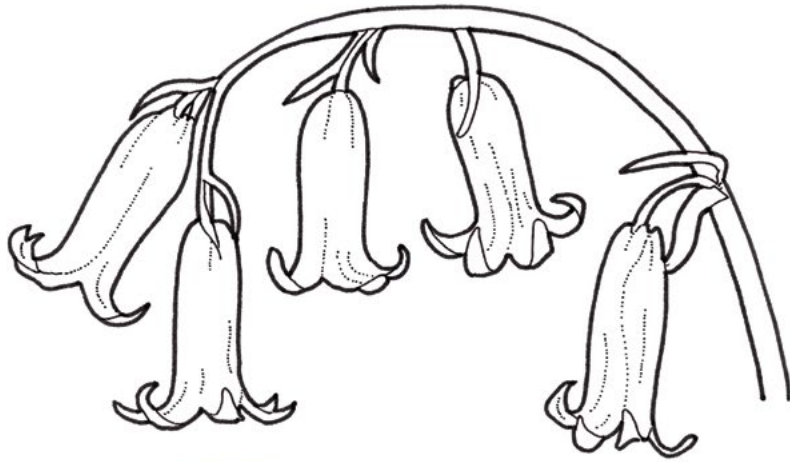
Primrose



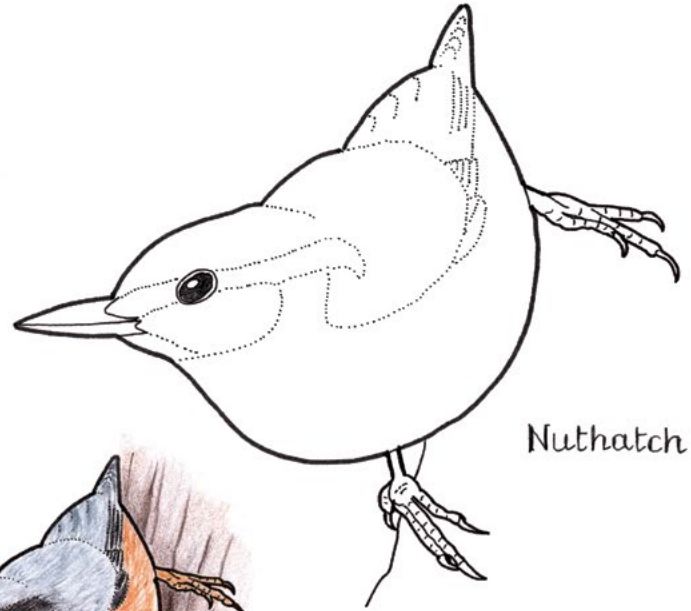
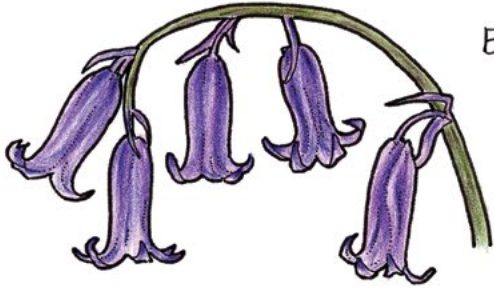
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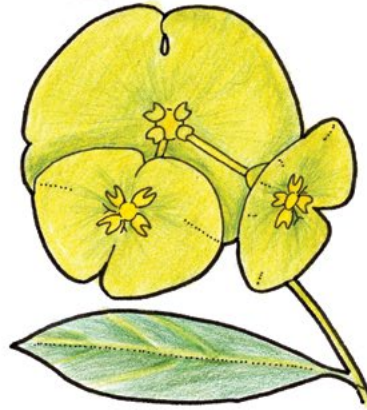
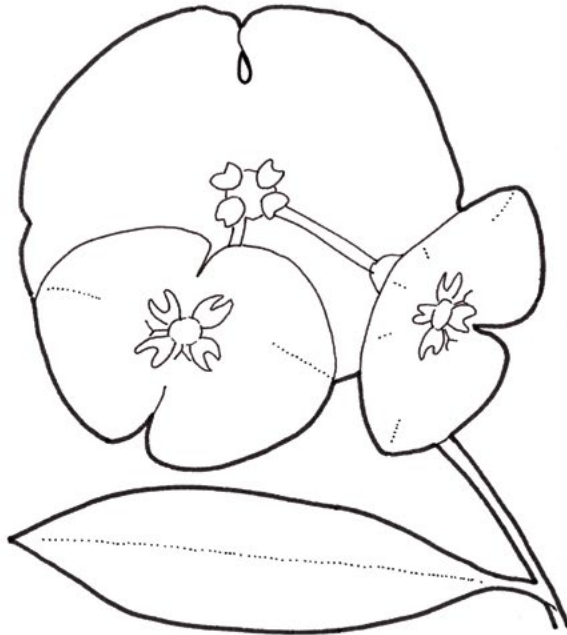
Spring is the time for bluebells. Hooray!



Bluebell



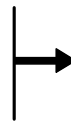
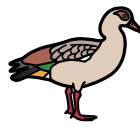
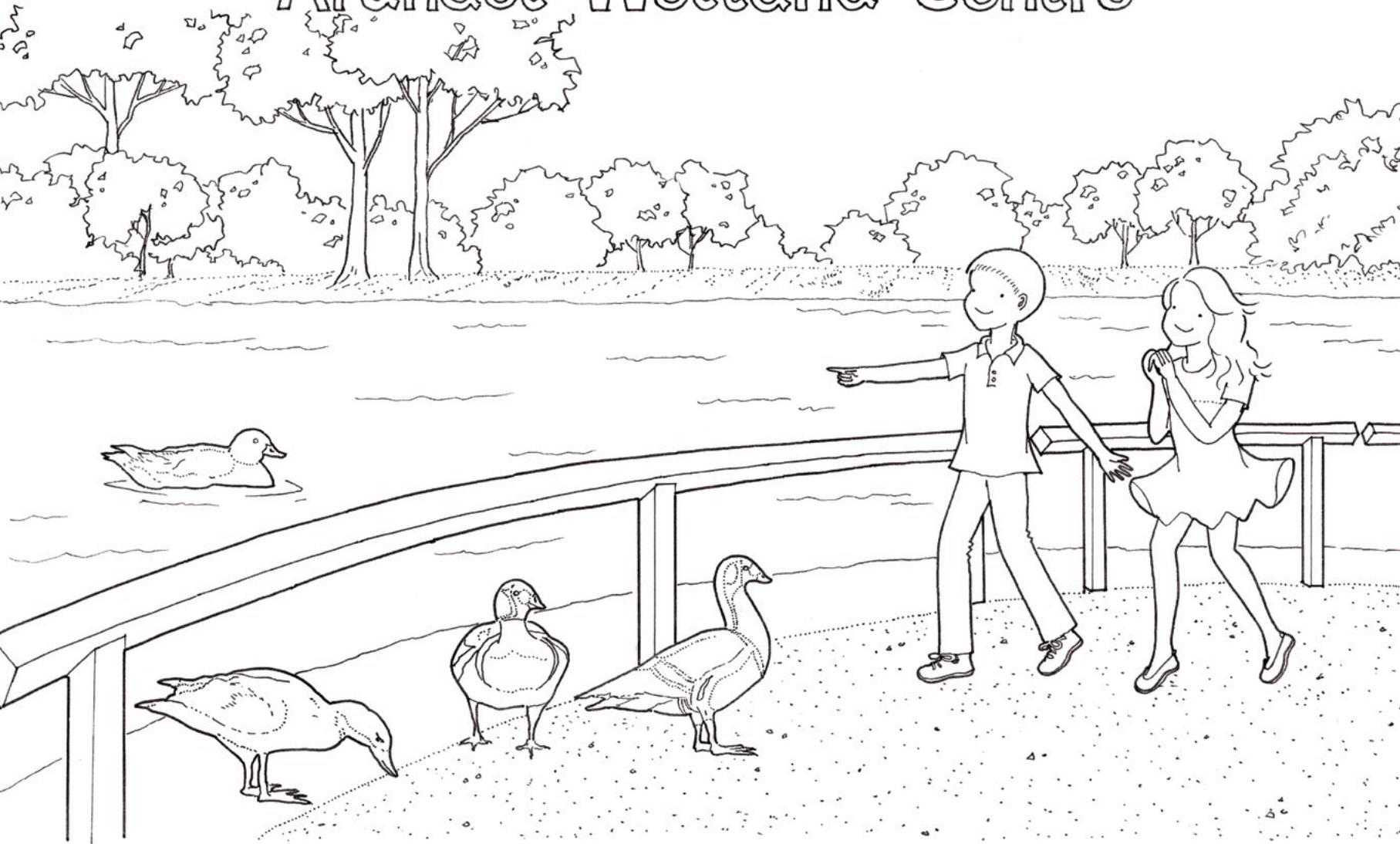
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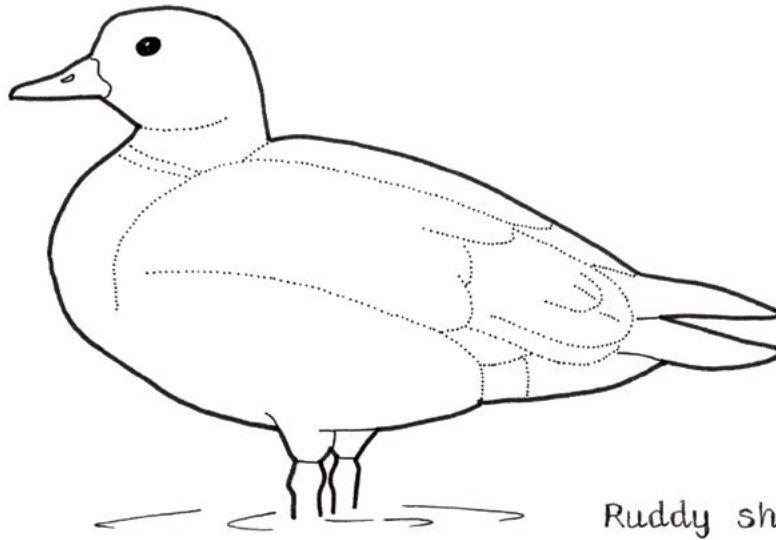
Wood spurge



Arundel Wetland Centre



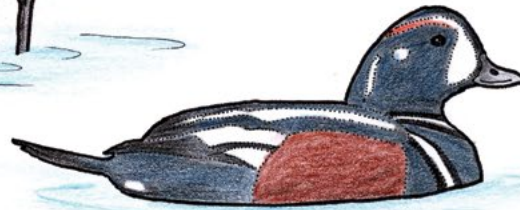
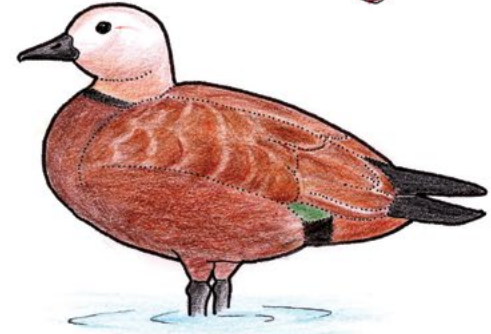
There were ducks and geese from all over the world.



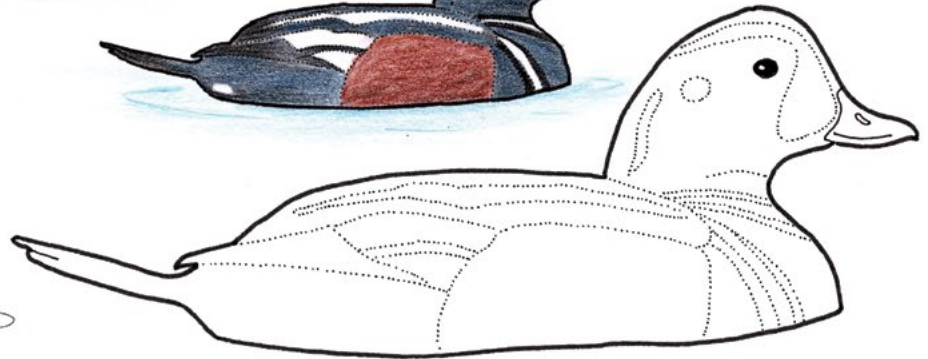
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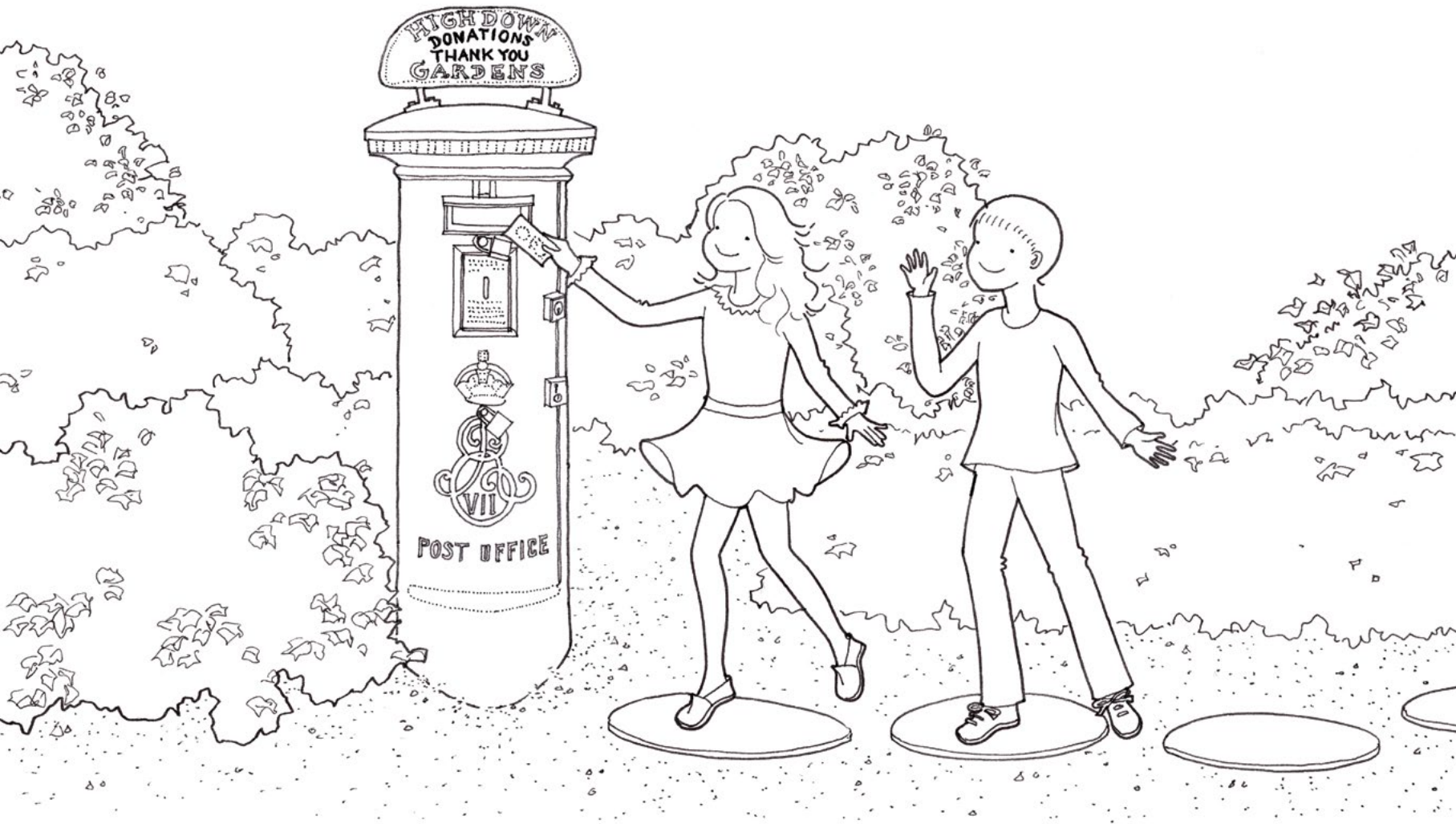
Red-breasted goose



Harlequin



Highdown Garden



Alex



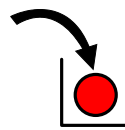
and Rosie



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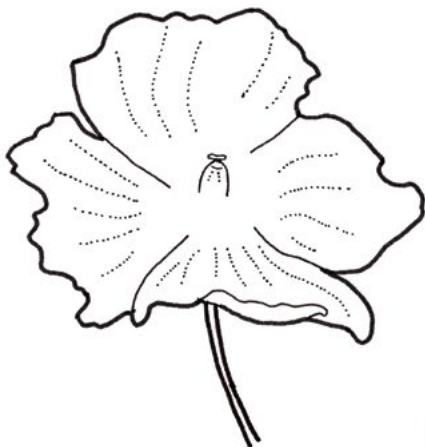
some money



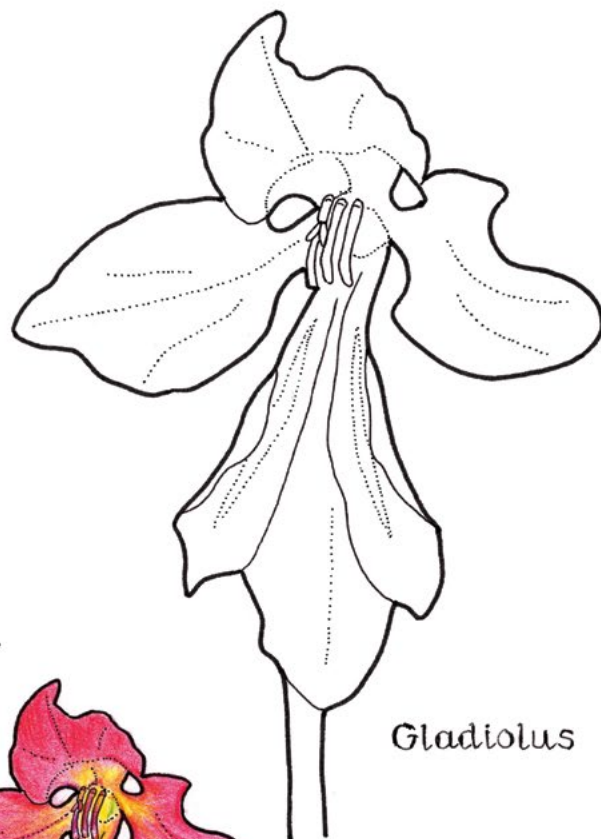
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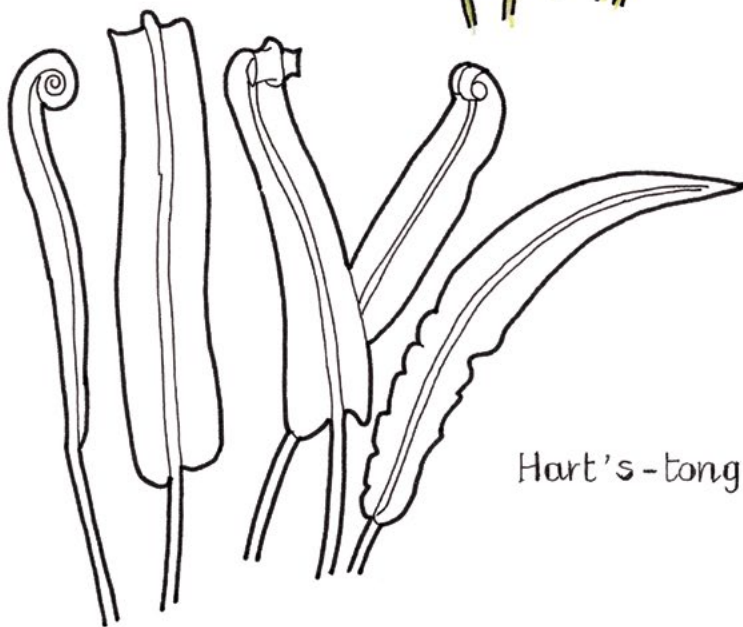
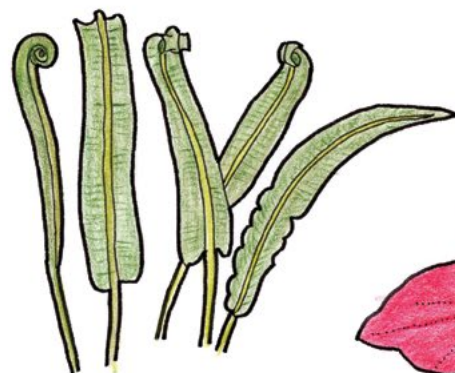
the green post box.



Welsh poppy



Gladiolus



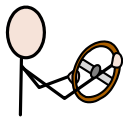
Hart's-tongue



Pulborough Brooks



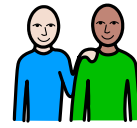
Alex



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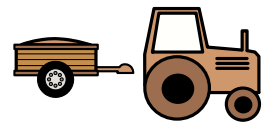


Rosie

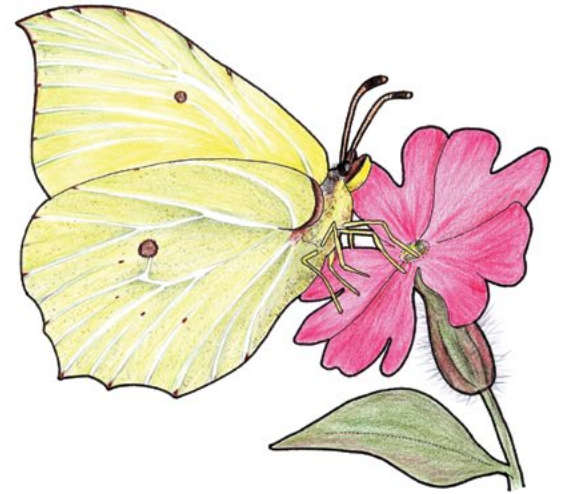
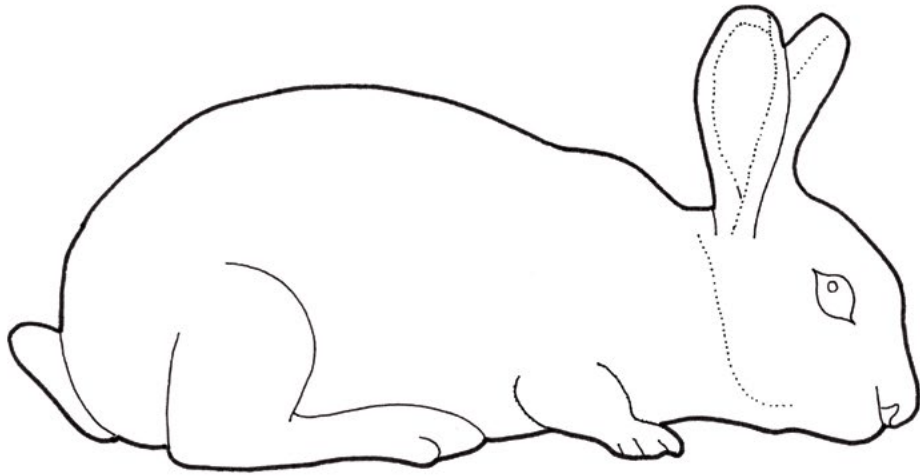


and their

friend



a ride.



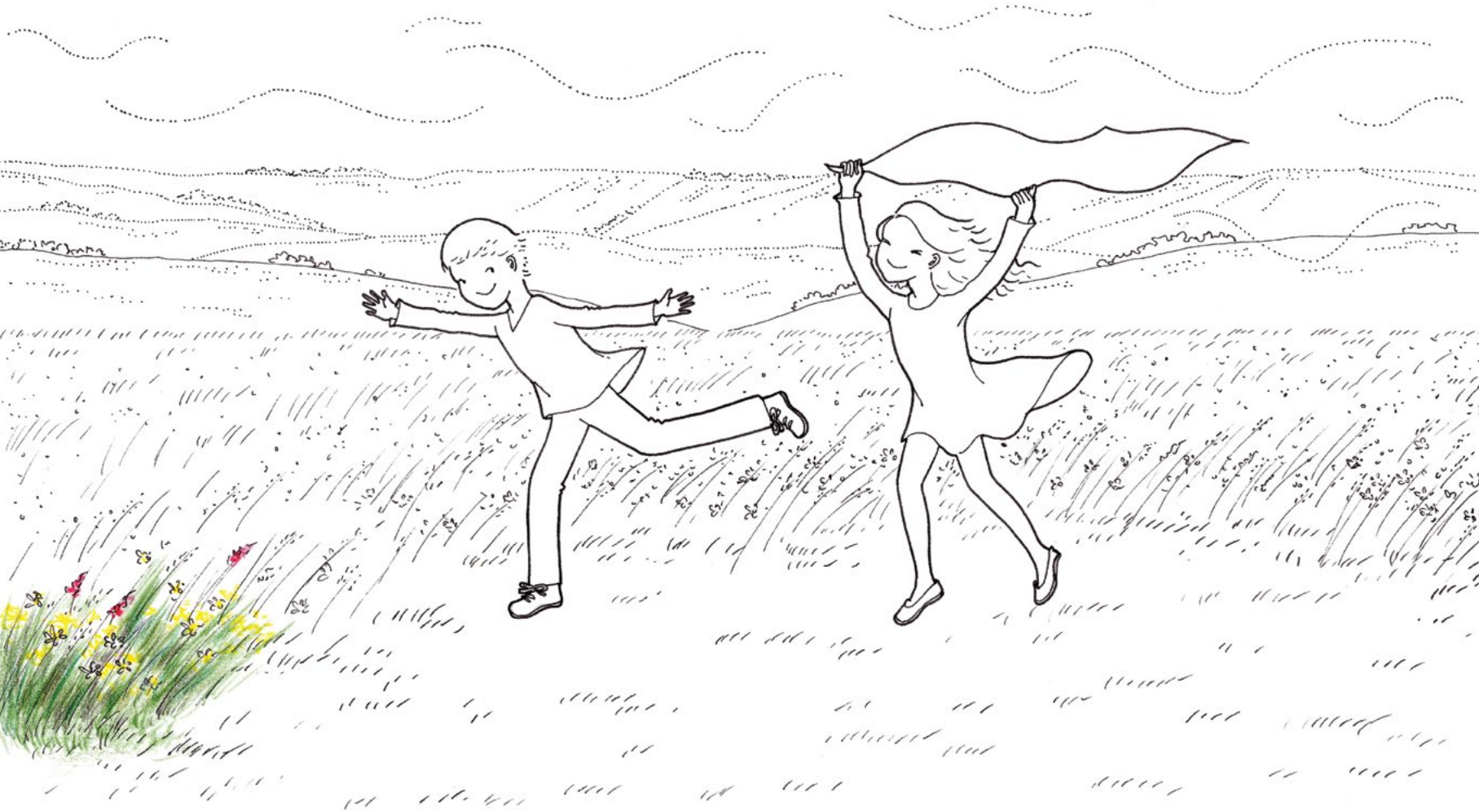
Brimstone on red campion



Rabbit



Cissbury Ring



Alex

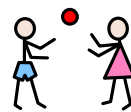
and



Rosie



enjoyed



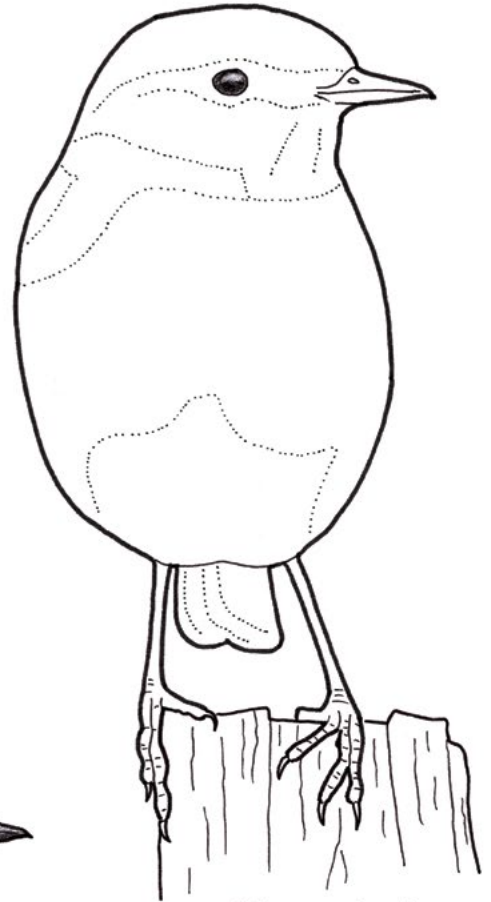
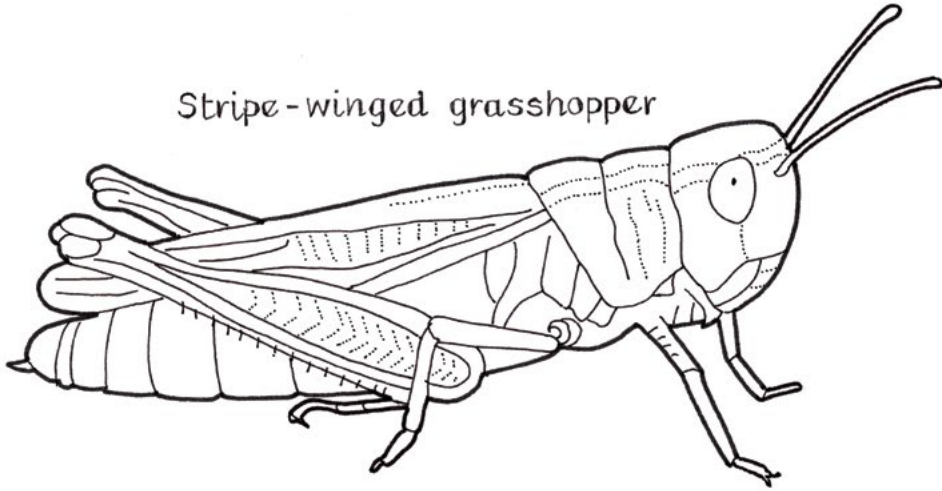
playing

in the



wind.

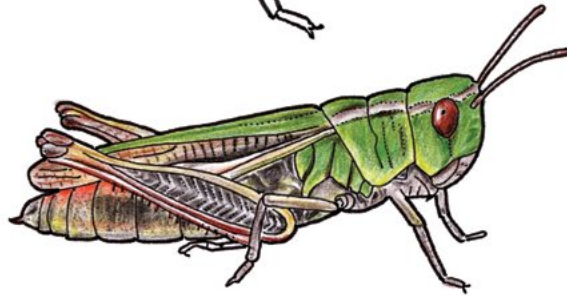
Stripe-winged grasshopper



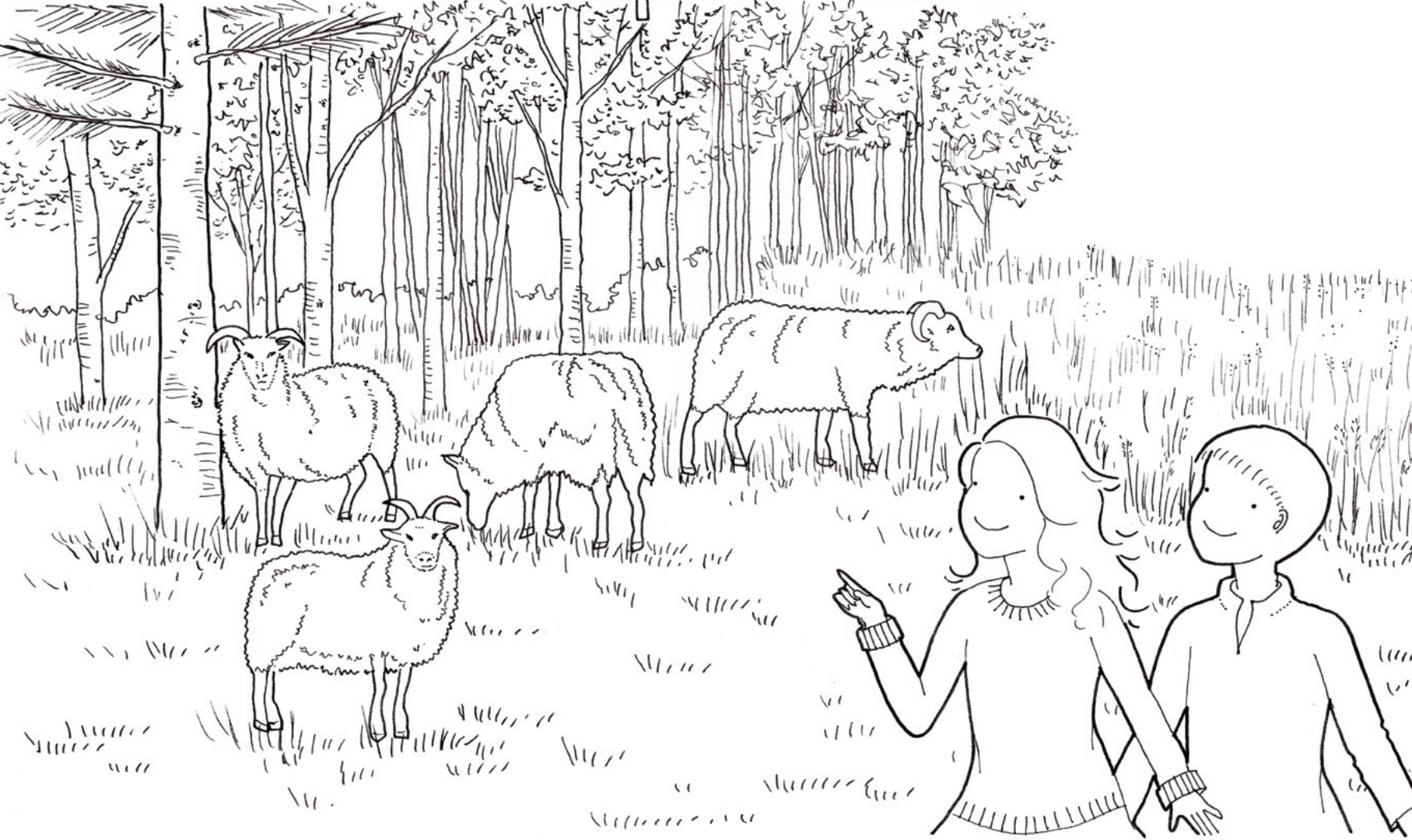
Stonechat



Wild strawberry



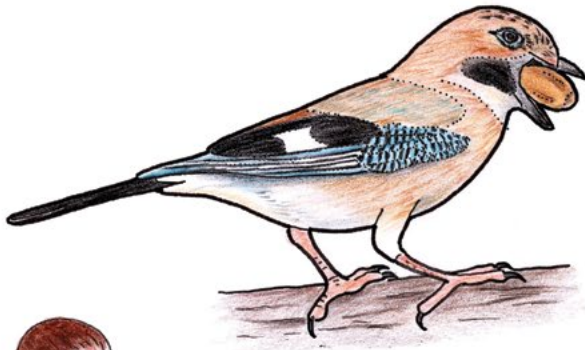
Leechpool Wood



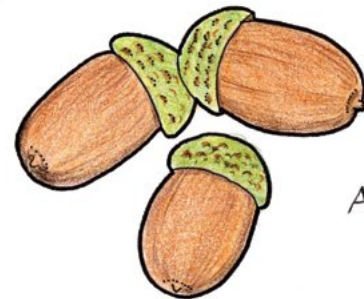
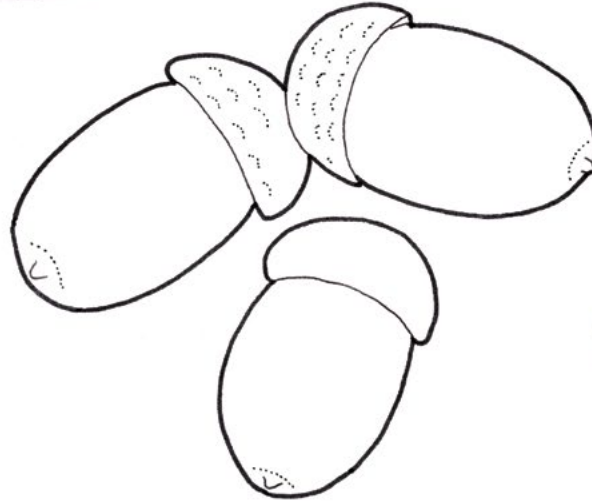
Sheep were grazing in the woodland.



Grey squirrel

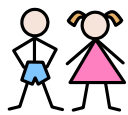


Jay

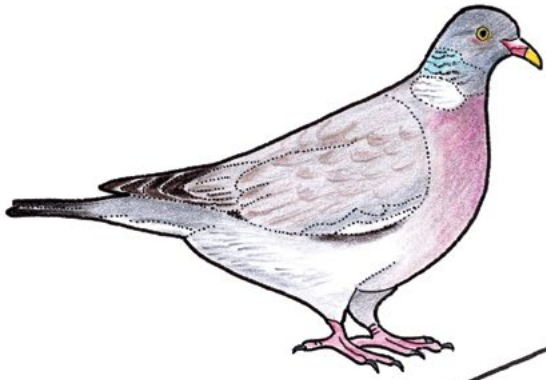


Acorns

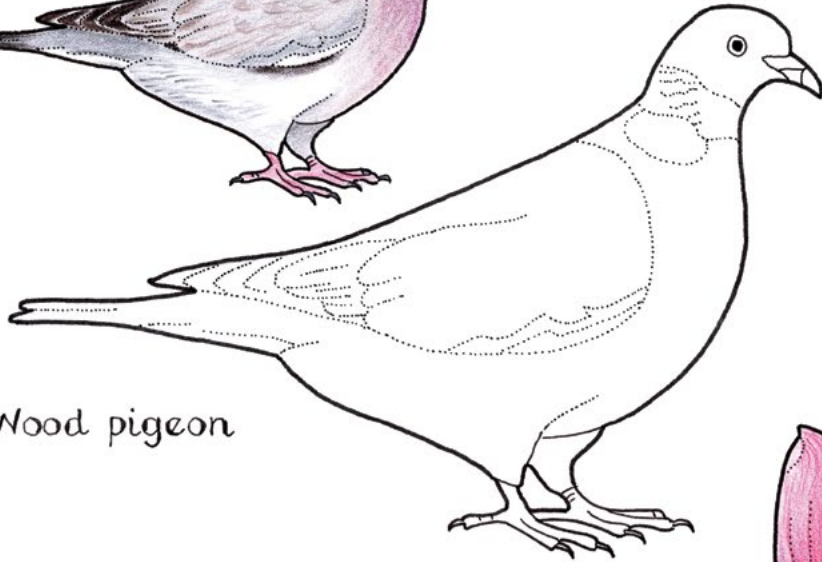
High Beeches Garden



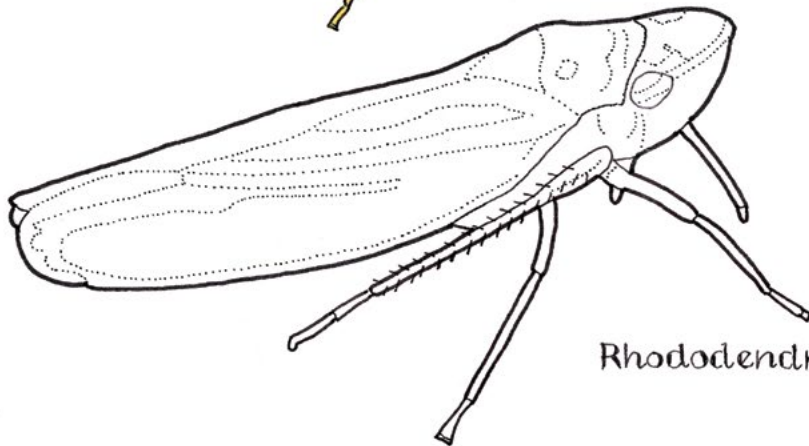
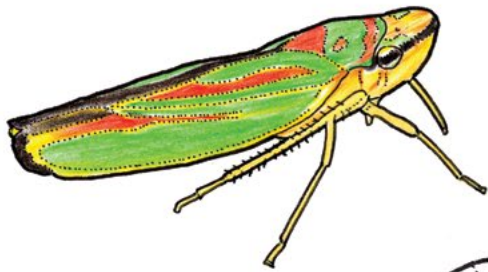
The children enjoyed running down the slope.



Wood pigeon



Magnolia



Rhododendron leafhopper



Nymans



Alex



and Rosie



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natural



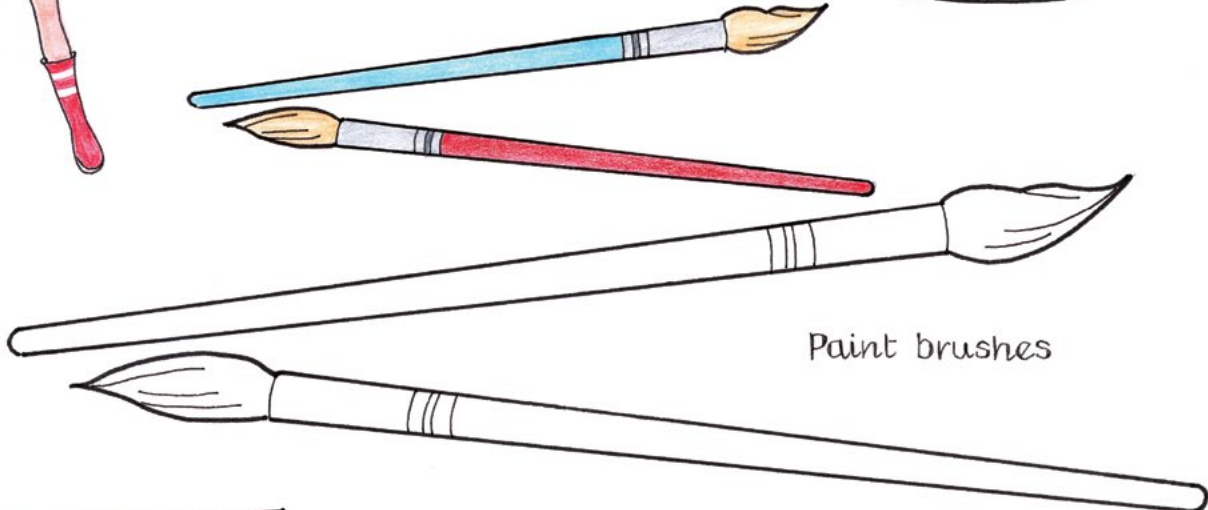
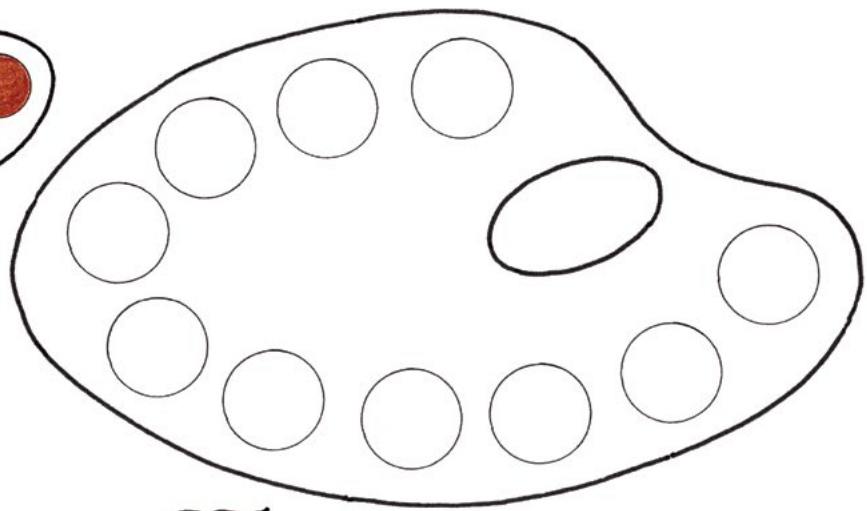
art



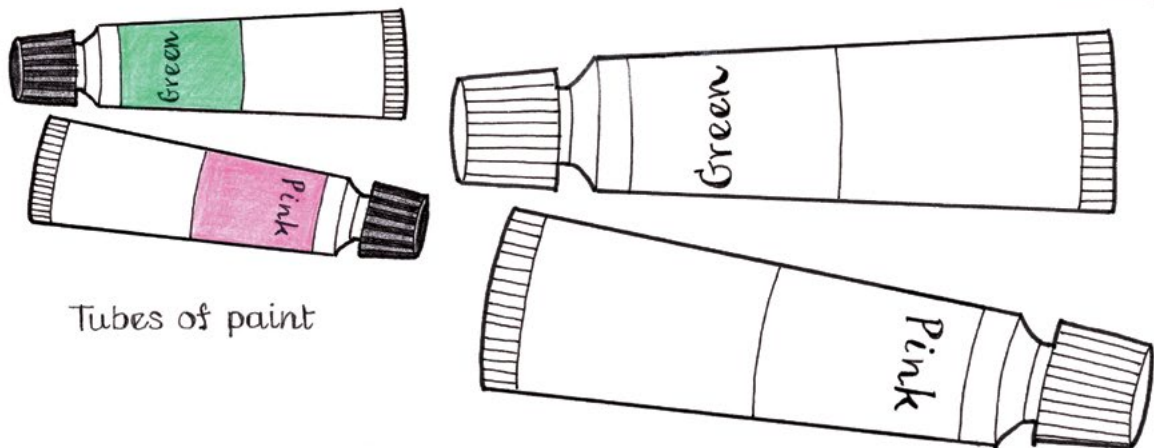
in the garden.



Paint palette



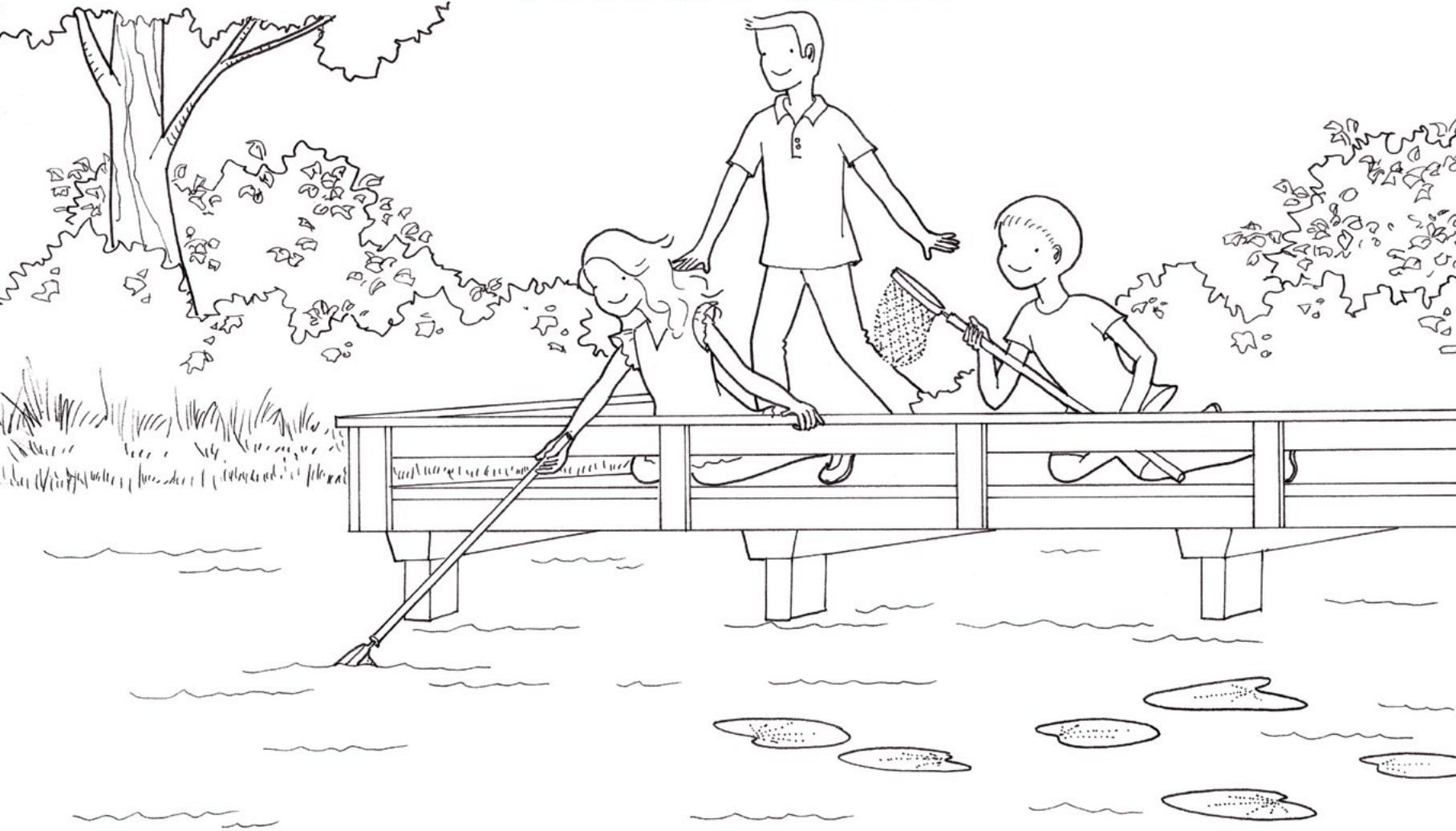
Paint brushes



Tubes of paint



Woods Mill



Alex

and



Rosie



really

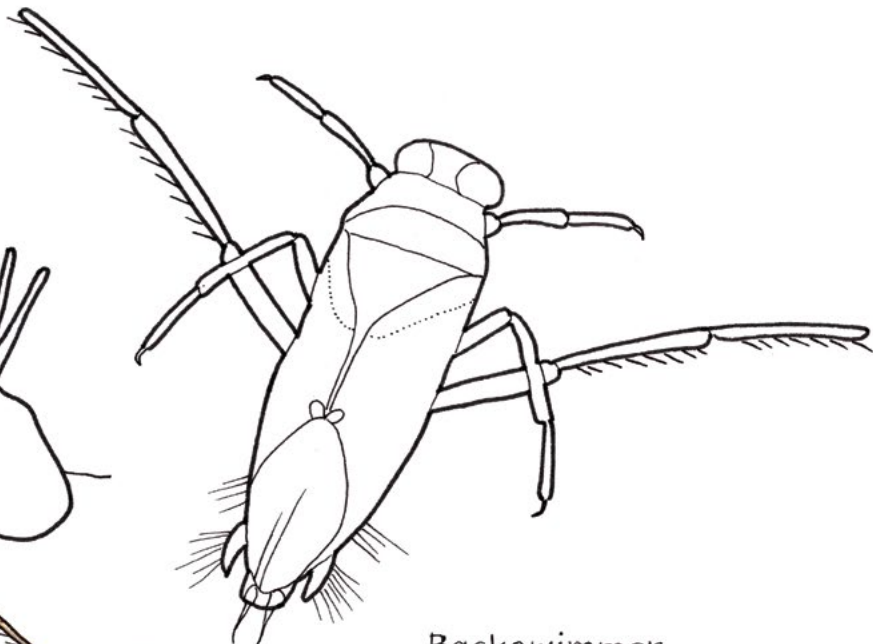
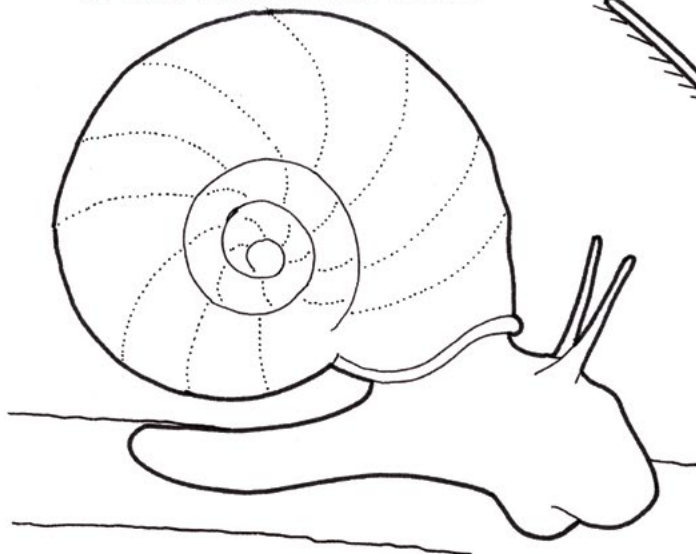


enjoyed

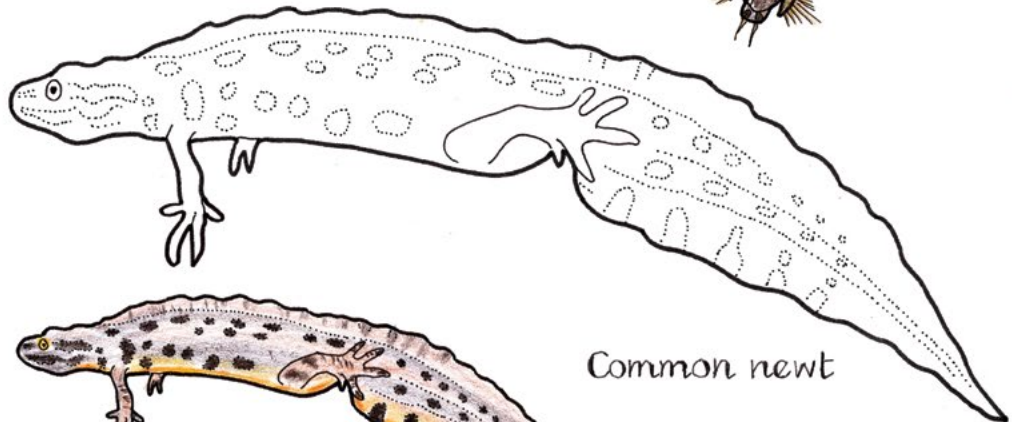


pond dipping.

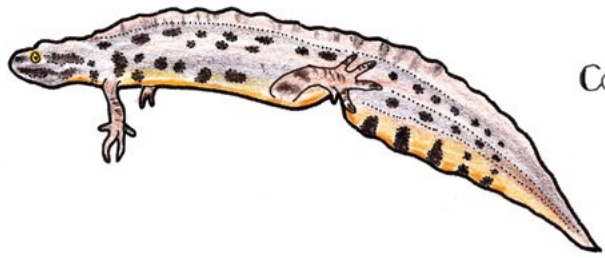
Great ramshorn snail



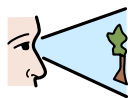
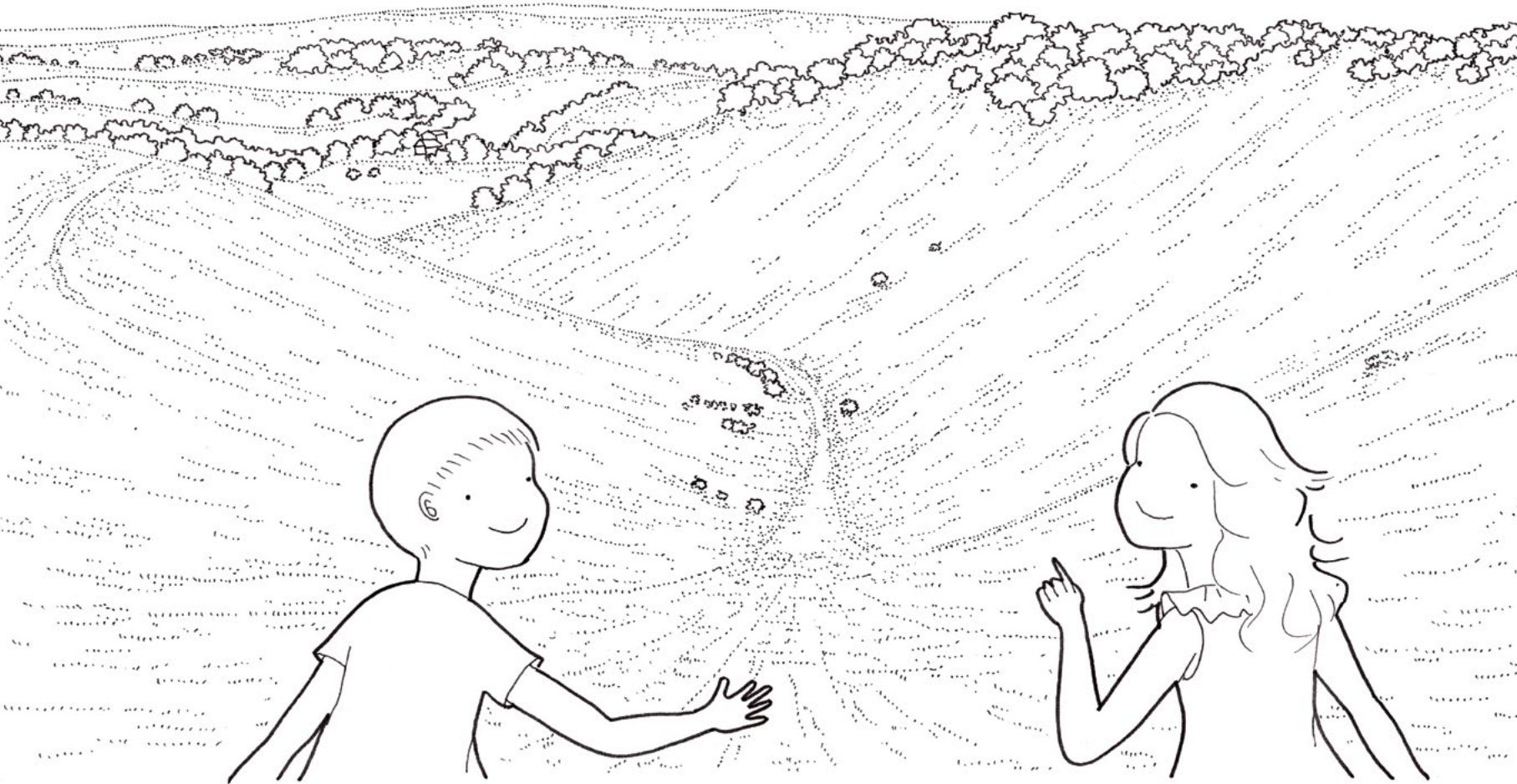
Backswimmer



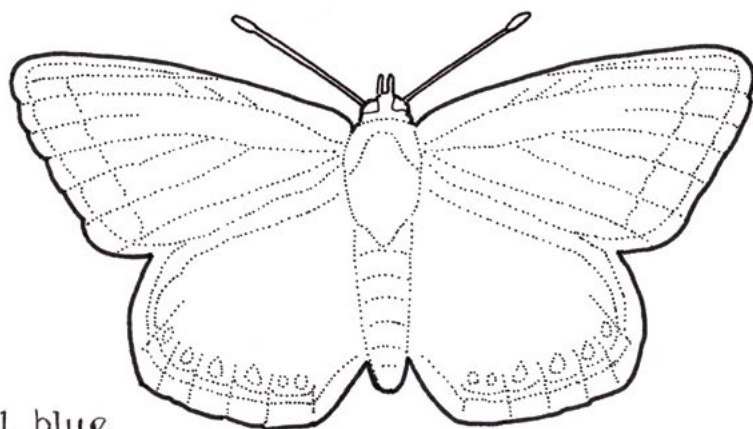
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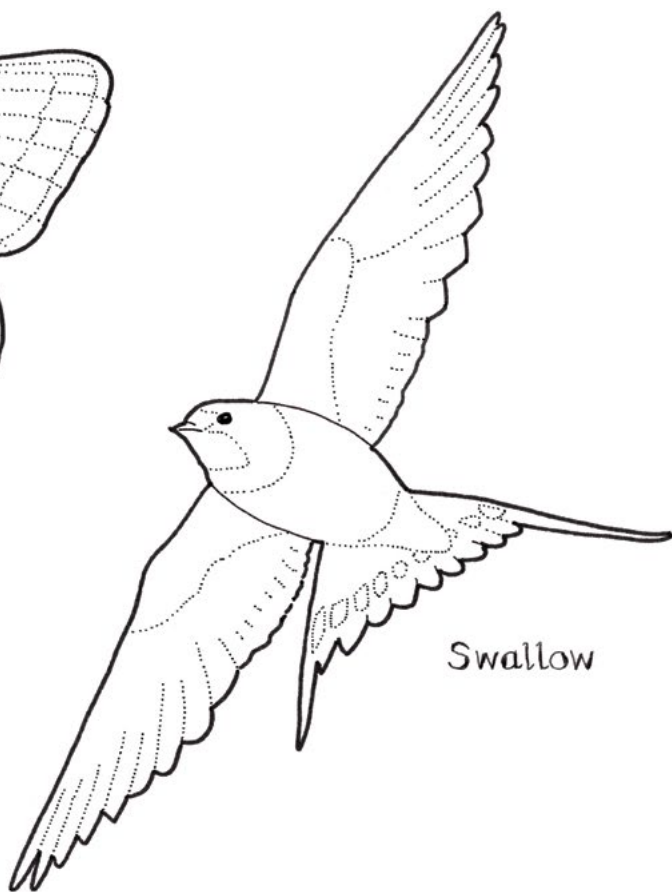
Devil's Dyke



The view down the valley was amazing.



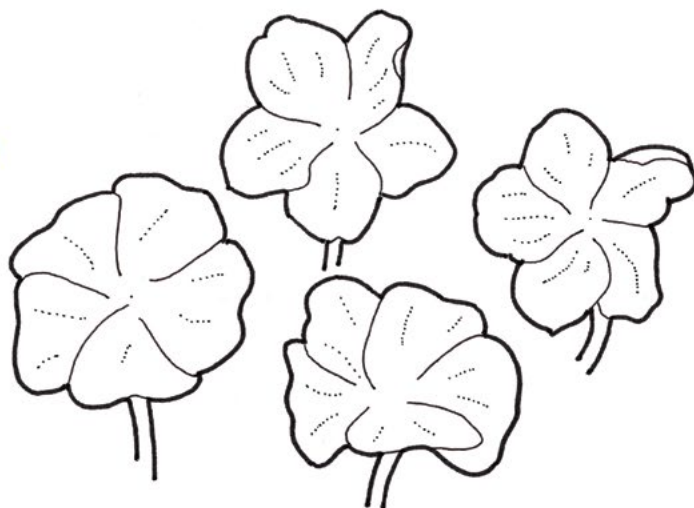
Chalkhill blue



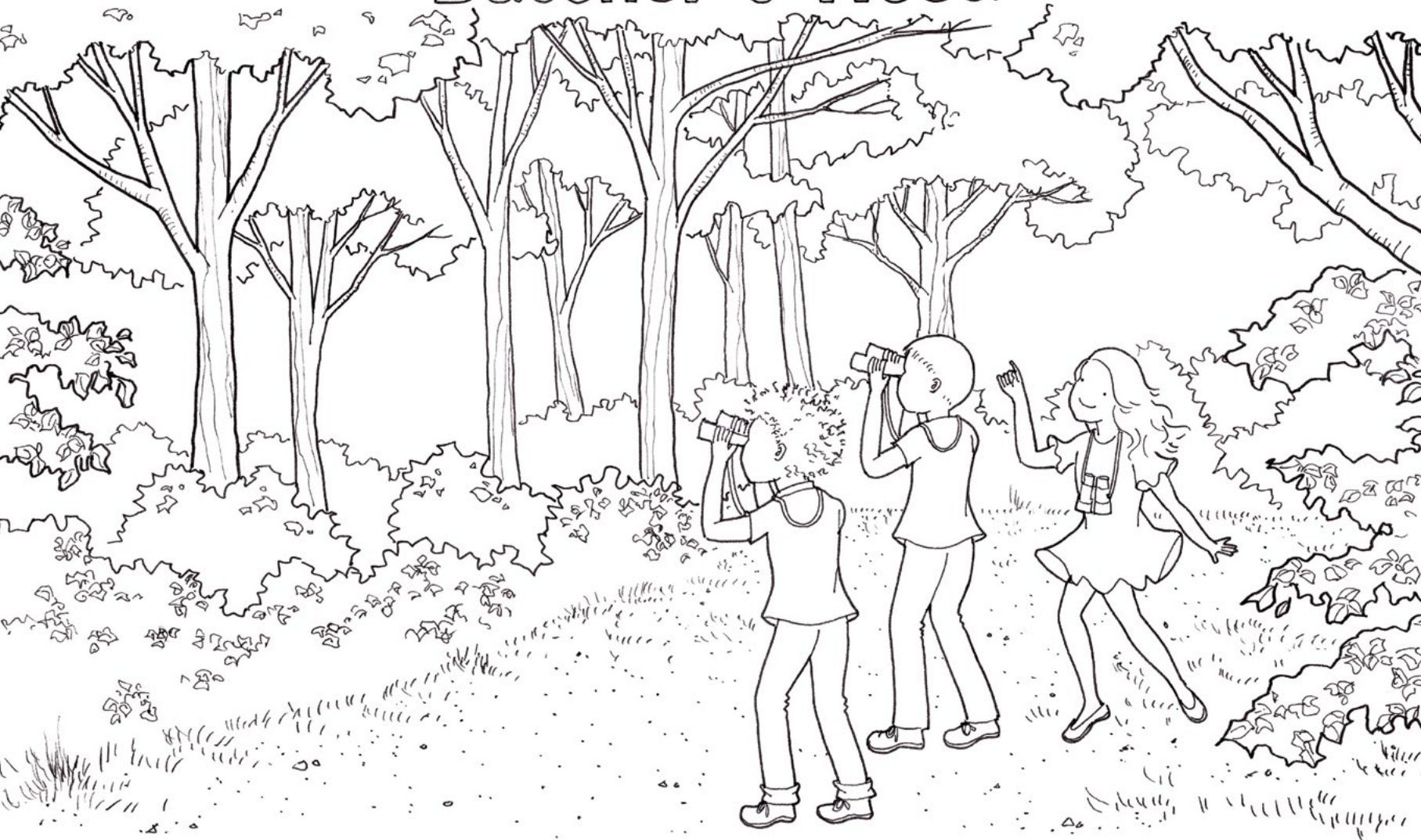
Swallow



Common rock-rose



Butcher's Wood



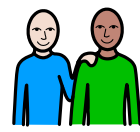
Alex



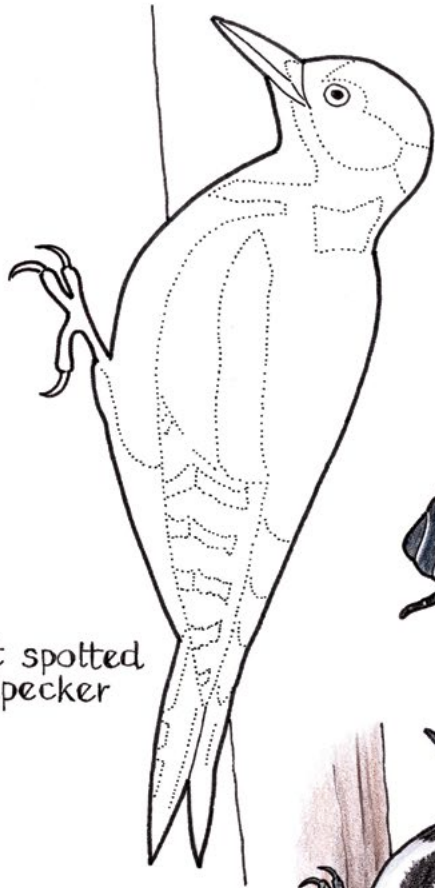
and Rosie



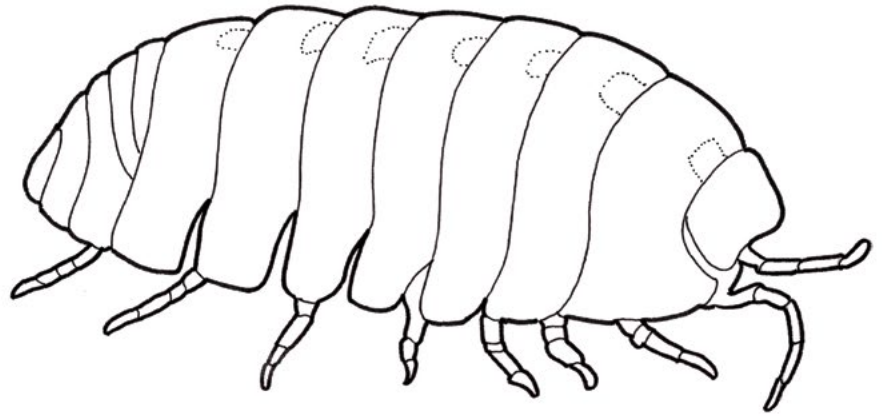
went bird watching



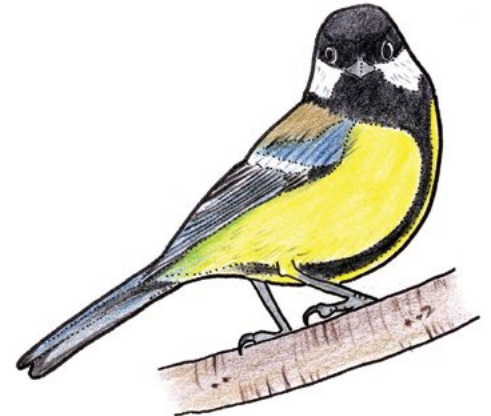
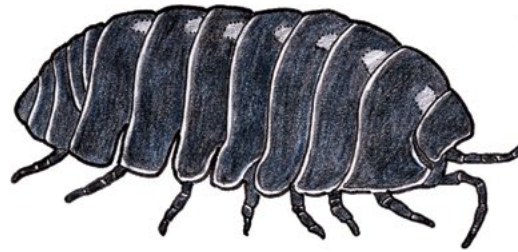
with their friend.



Great spotted woodpecker



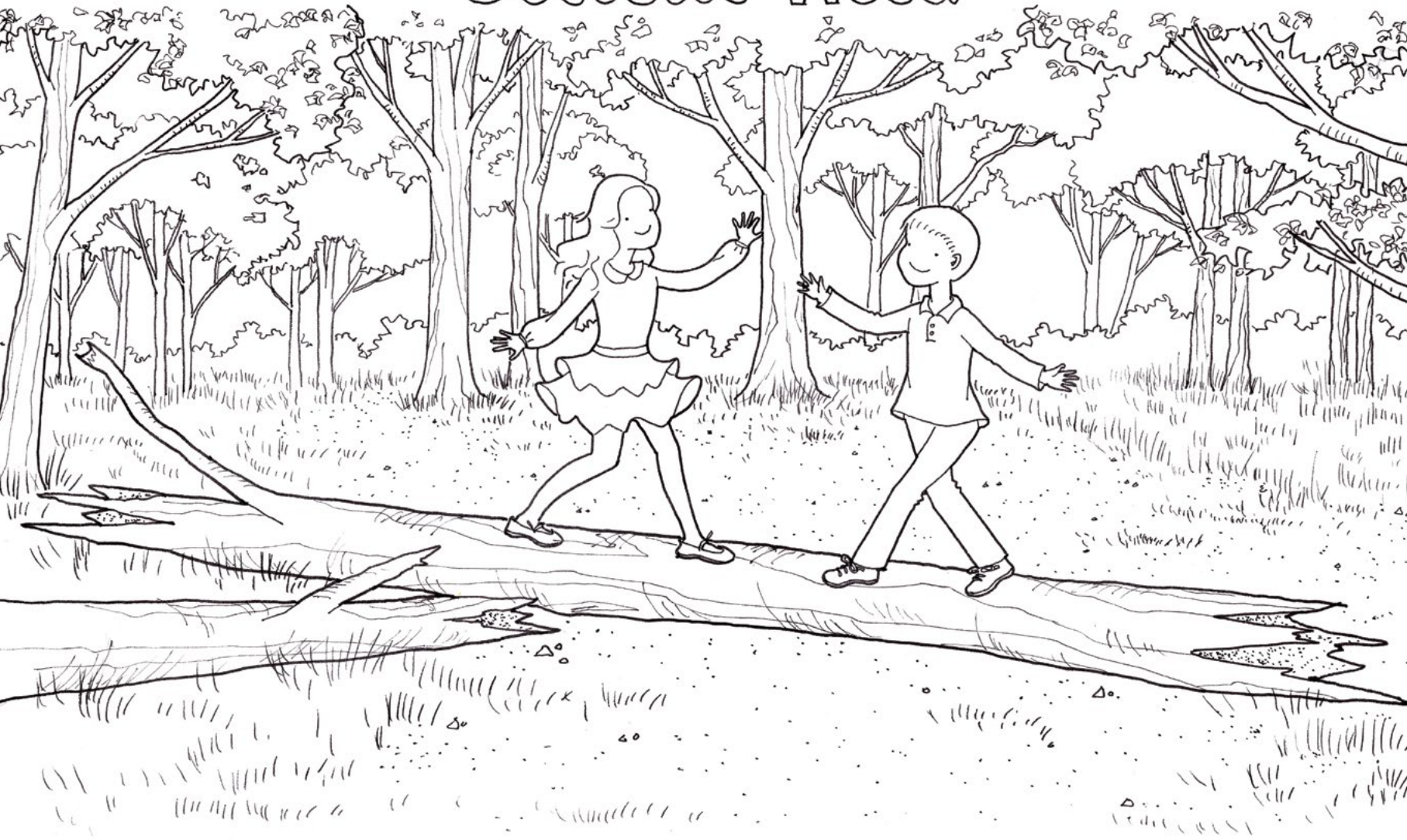
Pill woodlouse



Great tit



Costells Wood



Alex



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Rosie



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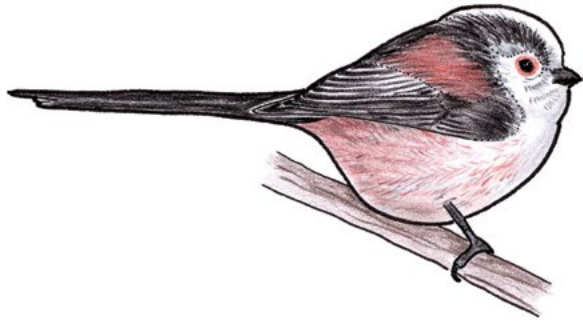


balancing

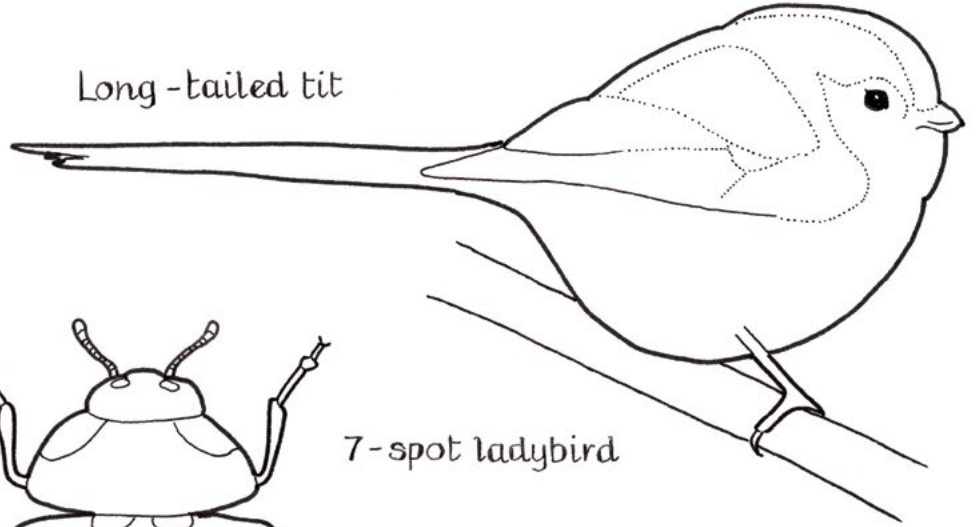
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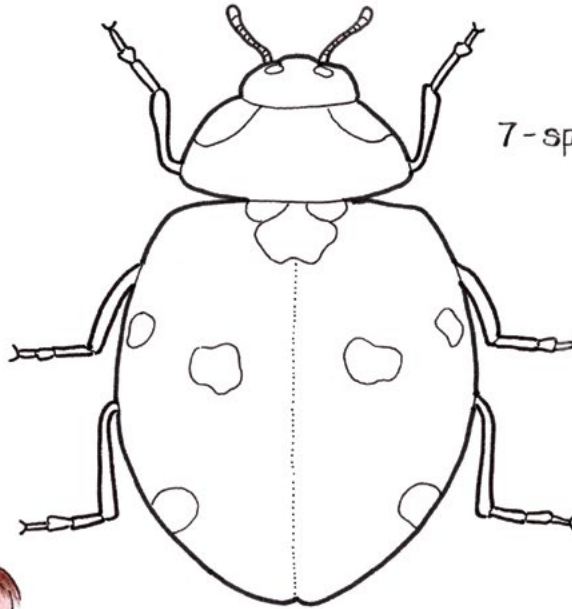
fallen tree.



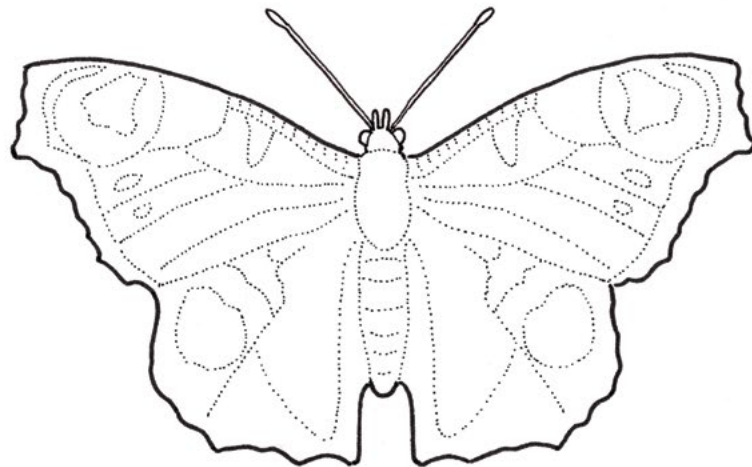
Long-tailed tit



7-spot ladybird



Peacock



Wakehurst Place



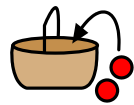
Alex



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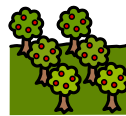
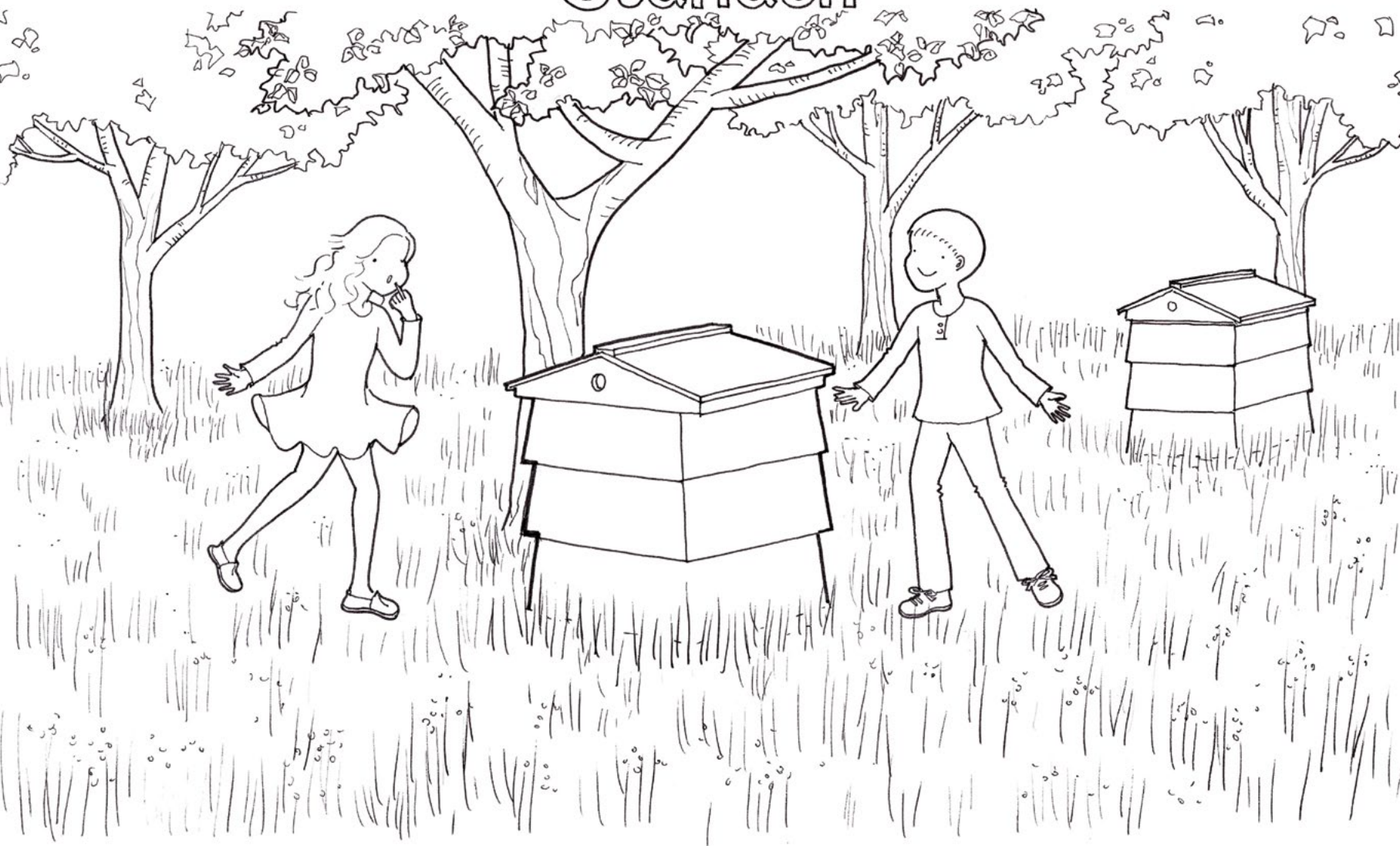
autumn



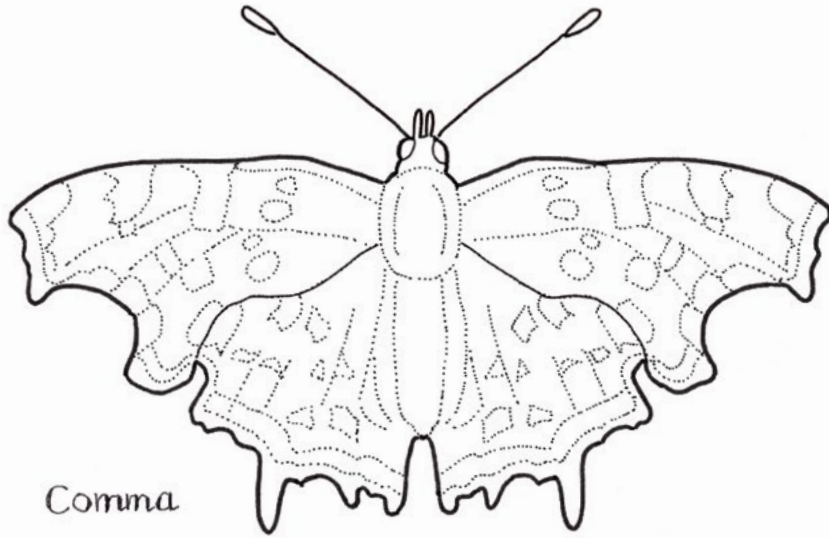
leaves.



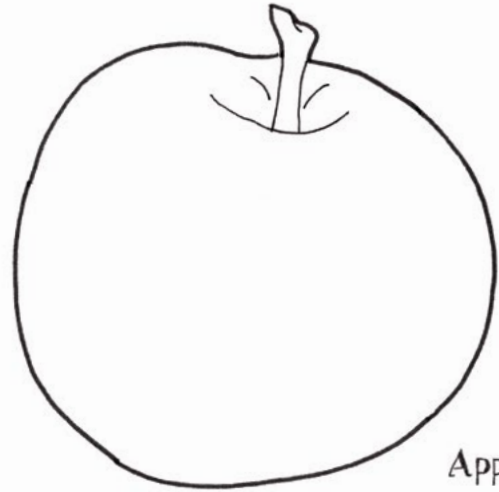
Standen



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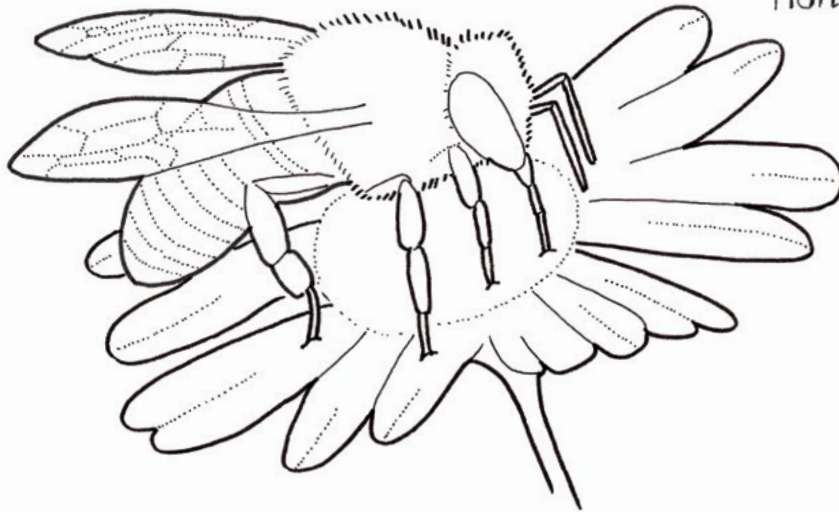
Comma



Apple



Honey bee



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