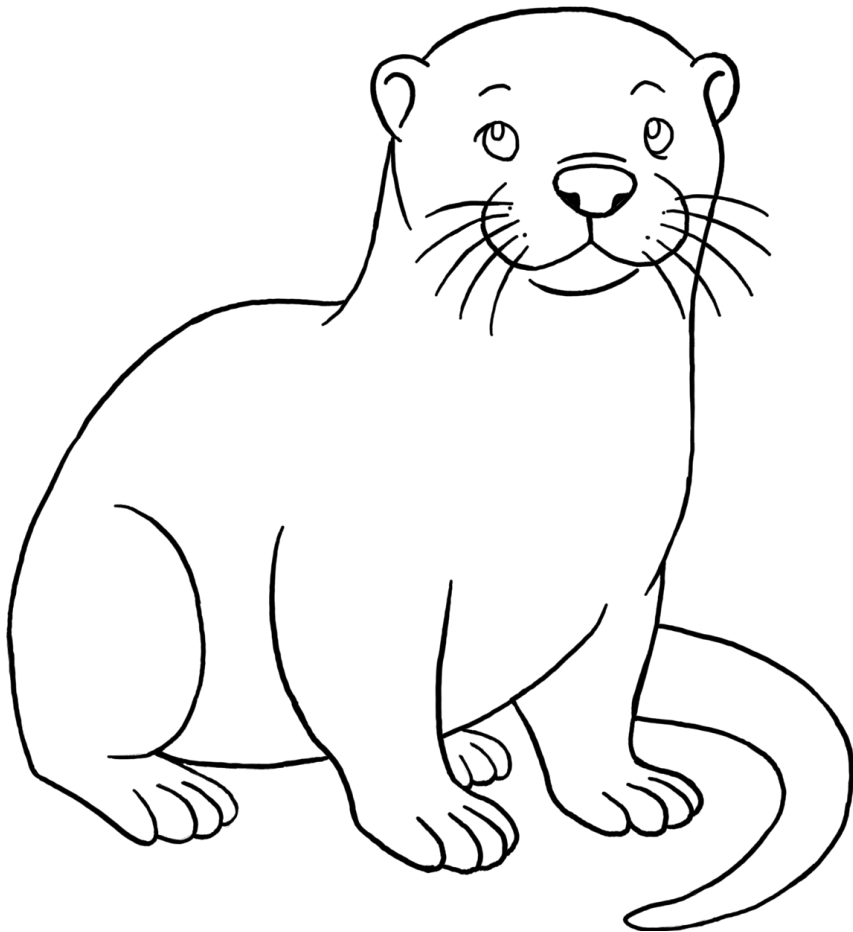




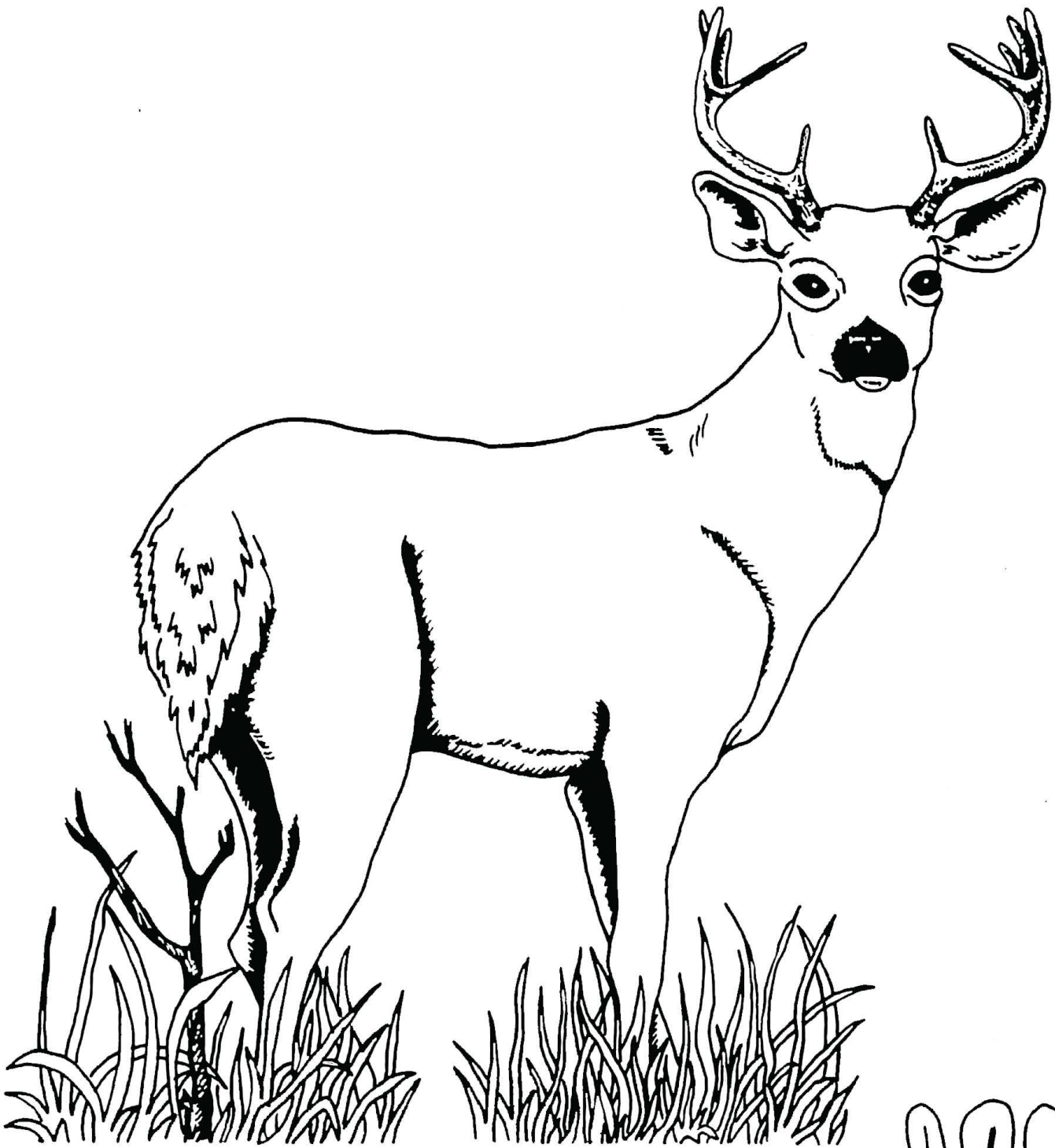
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# IDNR Wildlife Coloring Book



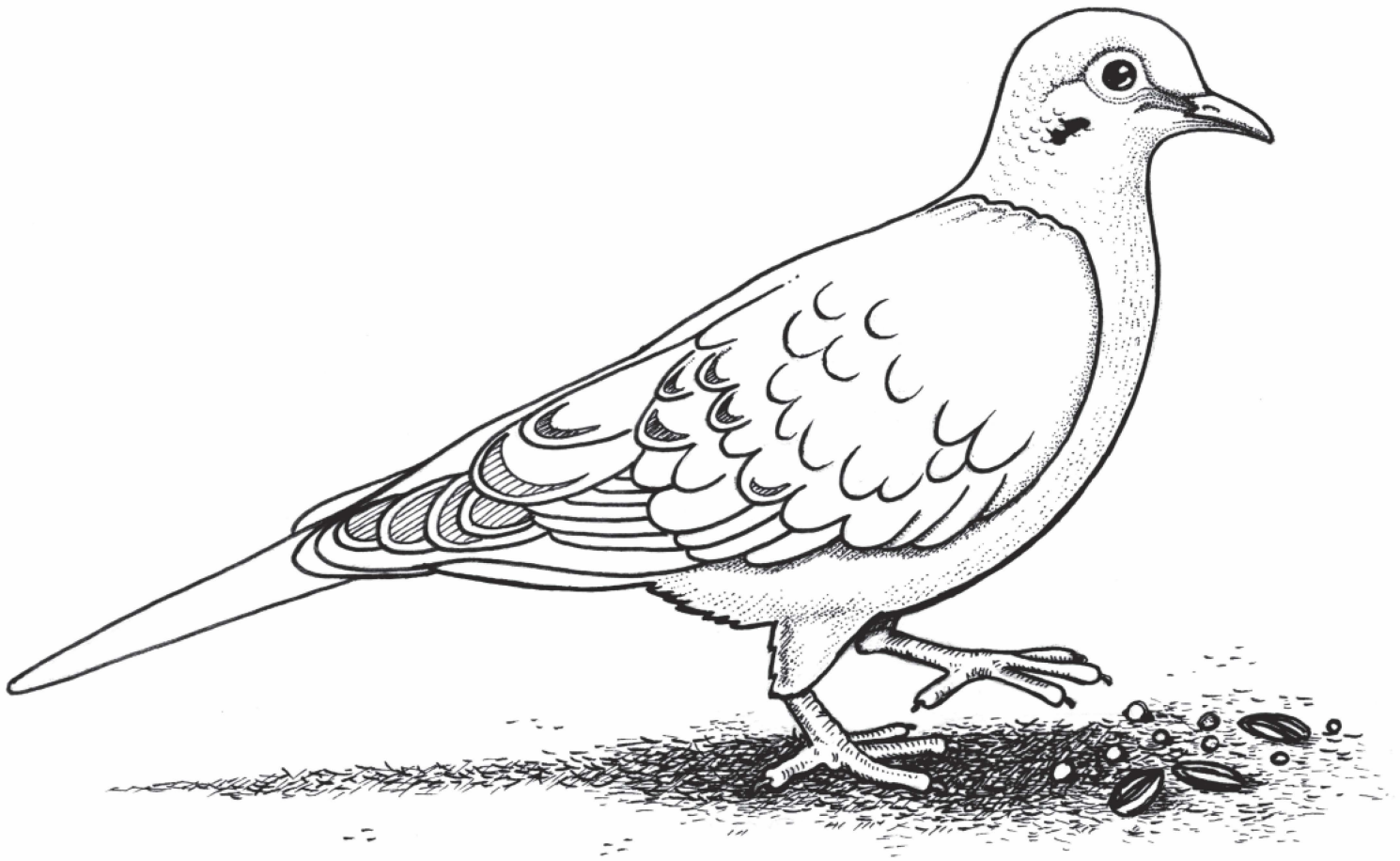
# Instructions

These five birds and five mammals are found in Illinois. Color the pictures. You may want to look online to learn what colors each animal should be. Find the underlined letters throughout the pages. Unscramble these letters and fill in the blanks on the last page.

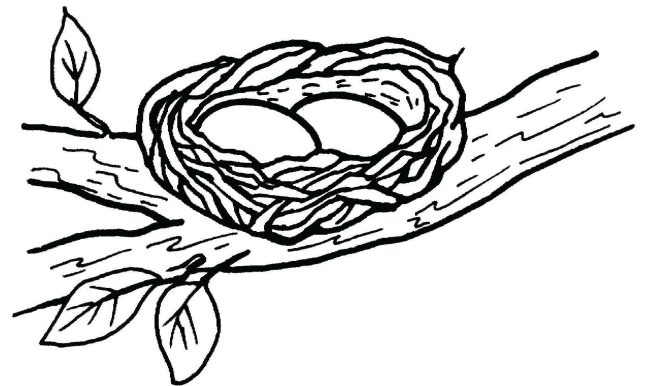


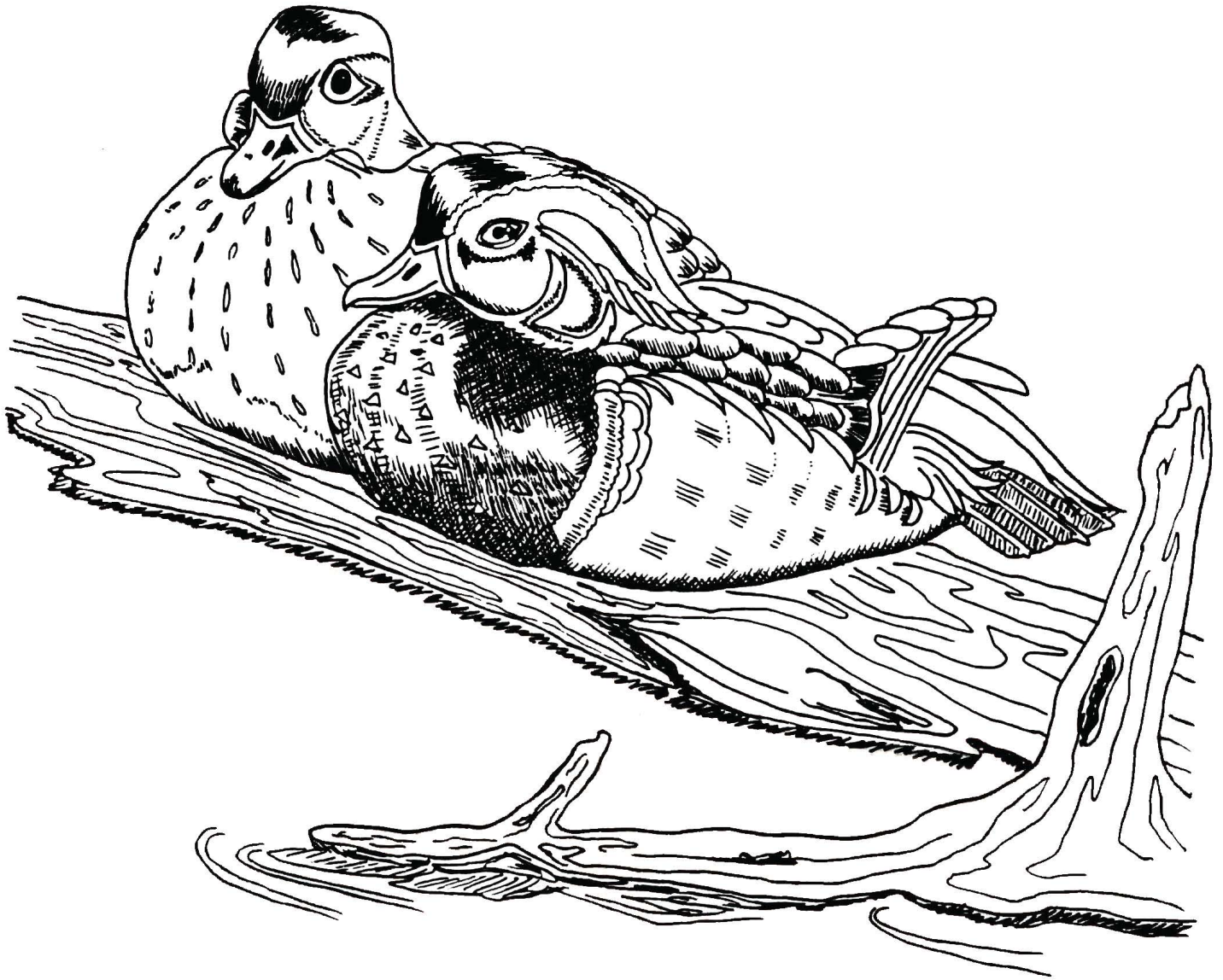
The **WHITE-TAILED DEER** is the largest wild animal in Illinois ranging from 100-300 lbs. Male deer, or bucks, lose their antlers each winter. Deer eat a variety of foods including forbs, woody stems, berries, nuts and grains.





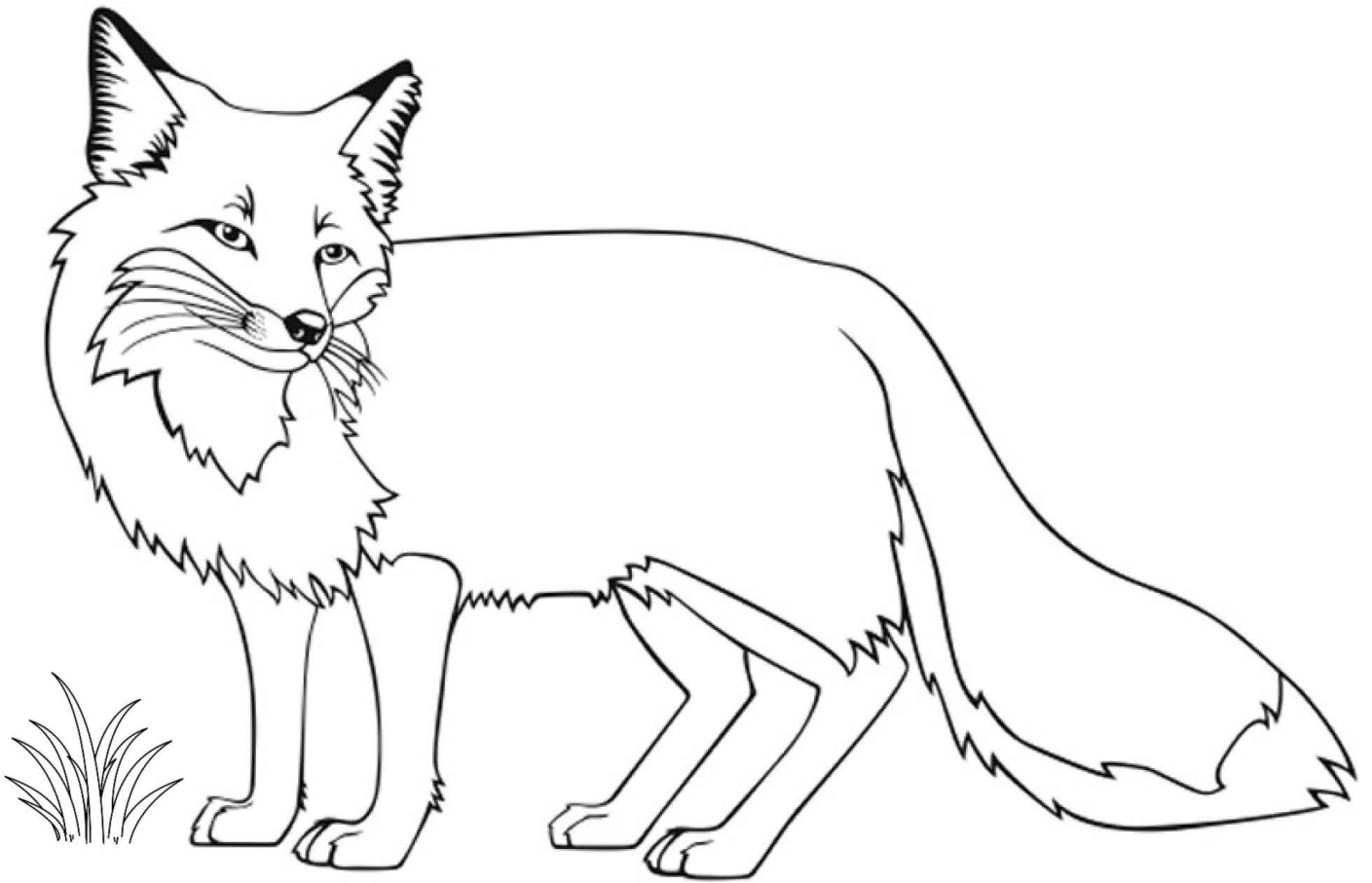
**MOURNING DOVES** lay 2 eggs per clutch and may nest up to 6 times per year! They like to eat grains, seeds from wild grasses, weeds and herbs. IDNR Wildlife Biologists band mourning doves every year. Some u bands have been recovered as far as the Texas/Mexico border!





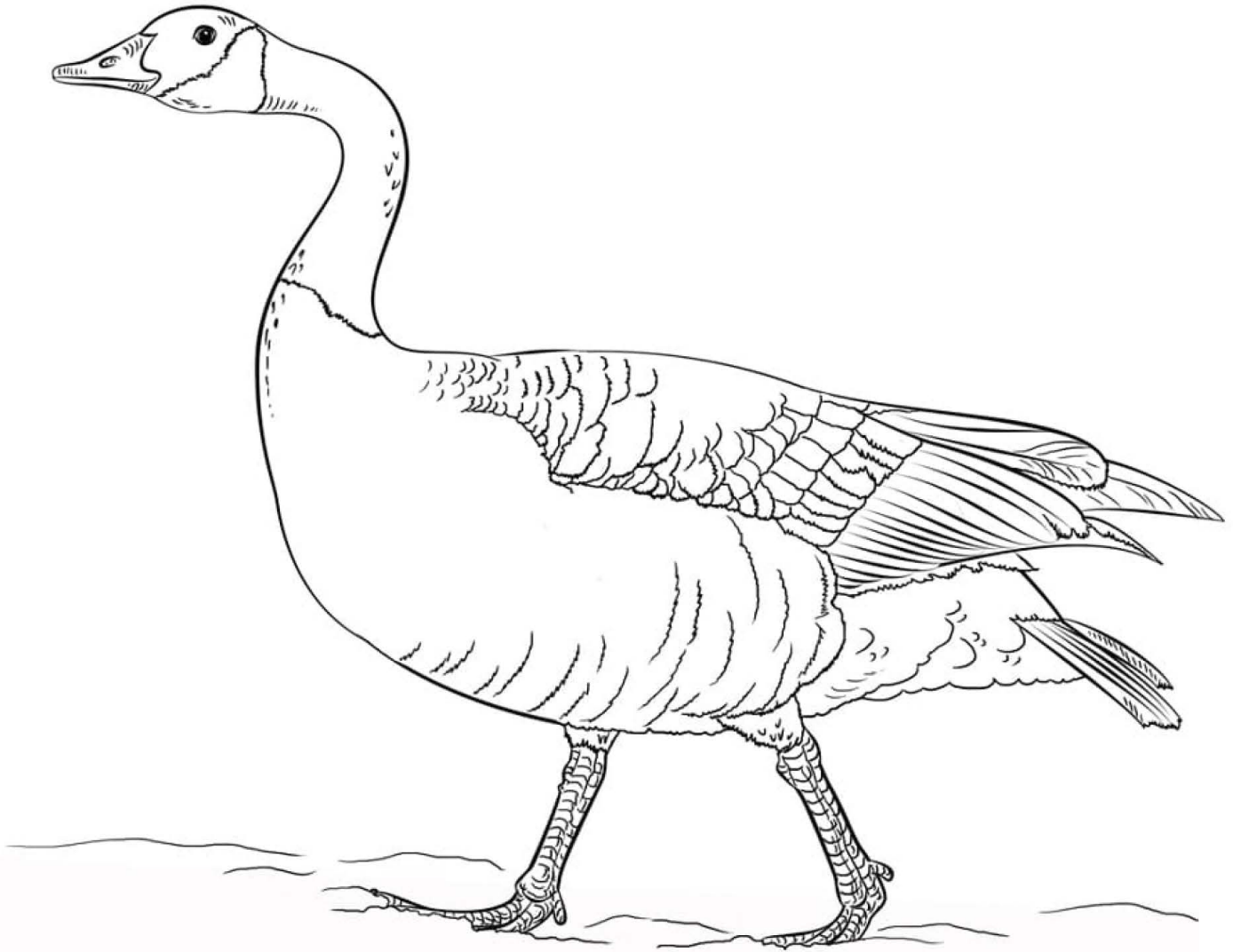
**WOOD DUCKS** nest in woodlands near lakes and along streams. As cavity nesters, they build nests in natural openings in trees or in man-made nest boxes. IDNR Wildlife Biologists band wood ducks every year and some bands have been recovered as far as Texas, Florida and New York.



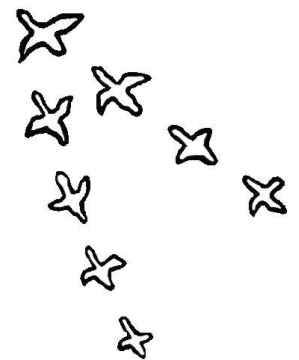


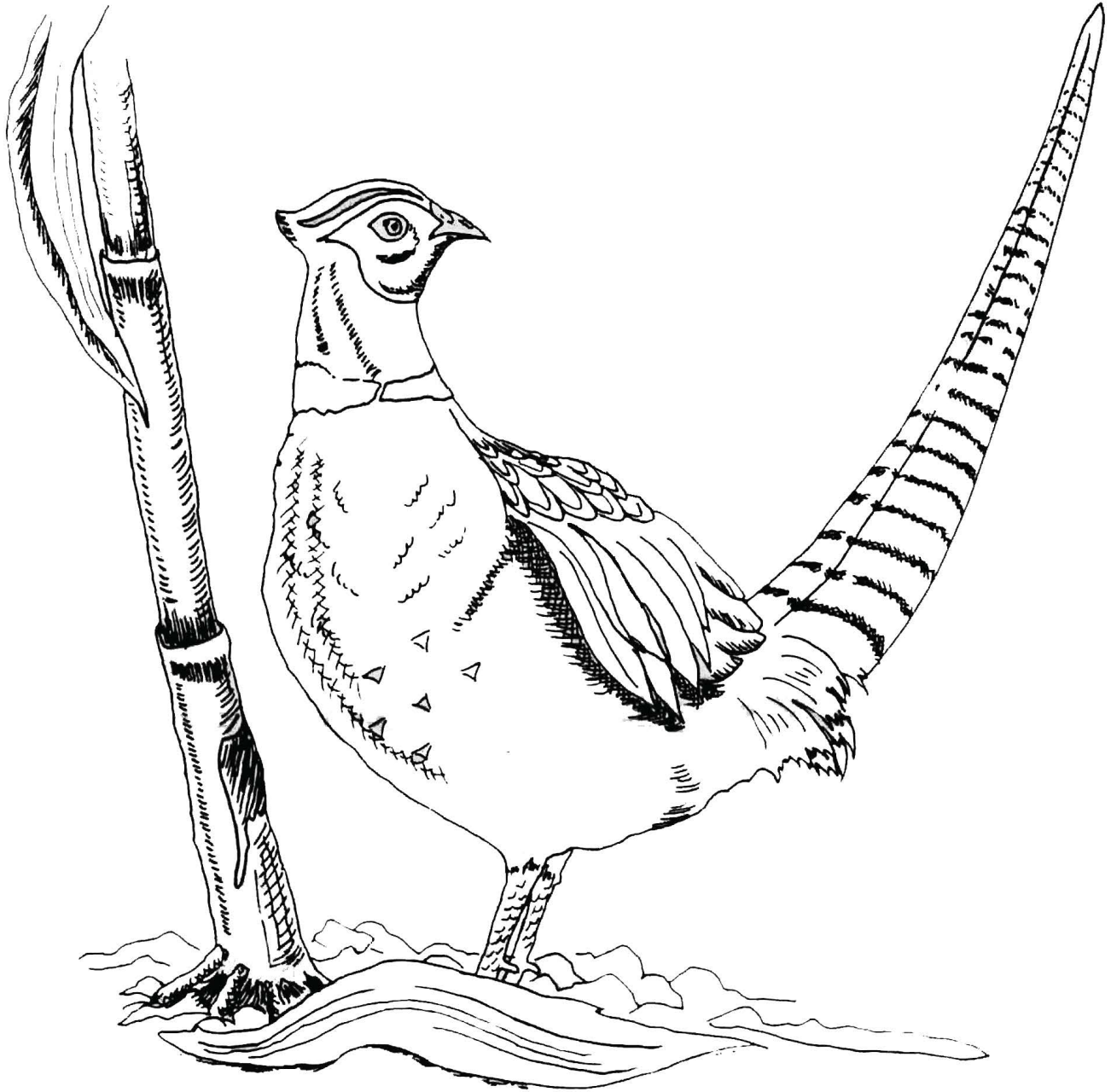
**RED FOXES** can run over 30 miles an hour for short periods. Males are called dogs, female are called vixens and babies are called kits. Red foxes eat berries, grasses, rodents and other small mammals. Their tail is over half its body length.





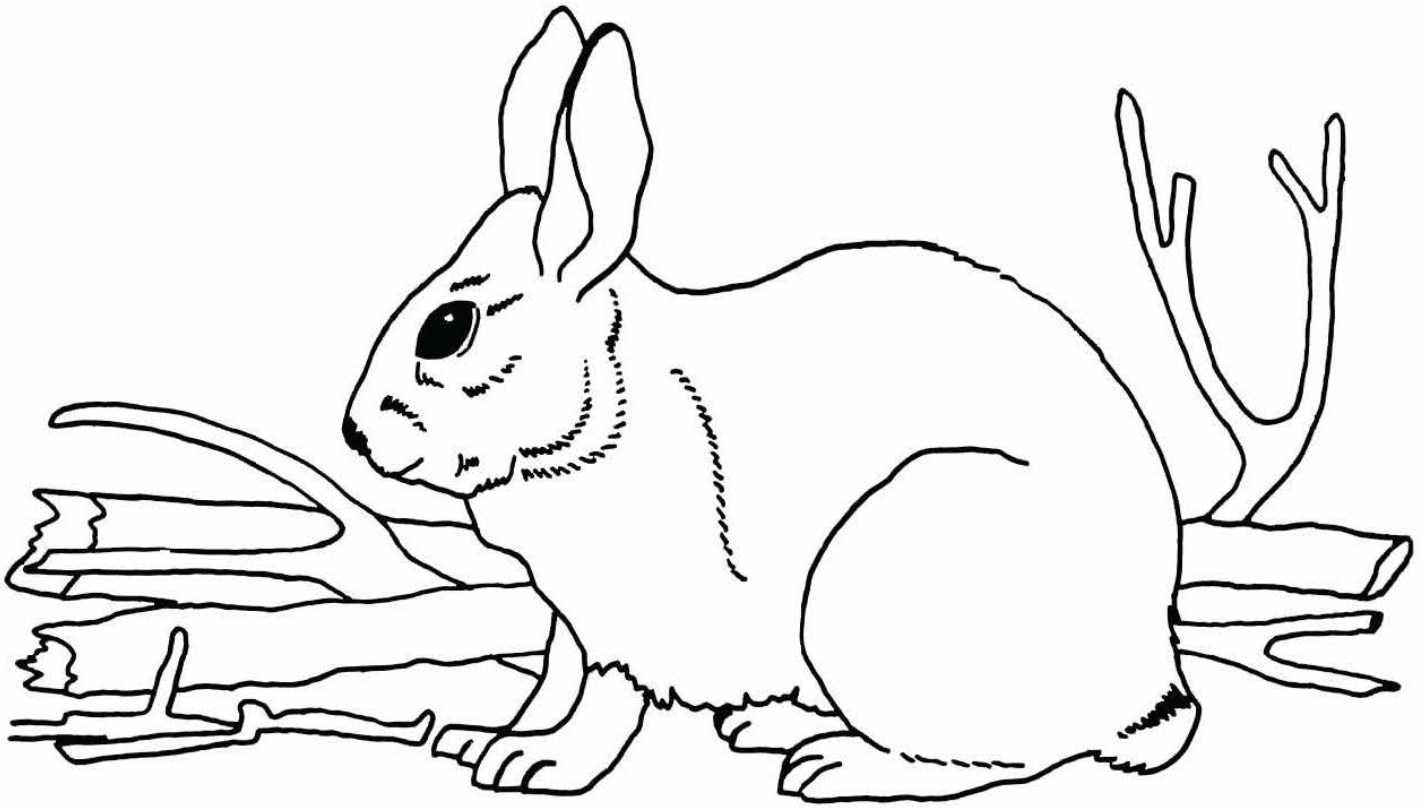
**CANADA GEESE** fly south in the fall and north in the spring. Watch the sky for a 'V' of geese. They eat seeds, nuts, grass, plants and berries. IDNR Wildlife Biologists band geese every year and some bands have been recovered as far as northern Canada, southern Georgia and eastern Pennsylvania.





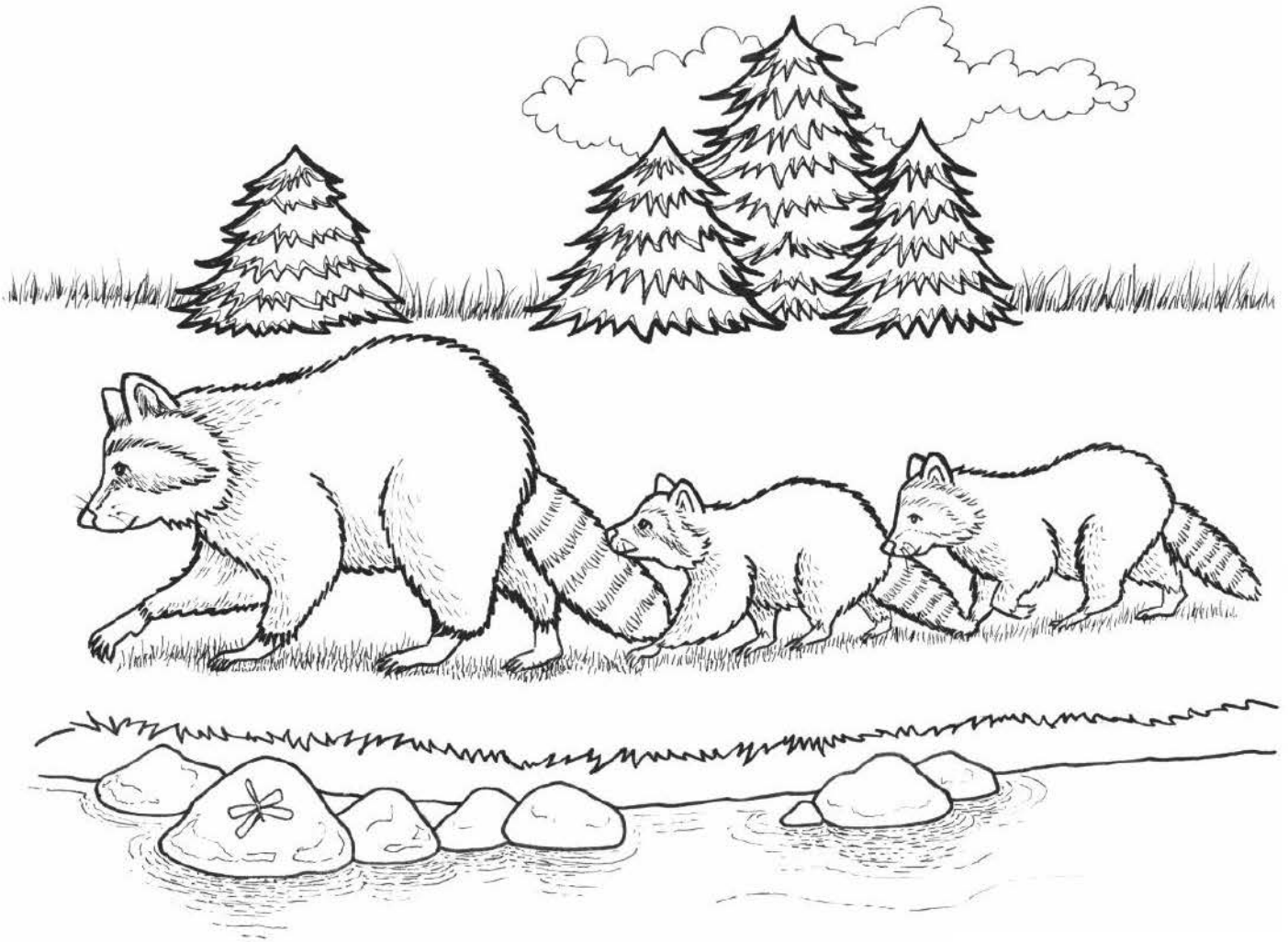
The **RING-NECKED PHEASANT** is a large game bird which lives in agricultural areas in Illinois. They like to eat insects, corn, berries and grains. They can fly up to 60 mph for short distances, but prefer to run and can get up to 8-10 mph.





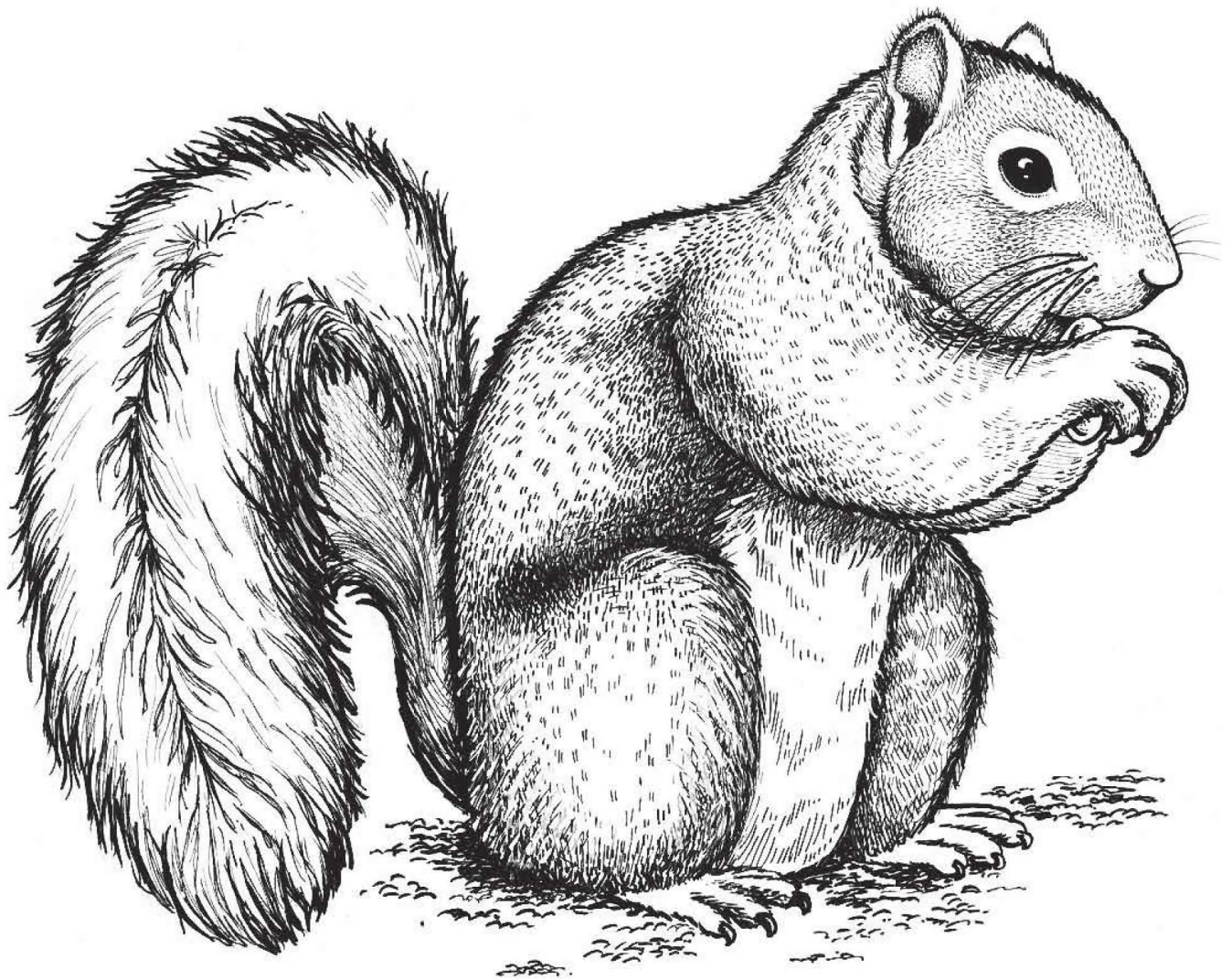
**COTTONTAIL RABBITS** live in open grassy areas. They eat grasses, clover and dandelions. Rabbits hide in brushy areas and are one of the most abundant game mammals in Illinois. A baby rabbit is actually called a kit, (short for kitten) not a bunny.



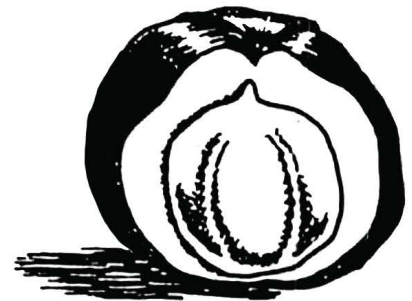


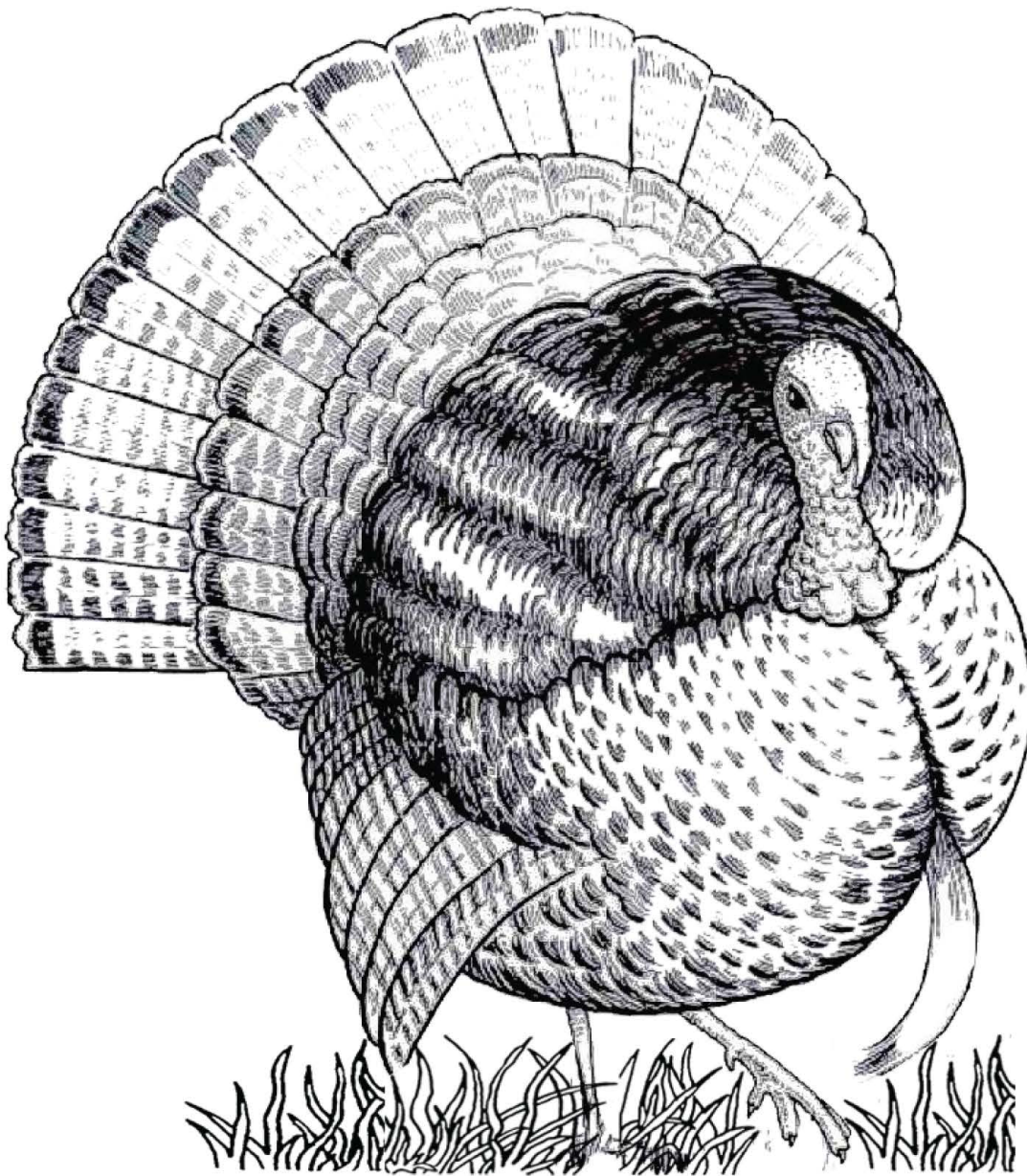
**RACCOONS** often forage for food in or near water, so they are often found along creeks, rivers and lakes. Crayfish are a common food for raccoons. The black markings across raccoons' eyes allow them to see better, especially at night, by reducing glare.



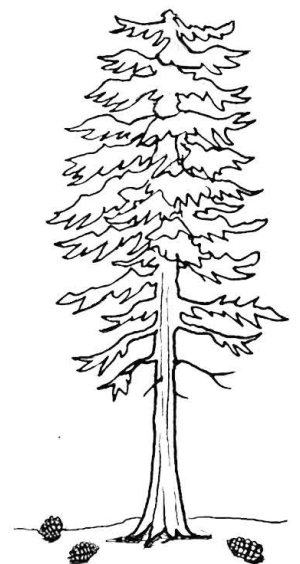


There are several species of squirrels in Illinois. **FOX and GRAY SQUIRRELS** are common and are hunted each fall. **RED SQUIRRELS** are a northern species which is very rare in Illinois, occurring only along the eastern reaches of the Kankakee River. Squirrels like to eat acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts, pecans, fruits and tree buds.

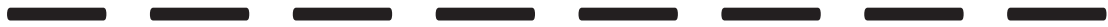




**EASTERN WILD TURKEYS** can't see well at night, so they sleep in trees for protection. The color of their heads change from red to blue to white, depending on how excited or calm they are. Turkeys eat acorns, grains, grasses, berries, fruits, nuts and insects.



Fill in the blanks with the underlined letters throughout the pages. The word you spell should describe the animals in this coloring book.



Draw your own animal picture here.

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