BOSQUE WORD SEARCH

Find the words in bold type!

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All **LIFE** on earth needs **WATER** to survive. One of the main sources of water in Albuquerque is the **RIO GRANDE**. Scientists call the area along a **RIVER** a **RIPARIAN** zone but around here we like to call it the **BOSQUE**. Lots of **PLANTS** and **ANIMALS** live in the bosque, like **COTTONWOOD** trees, **BEAVERS**, **PORCUPINES**, **TOADS**, and many kinds of **BIRDS**.

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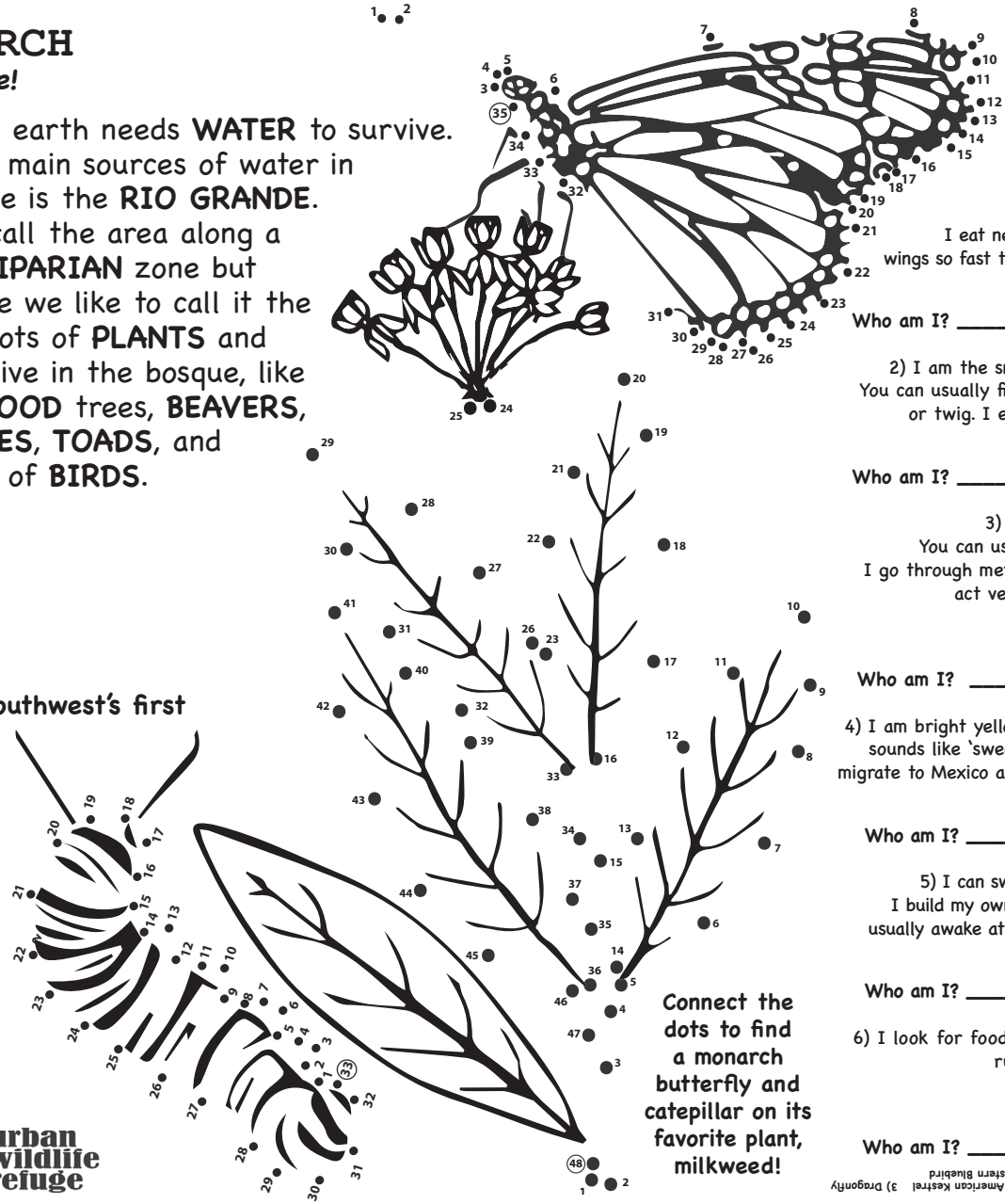


Connect the dots to find a monarch butterfly and catepillar on its favorite plant, milkweed!

Who am I?

Can you find these animals on the front of the placemat?

1) I am a very tiny bird. I eat nectar from flowers. I can flap my wings so fast that they make a humming sound.

Who am I? _____

2) I am the smallest falcon in North America. You can usually find me perching on a wire, pole, or twig. I eat insects, small birds and bats.

Who am I? _____

3) I am an insect with four wings. You can usually find me flying near water. I go through metamorphosis, meaning I look and act very differently when I am young versus when I am an adult.

Who am I? _____

4) I am bright yellow. I like to sing my song which sounds like 'sweet-sweet-sweet, I'm so sweet'. I migrate to Mexico and South America in the winter.

Who am I? _____

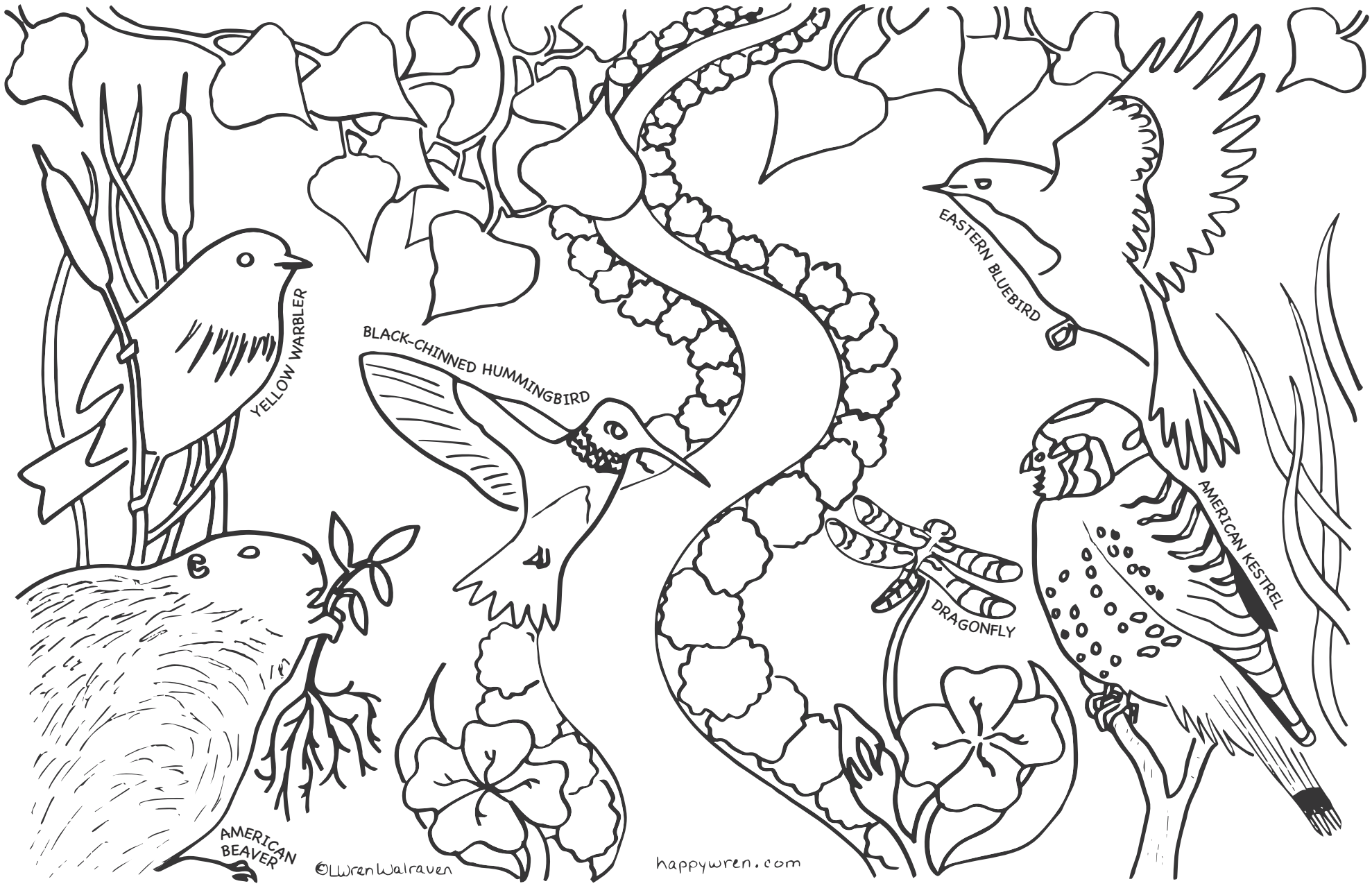
5) I can swim in the water or walk on land. I build my own house with tree branches. I am usually awake at night and asleep during the day.

Who am I? _____

6) I look for food in large flocks. I am blue and rusty orange. You can see me in New Mexico all year round.

Who am I? _____

Answer Key: 1) Black-chinned Hummingbird 2) American Kestrel 3) Dragonfly 4) Yellow Warbler 5) American Beaver 6) Western Bluebird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BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD
EASTERN BLUEBIRD
AMERICAN KESTREL
DRAGONFLY
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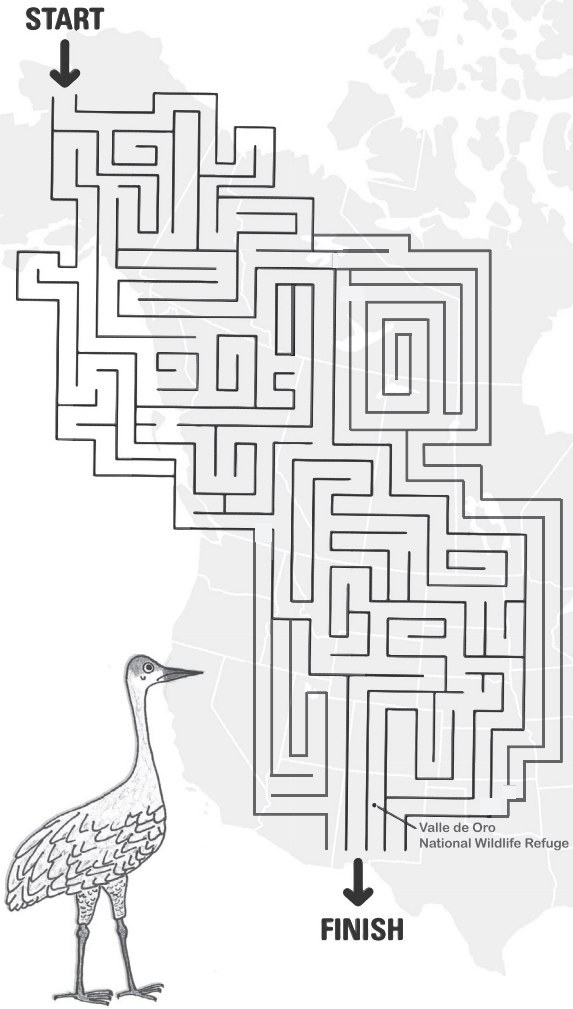
MIGRATION MAZE

Help the Sandhill Crane migrate for the winter!



CAN YOU FIND ME?

Look on the reverse side to find these animals!

1) In the winter I fly over Albuquerque for migration. If you look in the sky you'll see me traveling with the rest of my flock. I'm 4 feet tall with great big wings. I'm mostly grey with a red cap on my head.

Who am I? _____

2) I love to eat lizards and mice. My feathers have lots of neat patterns for camouflage. I'm really good at running but not much for flying. I am the NM state bird.

Who am I? _____

3) I'm quick on my feet, and I have big ears to hear predators sneaking up on me. My whiskers are very long, perfect for feeling things around me. Most people think carrots are my favorite food, but I prefer to eat grass!

Who am I? _____

4) I don't take up much space in the sky, but I can cover an entire flower when I stretch my wings. I wasn't always able to fly though, I started my life looking very different! Now my favorite food is nectar. When you color me in, my wings are black with white splotches.

Who am I? _____

5) When it comes to mammals, I'm pretty tiny. Snakes and cats try to eat me when I'm not paying attention. I have a long tail, a brown back, and a white belly with white feet. I love to eat insects, plants, and even fungus.

Who am I? _____

6) I stay in New Mexico year-round and I love to sing songs. My back feathers are spotted with white, brown, and black, but my underbelly is bright yellow with a black "V" on my chest. I eat bugs in grassy fields.

Who am I? _____

7) I move between the city and the wild, day and night. You can hear me yipping to all my other friends when I have found something good to eat, like a rabbit or a mouse. I have a long fluffy tail and pointy ears.

Who am I? _____

Answer Key: 1) Sandhill Crane 2) Greater Roadrunner 3) Desert Cottontail 4) Weidmeyer's Admiral Butterfly 5) Western Meadowlark 6) White Footed Mouse 7) Coyote

WORD SEARCH

Find these words!
Look vertically and horizontally.

URBAN
WILDLIFE
OAK
COTTONWOOD
PINE
BUILDINGS
ROADS
COYOTE
ROADRUNNER
GEESE
CRANES
CITY

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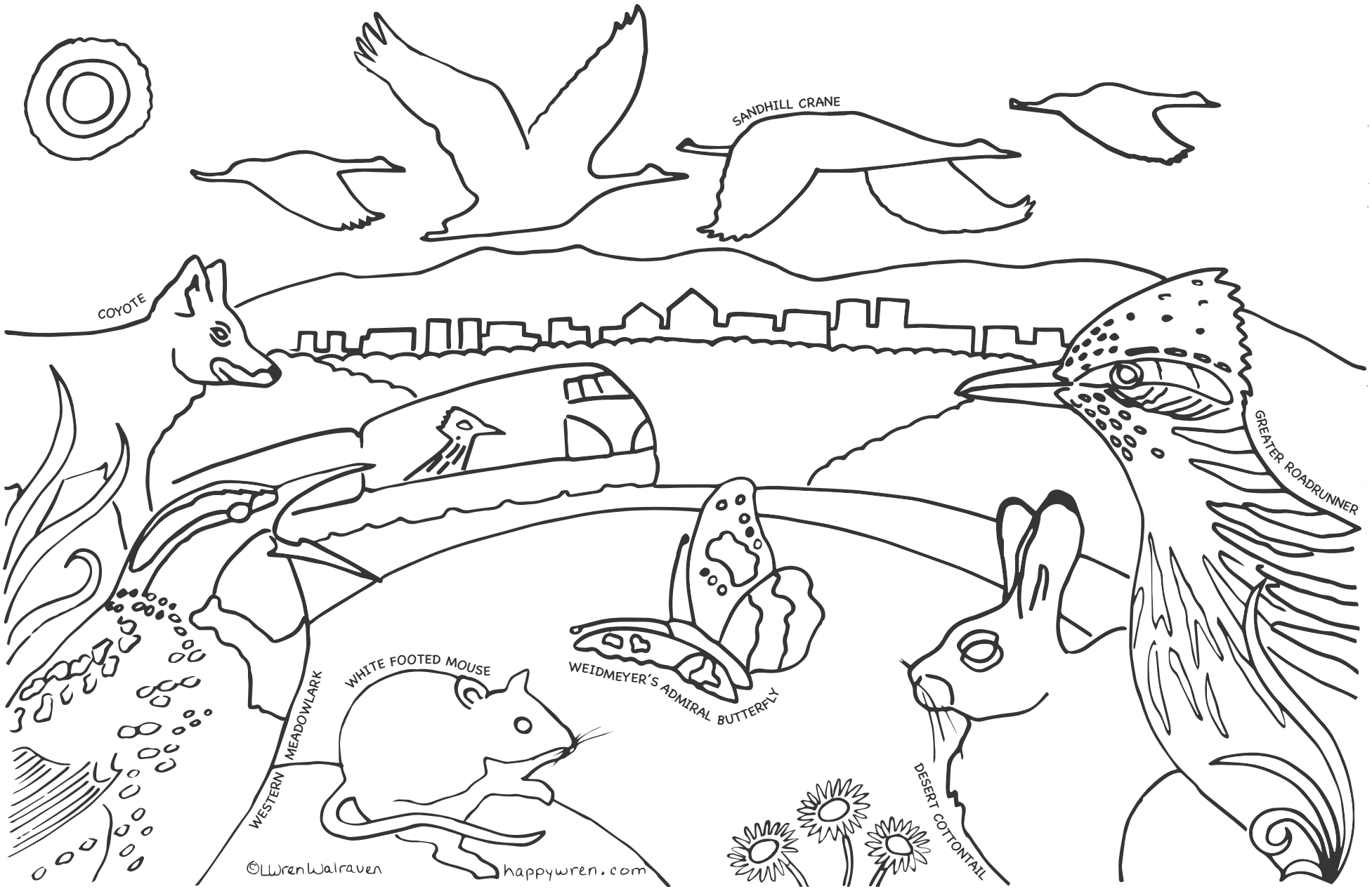
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