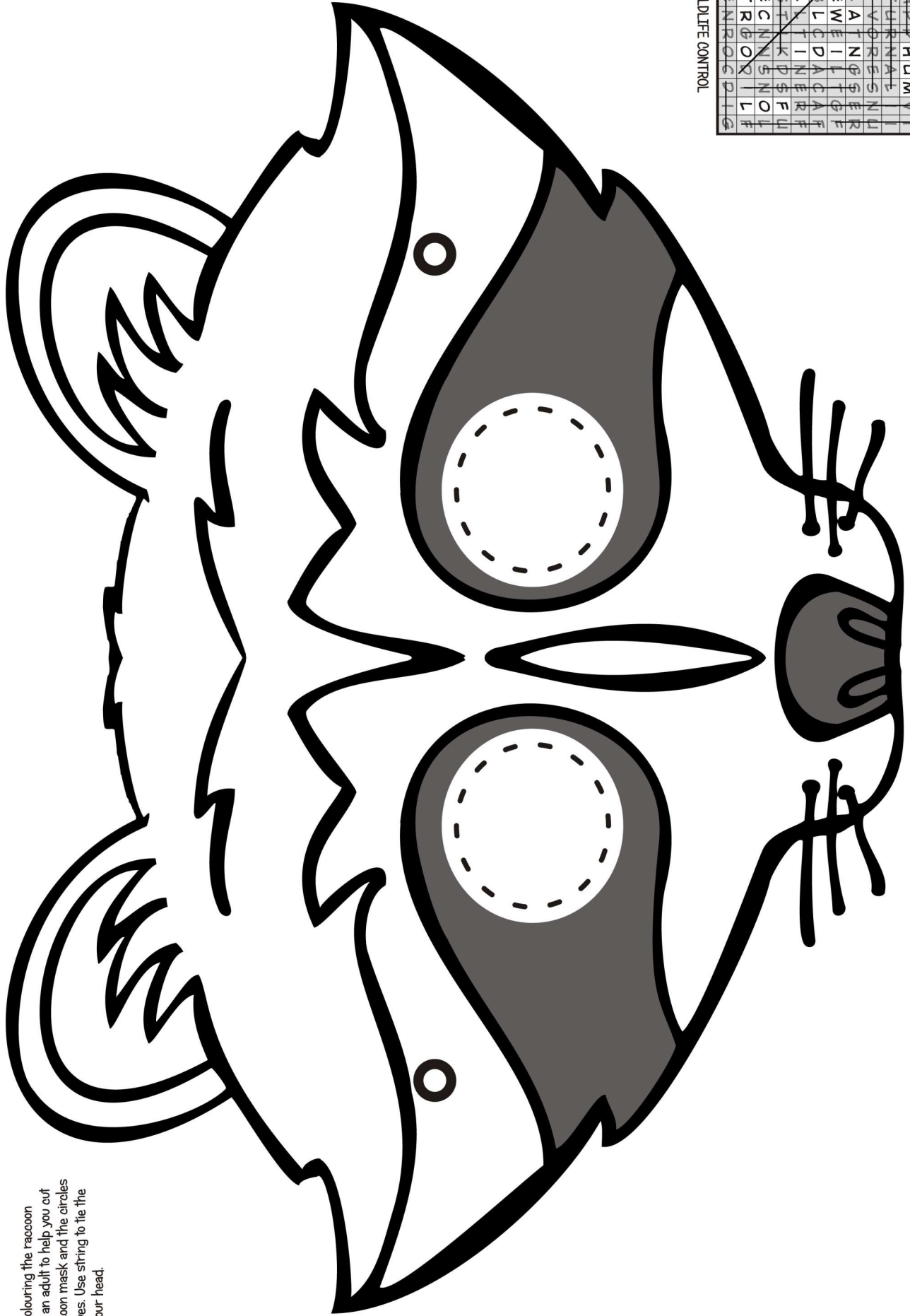




Have fun colouring the raccoon mask. Ask an adult to help you cut out the raccoon mask and the circles for your eyes. Use string to tie the mask on your head.



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## ABOUT SKEDADDLE HUMANE WILDLIFE CONTROL™

Skedaddle is Canada's largest provider of humane exclusion and removal services for raccoons, squirrels, skunks, birds, bats, mice and other wildlife. We have developed partnerships with local SPCA's and Humane Societies in communities across Canada. We believe that our humane approach combined with the education and awareness efforts of local SPCA's will help minimize urban wildlife conflicts and result in a better relationship between humans and the animals that live in our backyard.

If you have a question about urban wildlife, you can visit our website at [skedaddlewildlife.com](http://skedaddlewildlife.com) or call us at 1-888-211-7553. We also encourage you to support your local SPCA or Humane Society and all the great work they do in your community.

## ABOUT THE SPCA & HUMANE SOCIETIES

Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or SPCAs, and Humane Societies have been established in communities across Canada. Their primary goal is to prevent animal cruelty and to promote animal welfare.

Whether it's helping find a loving home for an adoptive pet or helping raise the standards for animal care, protection and shelter, these local organizations provide a voice for those that can't speak for themselves. They also rely on volunteers to ensure that their work extends as far as possible.

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## ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY BOOK

Our experience has shown that prevention and education play a key role in helping reduce urban wildlife conflicts. Children are naturally curious about and sensitive to the animals that live around us. This activity book is designed to teach children in a fun and creative way about some of the most common urban wildlife, the potential dangers that they pose and the smart things we can do to help them live in our neighbourhoods with minimal conflicts. We hope you and your children enjoy this activity book as much as we enjoyed putting it together!



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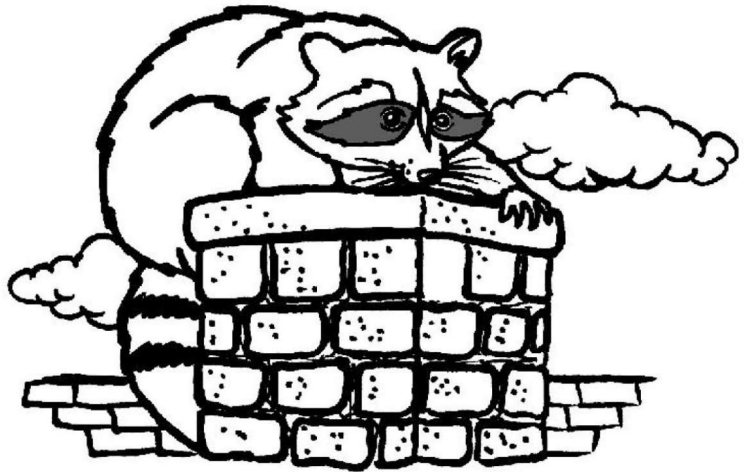






# RACCOONS

Spot the five differences in each set of pictures.



Did you know I can make more than 50 different sounds? I guess I'm a pretty chatty guy!



# SKUNKS

## Word Search

Did you know that my skunk friends can direct their smelly spray up to 4.5 metres away? That means whenever you see a skunk, stay far away from them!

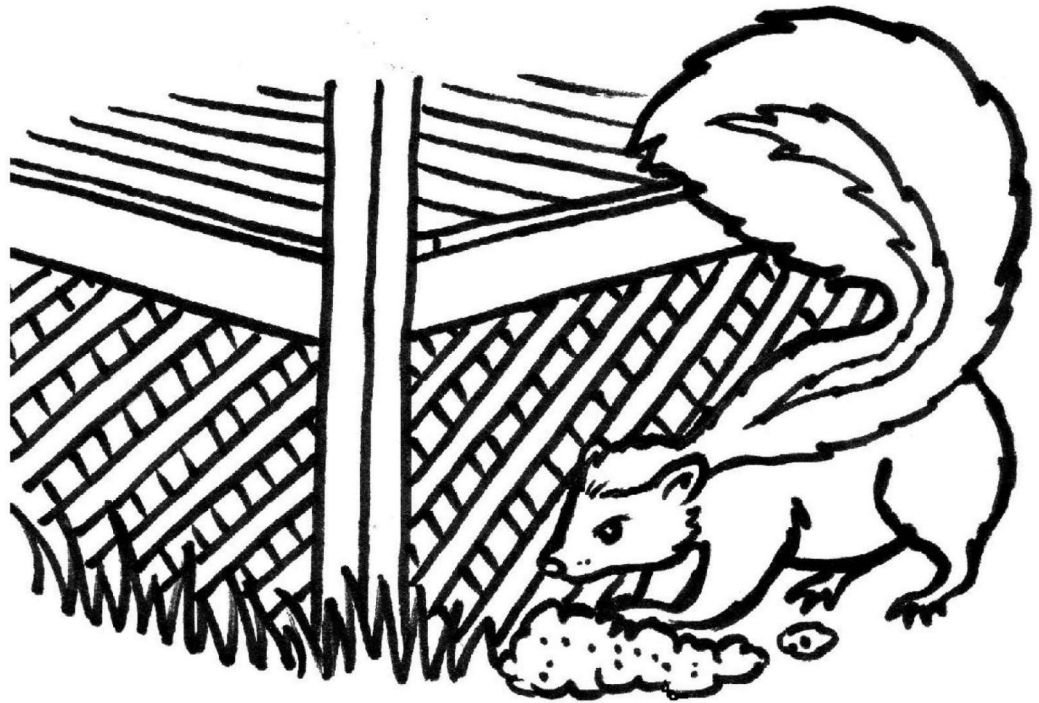


Search for the underlined words in these skunk facts:

- Skunks are nocturnal. They are most active at night time.
- The glands that produce the smelly liquid hold enough for five or six sprays.
- Skunks like to burrow or dig their dens under porches, decks, sheds, wood and rock piles.
- If threatened, they will fluff their fur, lift their tail, stamp the ground and growl.
- They are omnivores, meaning they feed on plants, insects, small animals, bird eggs and fallen fruit.
- They usually have 4 to 6 kits (babies) in a litter.
- The smell can make you feel sick and if you get it in your eyes can make you temporarily blind.

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- Skunks don't usually get mad unless they get cornered or are protecting their young.
- If your pet gets sprayed, try and wash them as soon as you can with soap, tomato juice, vinegar or special shampoo for skunk spray.



Use the unused letters in the word search to create the words below. Hint: Moving from the top line—left to right—just like reading. Use the letters as they appear in the word search and place them in the spaces below. (See the back page for answer)

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# BIRDS

Identify the type of bird picture or identify the bird type from the shadow outline.



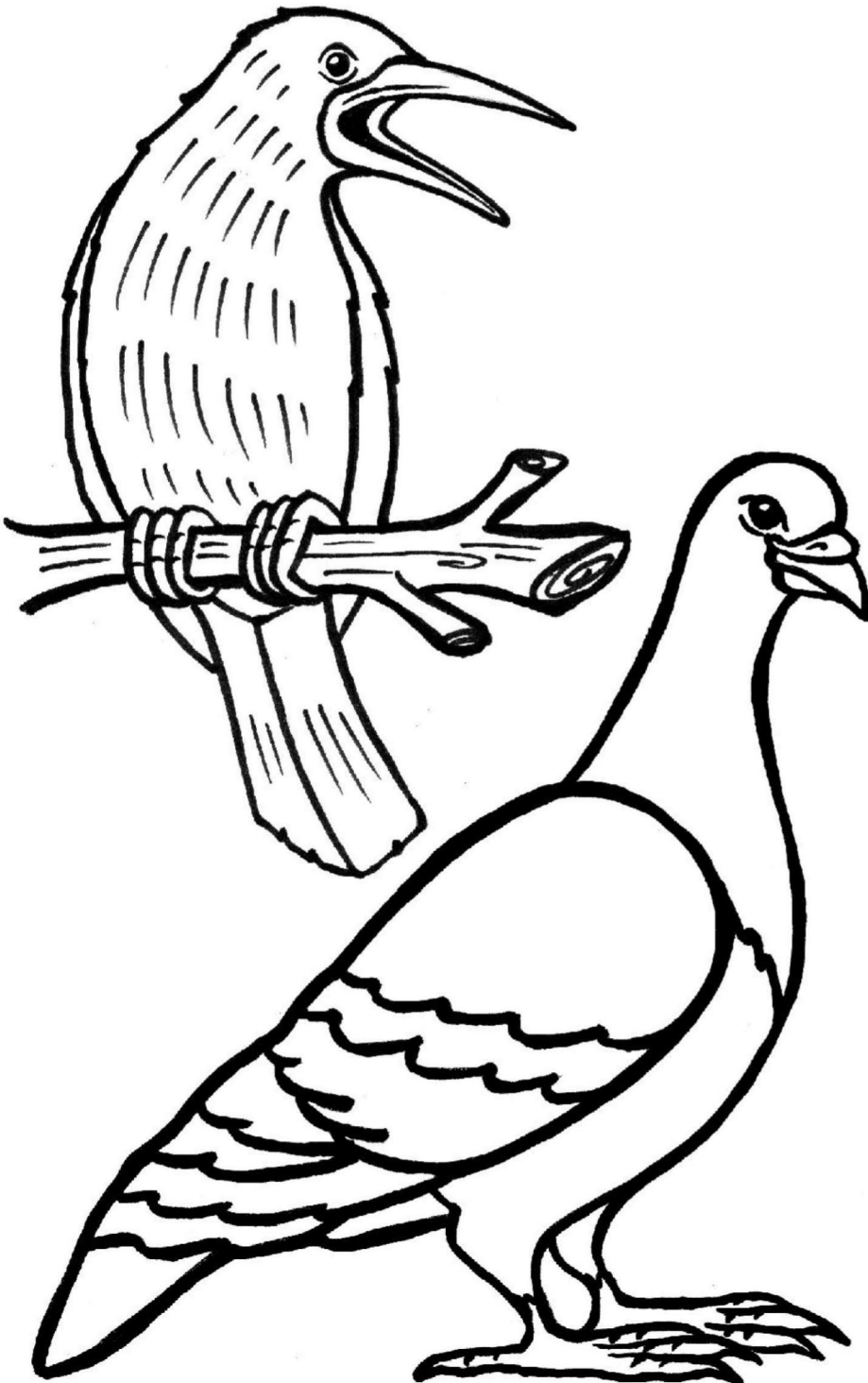
Pigeons are very social and like to hang out on roofs and building ledges with other pigeons. They can live up to 20 years and can produce several baby groups (clutches) per year.



Starlings will eat almost anything and in the late fall will start to gather in huge flocks to feed and sleep (roost).



Sparrows, like starlings, love to live in buildings as well and will often nest in chimneys, vents and attics. They can fit through a hole the size of a golf ball.



Did you know that bird droppings can be very damaging to buildings and vehicles if not cleaned off quickly?

Their poop can also cause a bad disease called histoplasmosis if you breathe it in. It makes you very sick and there is no cure. Don't touch bird poop – it's bad.





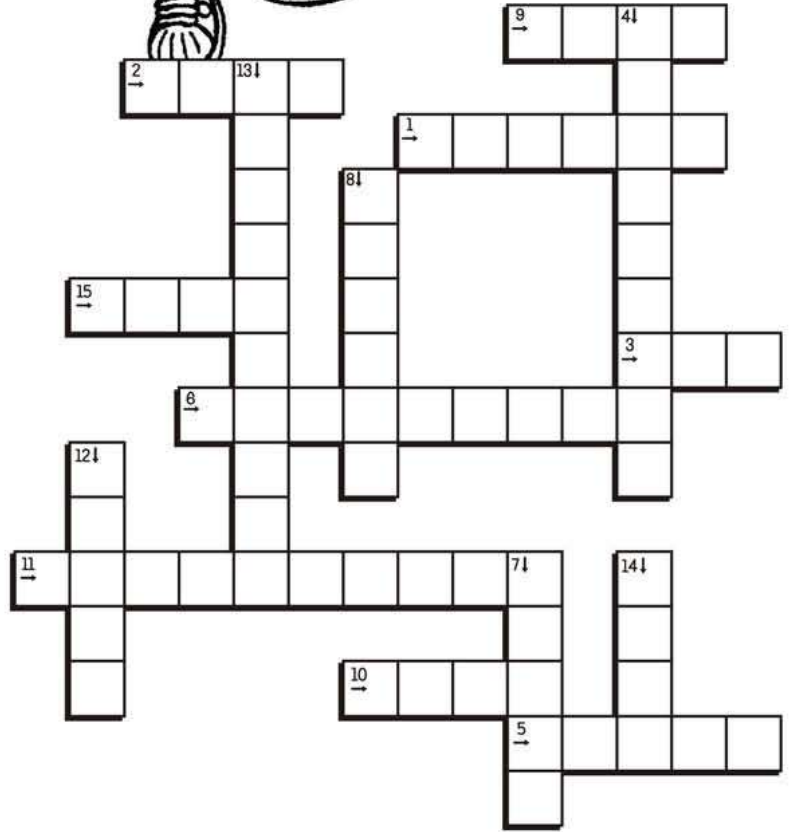
# SQUIRRELS

Crossword answers provided at bottom of page.

- 1 → Squirrels are a kind of \_\_\_\_\_, cousins of mice and rats.
- 2 → The Eastern \_\_\_\_\_ squirrel is the most common tree squirrel. They usually have a white or lighter grey belly, or are completely black.
- 3 → The \_\_\_\_\_ squirrel is smaller and has brownish fur with a white tummy.
- 4 ↓ Squirrels are active during daylight hours and are primarily \_\_\_\_\_. They eat roots, stems, bark, shoots, leaves, fruits, nuts, seeds, fungi, flower bulbs, and occasionally insects.
- 5 → They have rootless \_\_\_\_\_ that keep growing and growing, so they have to keep chewing on things to wear them down.
- 6 → Squirrels don't \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) during the winter.
- 7 ↓ But they will spend a lot of time in their \_\_\_\_\_ during the winter to keep warm.
- 8 ↓ Red squirrels will stay in their nests for days since they have food \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 → Grey squirrels usually leave their nests every day to look for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 → Squirrel babies (called \_\_\_\_\_) do not come out of the nest until seven or eight weeks.  
Hint: same name as baby dogs



Did you know that squirrels are considered to be the biggest trouble makers of all my urban wildlife friends? Well, it's because they are always busy and very curious!



- 11 → If they make a nest in the attic, squirrels will trample or push down the \_\_\_\_\_, which means you have to pay more for your heating or cooling bill.
- 12 ↓ Squirrels will chew through anything, including wood, wires, insulation, shingles and \_\_\_\_\_. Hint: the thing on the side or roof of your house that lets air out.
- 13 ↓ Their large dry nests and chewing \_\_\_\_\_ wires make them a health hazard.
- 14 ↓ Damaged electrical wires can cause a \_\_\_\_\_ in your home.
- 15 → Mother squirrels can get quite mad if their babies are threatened. Watch out, they can be really \_\_\_\_\_ on their feet!

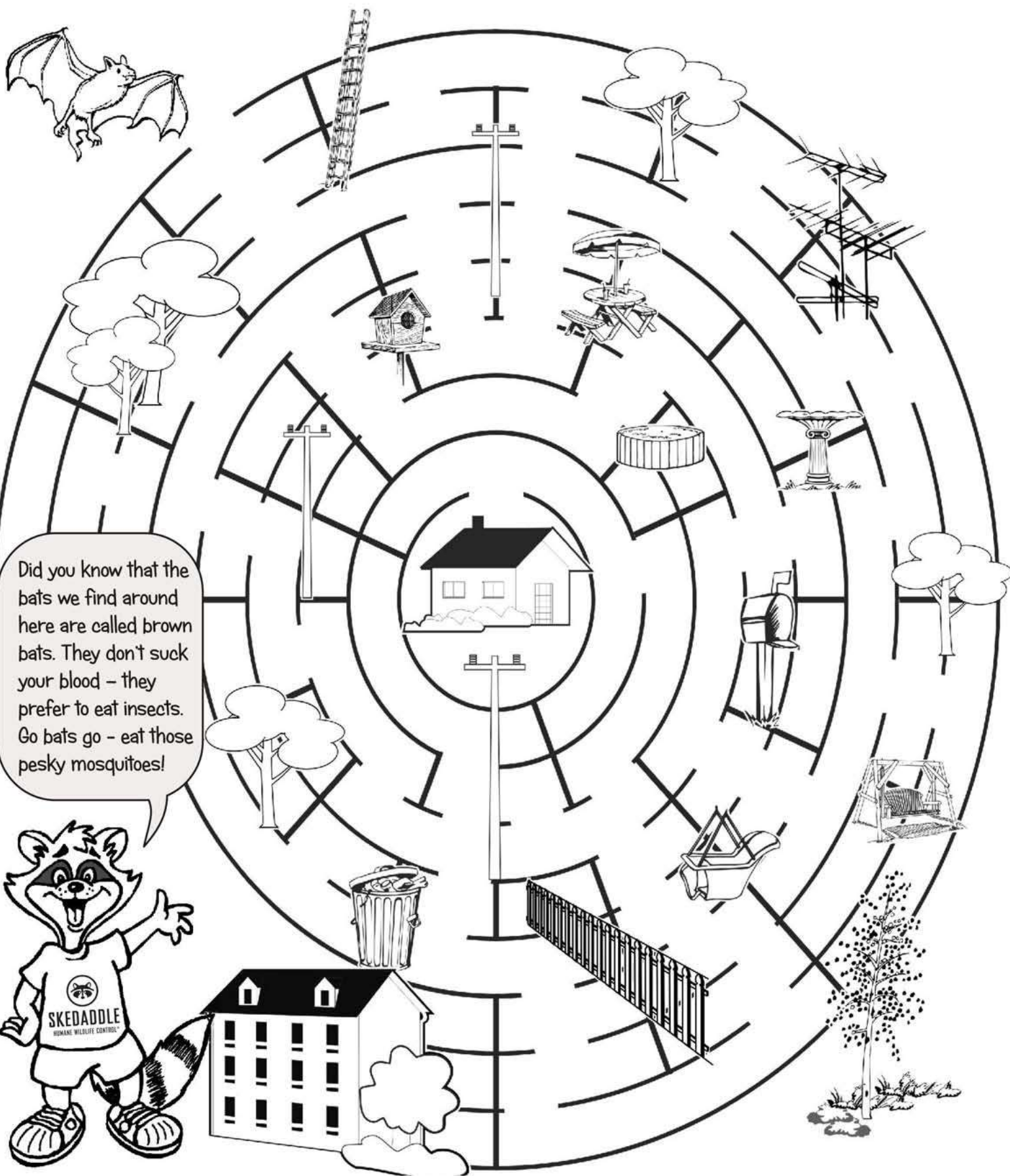
1 Rodent; 2 Grey; 3 Red; 4 Omnivores; 5 Teeth; 6 Hibernates; 7 Nests; 8 Stored; 9 Food; 10 Pups; 11 Insulation; 12 Vents; 13 Electrical; 14 Fire; 15 Fast





# BATS

Help the bat navigate its way around hazards (trees, telephone poles, houses) back to its attic roosting site using its special echo-location.



Did you know that the bats we find around here are called brown bats. They don't suck your blood - they prefer to eat insects. Go bats go - eat those pesky mosquitoes!

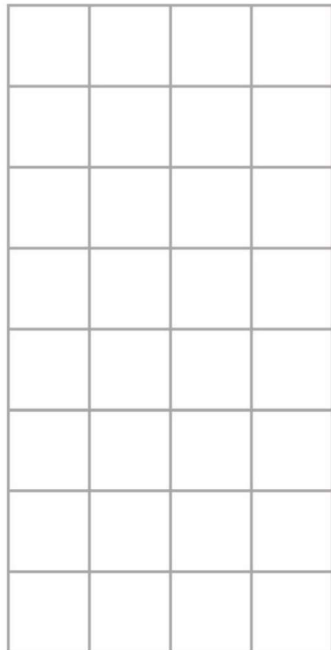
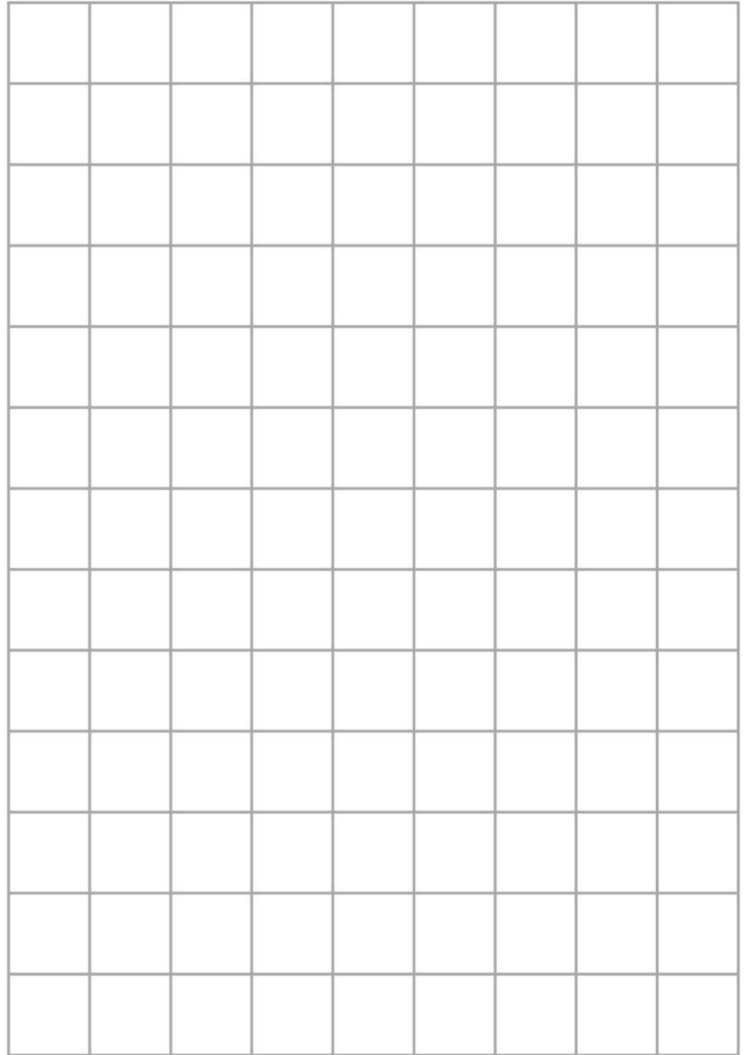
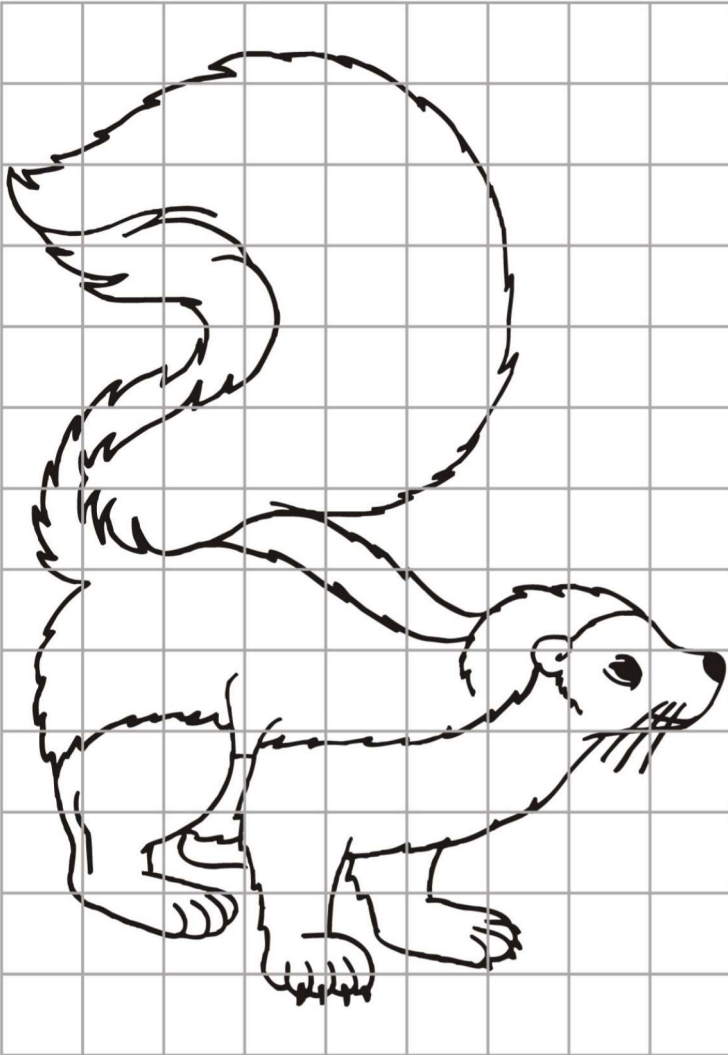






# SKUNK

Redraw the pictures on the grids.



Did you know that the most common skunks found in our area have a black and white stripe on their back?

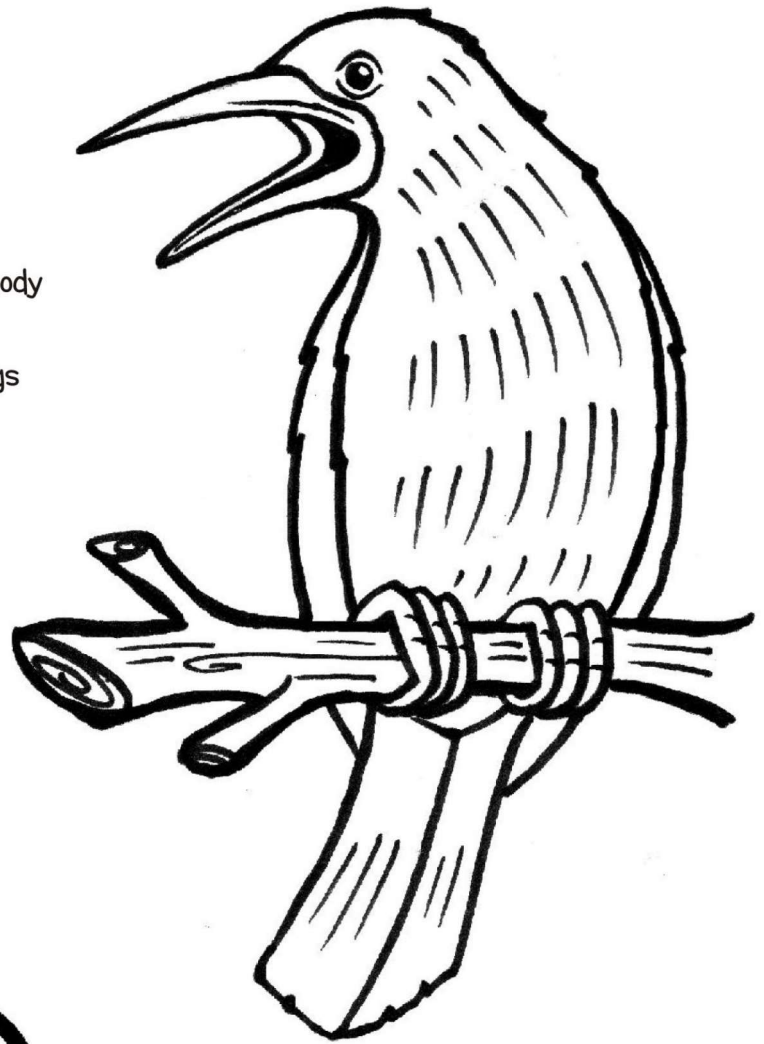


# BIRDS

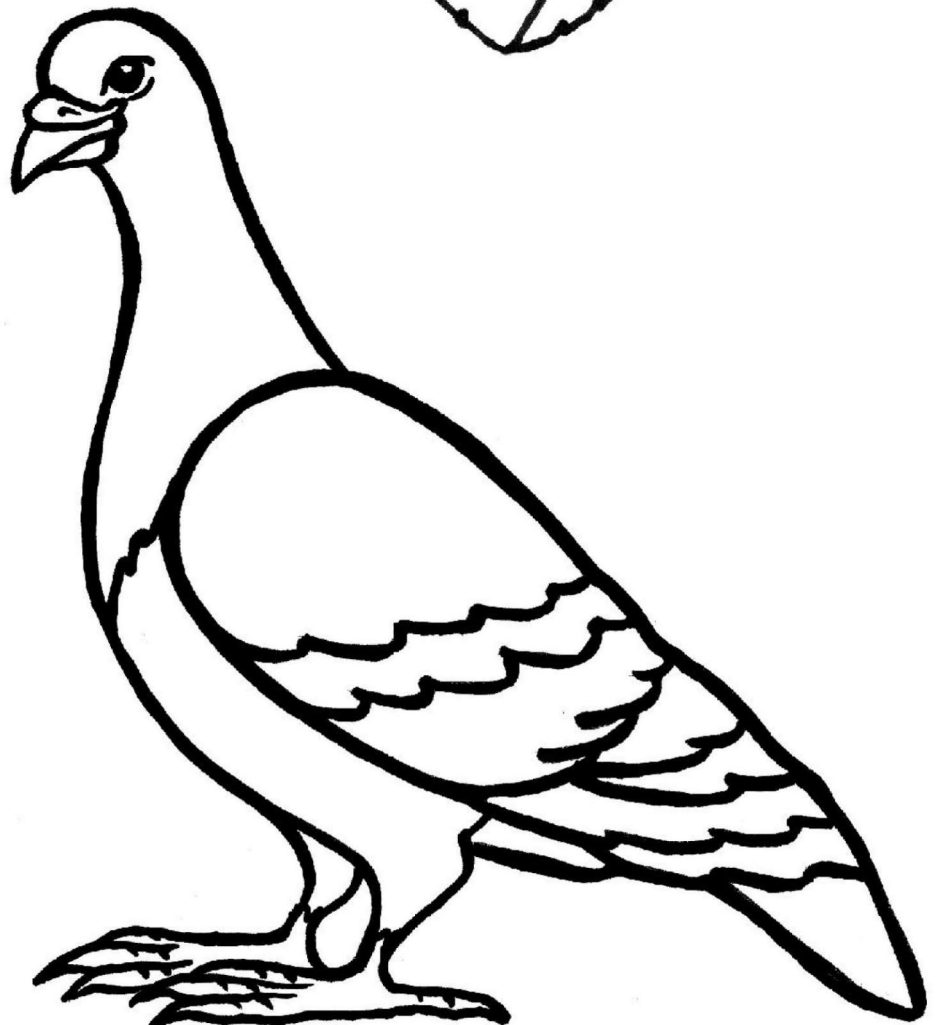
Colouring the starling, pigeon and sparrow

Hints on colouring:

- Starling: bright blue-green breast when in the light; black body
- Pigeon: variety of patterns: blue, gray, green and brown
- Sparrow: brown and tan with beige/black markings on wings



Did you know that my bird friends, especially starlings, pigeons and sparrows, can be really messy? Their nests aren't very neat and can be as long as a metre if they nest in a vent or chimney pipe. Someone needs a housekeeper!

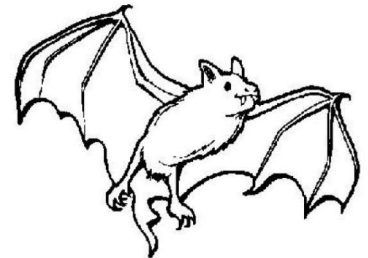
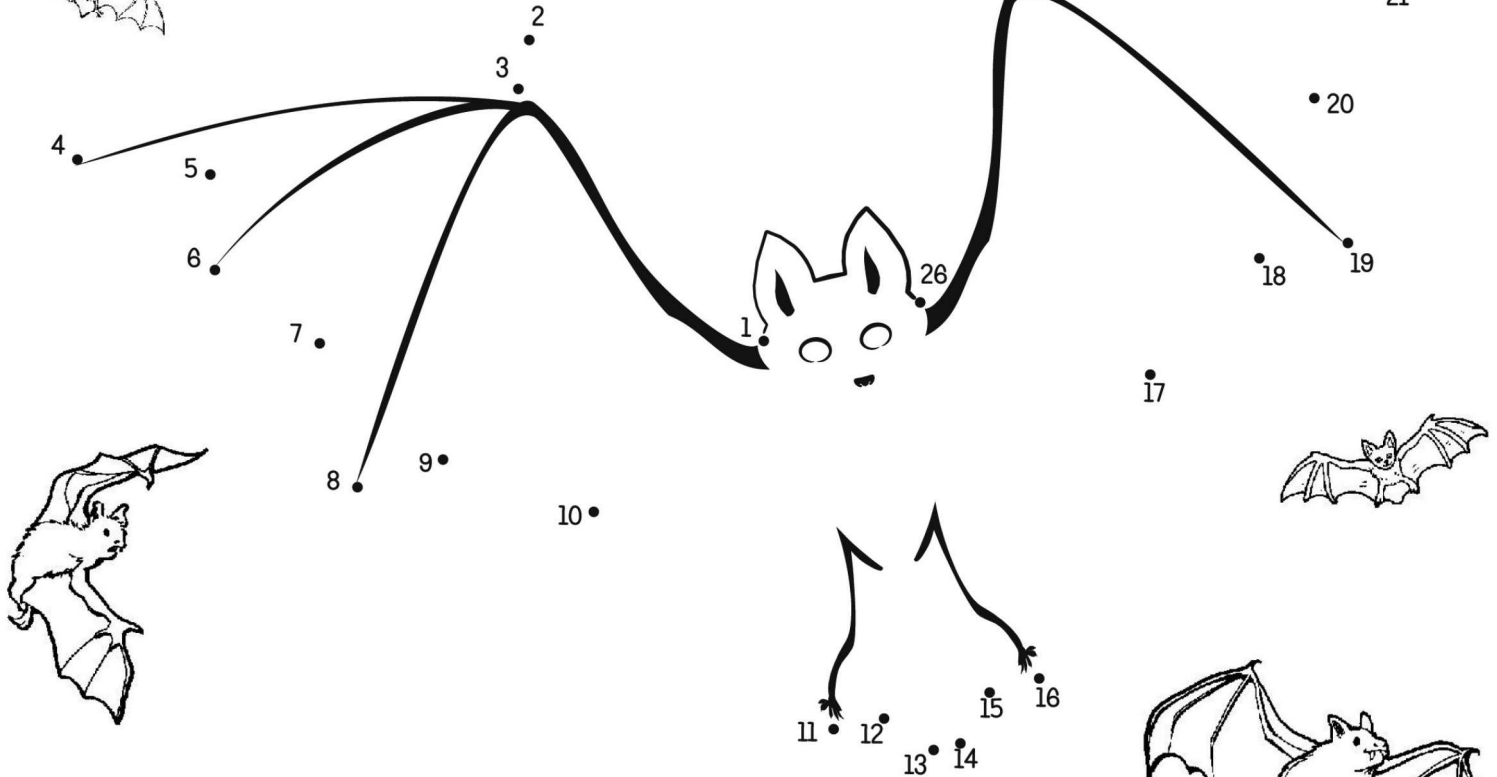






# BATS

Connect the dots to draw the cool picture of the bat.



There are lots of neat things to know about bats. Here are just a few of the cool things:

1. A single bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in one night.
2. Bats live in colonies from two to several hundred. As their natural habitat (trees, caves) go away, they start to look for places to live in urban areas like attics, walls and roofs.
3. Bats eat on a 24 or 48-hour cycle. That means they may only come out of their home every one or two days.
4. Bats in Southern Canada often go to sleep (hibernate) for the winter or go back to the same place they were living each year.
5. Bats can fit through an opening the size of a dime. If you think you have found all of them in your attic or plugged all the holes in your roof, check again or call for professional help.
6. Bats are the most common animals to carry a nasty disease called rabies. You should never touch a bat.
7. If a bat was in your bedroom when you were sleeping, you should go to the doctor as soon as possible. Bats can bite you without you knowing it and you could get sick.
8. The poop from bats can make you sick from a bad disease called histoplasmosis. Don't go near bat poop - let a professional clean it up properly.
9. A bat can produce several times its own weight in poop each month.





# RACCOONS

Word scramble: unscramble the underlined words in the following raccoon facts:

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| 1. Raccoons are easily identified by their <u>smka</u> -like faces  | 1. _____  |
| 2. They will produce one <u>rlite</u> per year with an average of 4 to 5 babies (kits)  | 2. _____  |
| 3. Raccoons will eat just about anything they can find, including fruit, <u>gvestalebe</u> , insects, eggs, small <u>rdbis</u> and other small animals. They also really like to eat your garbage, so keep your garbage cans locked tightly and only put them out in the morning before collection. | 3. _____  |
| 4. They are usually <u>ntocrulna</u> , but may sometimes come out in the daytime.   | 4. _____  |
| 5. In colder areas, they will hibernate for most of the <u>tnwire</u> .   | 5. _____  |
| 6. If they build a den in your house, it will probably be in a quiet place like over a <u>rdebomo</u> .   | 6. _____  |
| 7. Raccoons are strong and can rip up wood, soffit and <u>sghniels</u> .  | 7. _____  |
| 8. Never separate a mother from her <u>sbbaei</u> (called kits). She will do a lot of damage to get back into her den and without her help, they could die.   | 8. _____  |
| 9. Raccoon kits are very <u>ucirsov</u> . They can make a lot of noise in your attic or roof.   | 9. _____  |
| 10. Raccoons in North America have been found with a bad <u>easdis</u> called rabies. You often can't tell if a raccoon is sick, so call an adult if one is around.   | 10. _____ |

Did you know that the poop from raccoons contains a nasty bug called roundworm. You should never go near it - it is extremely dangerous. Let a professional clean it up properly.



Answers: 1. mask; 2. litter; 3. vegetables; birds; 4. nocturnal; 5. winter; 6. bedroom; 7. shingles; 8. babies; 9. curious; 10. disease





# SQUIRRELS

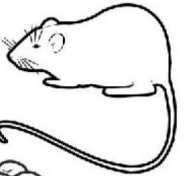
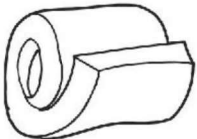
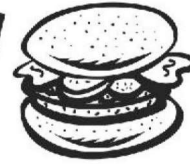
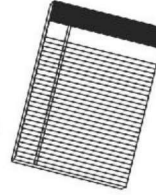
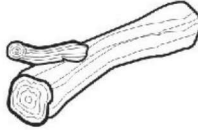
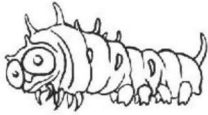
Circle the things a squirrel naturally eats.

In other words, stuff it finds around your home.

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| roots      | leaves  | peanut butter | coconuts     |
| ice cream  | fruit   | mice          | flower bulbs |
| bark       | oranges | seeds         | insects      |
| hamburgers | nuts    | mushrooms     |              |

Circle the things a squirrel uses to make a nest.

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| sticks     | hot dogs | paper        | tape         |
| toasters   | leaves   | pine needles | cotton swabs |
| insulation | nails    | staples      | paper clips  |

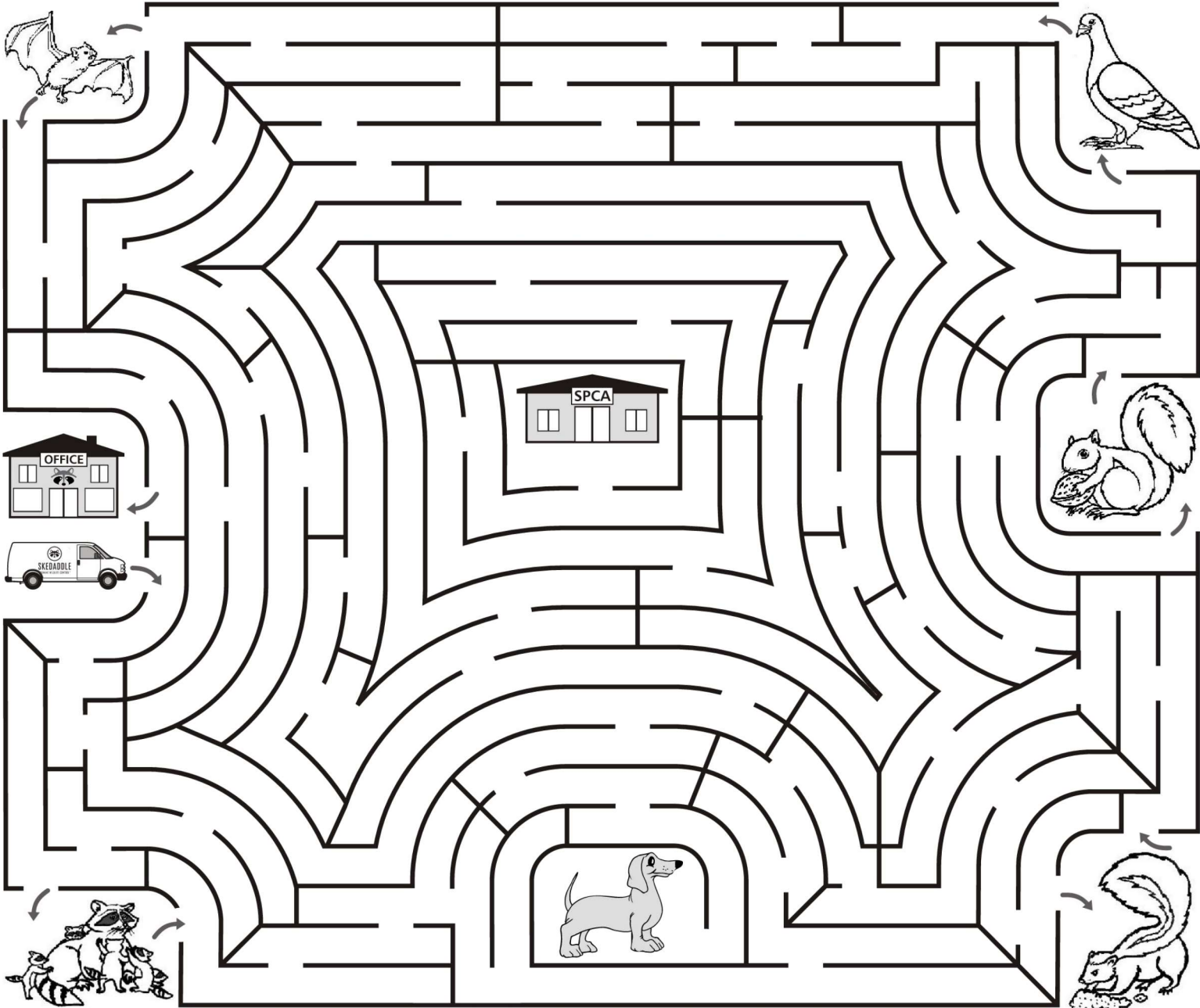


Did you know that squirrel nests are usually very large compared to their body size? They can extend more than a metre in an attic or vent pipe.



# OUR URBAN WILDLIFE FRIENDS

1. Ricky Raccoon has found a lost puppy and needs your help to take her to the SPCA.
2. Our friends at Skedaddle Humane Wildlife Control received many calls today - the first call is for my raccoon friends. Find the quickest route counter clockwise to help all my wildlife friends and return to the office.



Did you know that wildlife are just that - they're wild! You should not treat them like pets. Leave them alone or call professionals to remove them from your house and prevent them from coming back. The best way to see wildlife is through your window!

Identify the animal tracks:







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