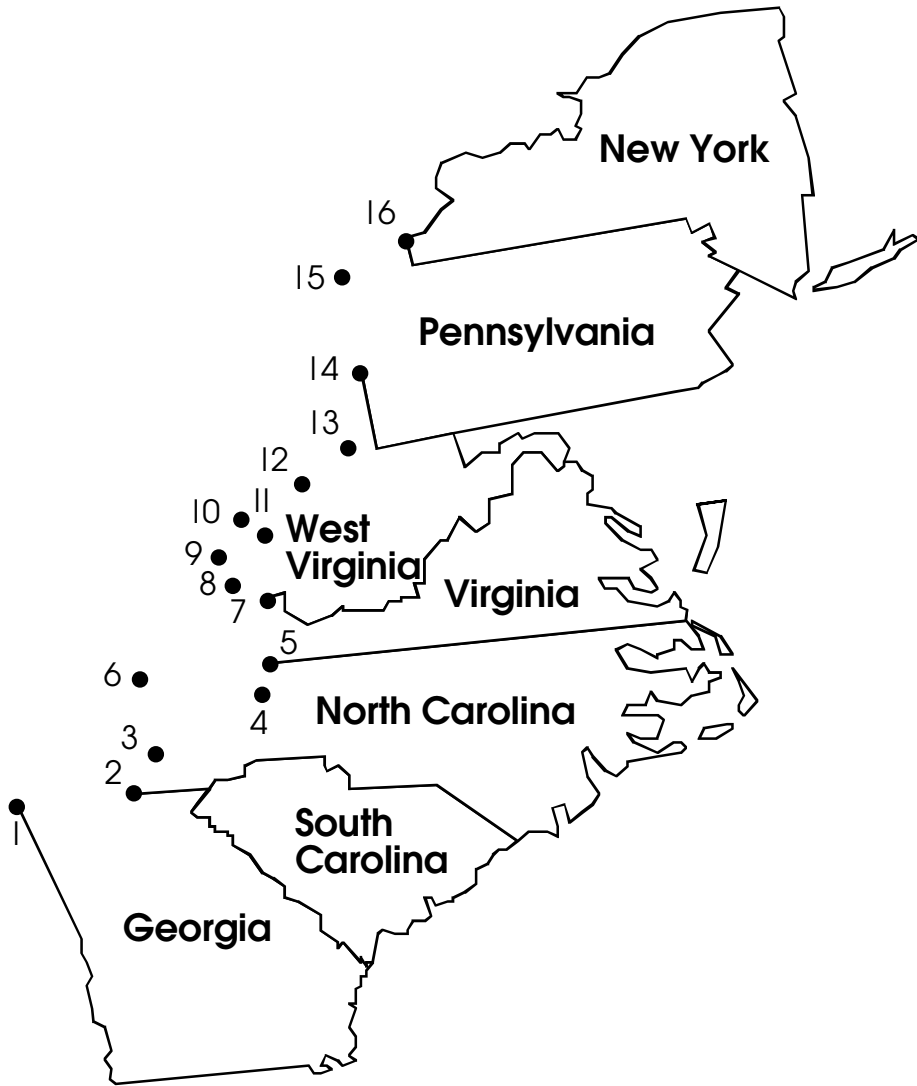


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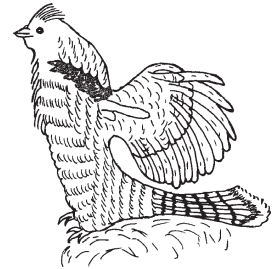
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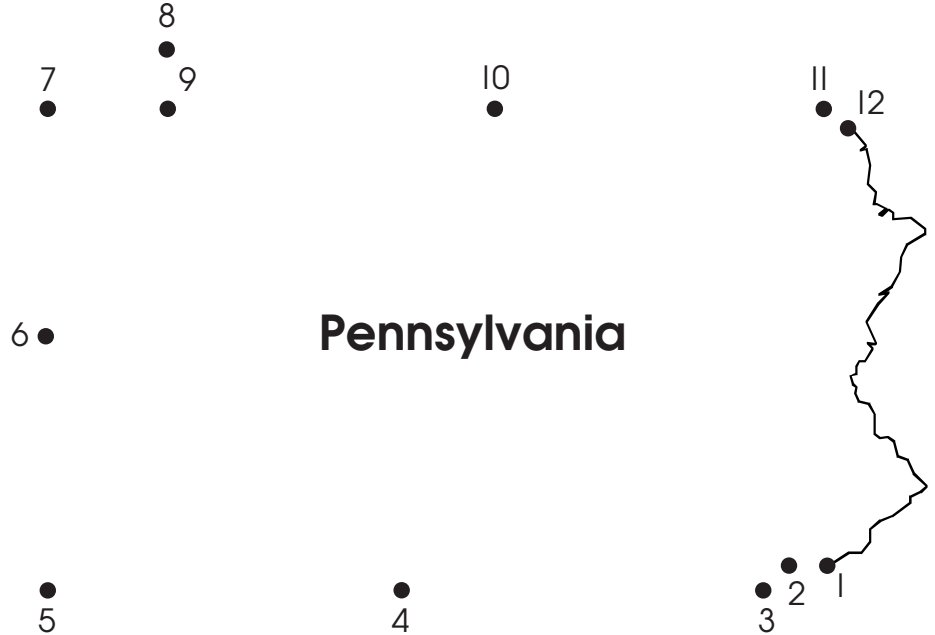
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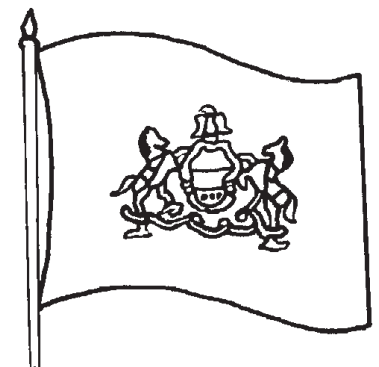
Ruffed grouse



Pennsylvania



Hemlock



"Oh Ross, I love you!"
laughed Betsy. She gave Ross
another big hug and ran to
her room. She opened the
door and found . . .

Draw what Betsy found in her room.

Ross is Betsy's big _____.
Ross gave wonderful _____.
When Ross was lonely Betsy
played _____ with him.

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The Tree

Bob and his Grandpa Lewis sit in the shade. They sit in the shade of an oak tree in Athens.

Once a man named Jackson owned some land. A white oak tree lived on the land. Jackson gave the tree water and cared for it.

The tree cared for him too. It gave him shade in the summer. In the winter the tree sheltered him from the wind's chill.

Jackson gave to the tree the land on which it grew. Then a windstorm blew down the oak.



"Oh, yes you have," said Ross. "When I've been sad you've made me laugh. When I've been lonely you've played checkers with me. I'll always treasure those presents that came from your heart."

Ross smiled. "Your other present is in your room. I'll wait here while you discover your surprise."

Betsy and Ross

"Happy Birthday, Betsy," said Ross, Betsy's big brother.

"Thank you," said Betsy. She looked around for a present. Ross always gave such wonderful surprises.

"The first part of your birthday present is right here," said Ross.

He bent down and opened his arms. "A hug and kiss for my little sis. I want to thank you for all the presents you have given to me."

"But I haven't given you anything," said Betsy.



But an acorn, the tree's seed, was planted in the same place. A new oak grew.

Today this oak owns the land on which it grows. The tree reaches out to welcome friends both young and old.

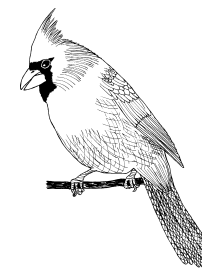
Bob and Grandpa Lewis sit in the gentle shade of this big tree.

Draw a picture of your favorite tree, flower, or other plant, or write a story about it.

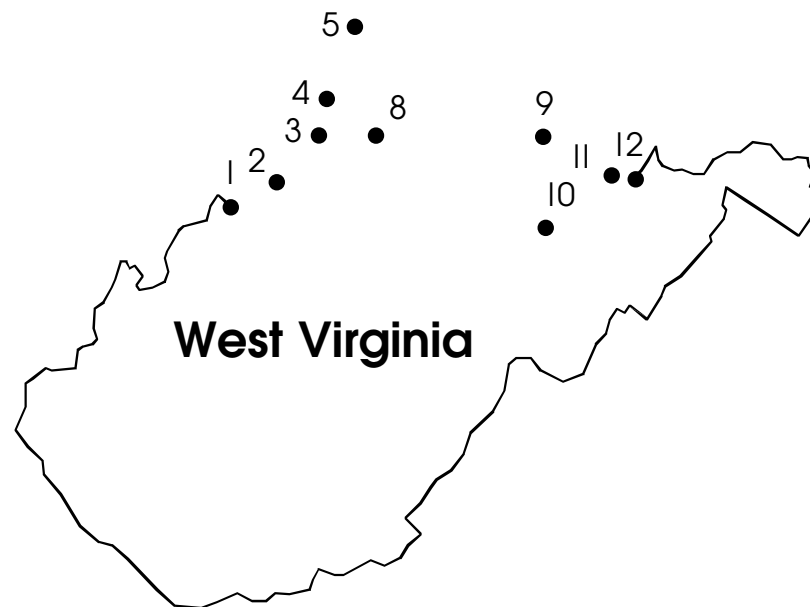


Rhododendron maximum

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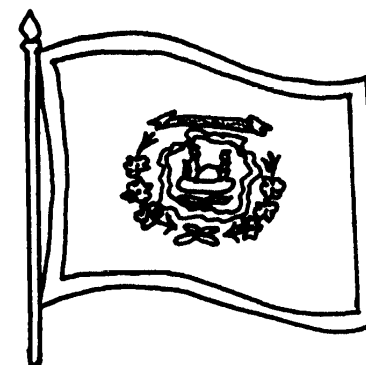
Jackson gave the tree water and _____ for it.

A windstorm _____ down the oak.

The oak owns the _____.



Sugar maple

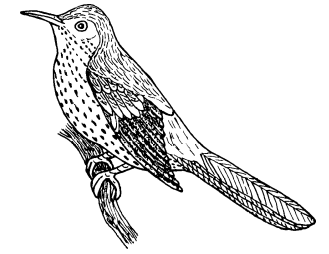


When are the best times to wear helmets and/or life jackets? Draw a picture of one of those times or write a story about it.

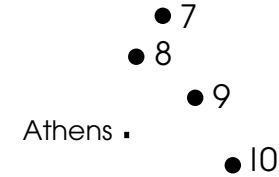


Cherokee rose

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Brown thrasher



Athens

Georgia

5 ●
4 ●
3 ●
2 ●



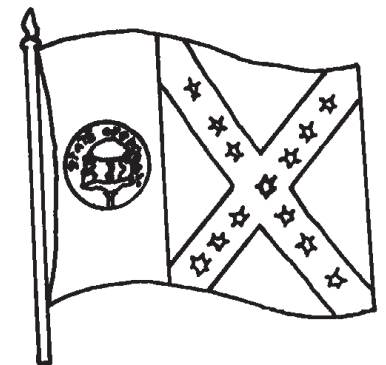
The raft _____ away from the bank.

At first the water was _____.

The friends were sprayed with the foaming white _____.



Live oak



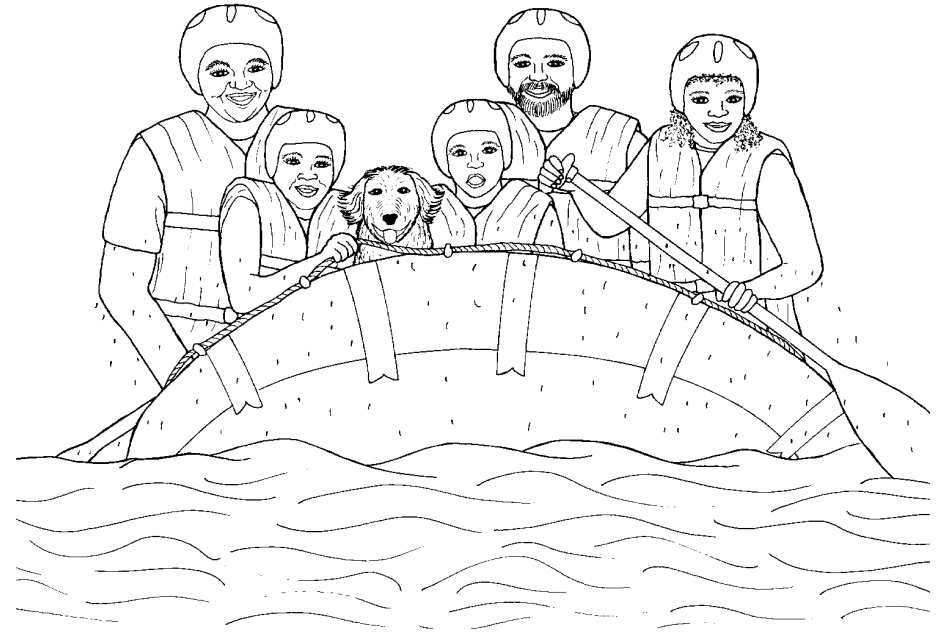
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The Carriage

Bob and his new friend Michael sit next to Carolina. Carolina is the driver of a horse-drawn carriage. Bob's dog, Dod, sits next to him.

The boys like the clippety-clop sound the horses' hooves make on the street.

Grandpa Lewis and Michael's grandfather, Grandpa Mals, are riding in the carriage. They are new friends too. The grandfathers talk and laugh in loud, happy voices.



Then the raft bounced on and plunged through swift waters. The friends were sprayed with the foaming white water.

That night, after the raft trip, the friends camped out. They camped out beside the beautiful, musical river.

Rafting

"Do we all have on our life jackets and helmets?" asked Michael's Uncle David.

"Yes," said Bob and Michael.

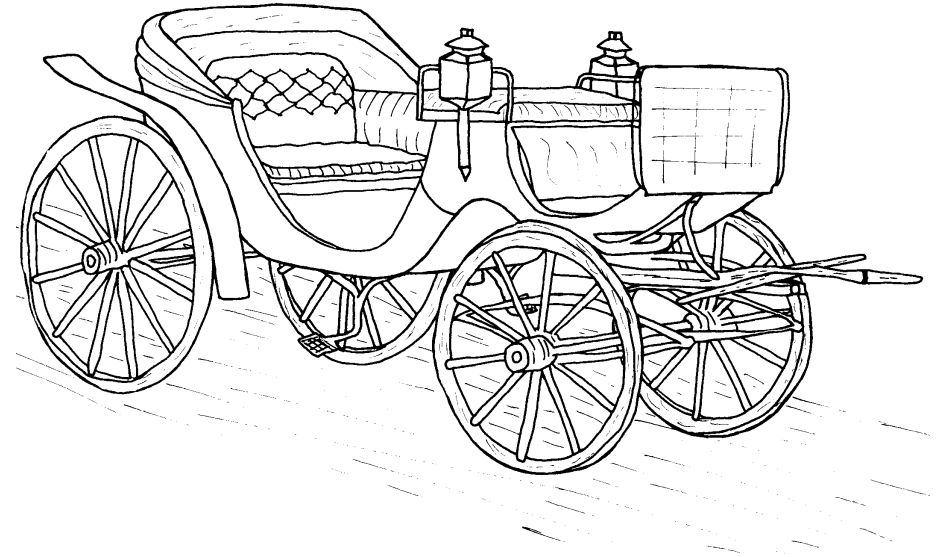
"I sure do," said Bob's Aunt Pearl.

"I've got mine on too," said Grandpa Mals.

"Then off we go," said Uncle David.

"Woof, woof," barked Dod.

The raft glided away from the bank. At first the water was smooth. The raft moved gently on the river.



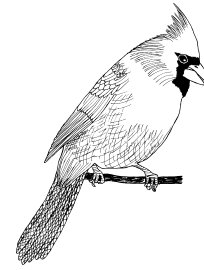
Carolina sings softly to her horses, Porgy and Bess. The boys can hear the smile in her voice as she sings.

A fly buzzes around Porgy.
His tail swishes the fly away.

Michael and Bob laugh.
The day is full of wonderful
sounds!

The carriage rolls on.

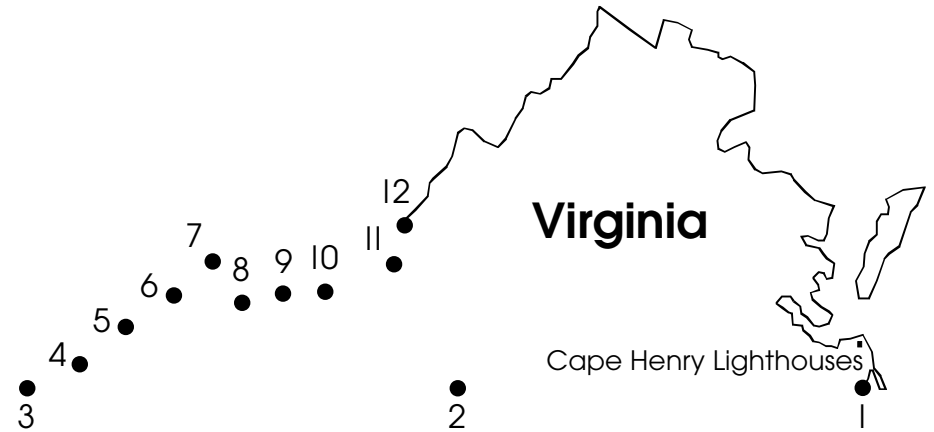
*Draw pictures of the things that make
sounds you would like to hear or write
a story about them.*



Cardinal



Dogwood



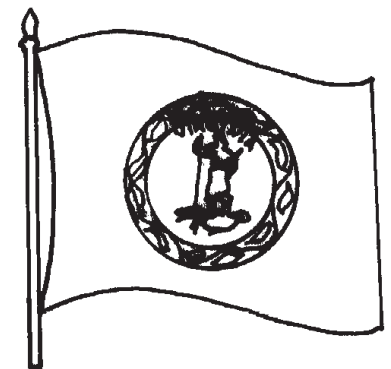
Carolina sings _____ to her
horses.

A fly _____ around Porgy.

Porgy's tail _____ the fly
away.



Dogwood



"Well, the gulls seem to like the lighthouses too," laughed Doctor Lewis. "They are still playing in the sky around them."

Is there something that always makes you happy when you see it? Draw a picture of it or write a story about it.

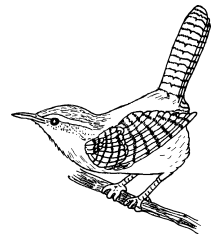
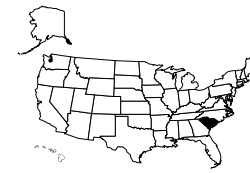
Virginia and Bob ran down the _____.

The sea gulls _____ and _____ around the lighthouses.

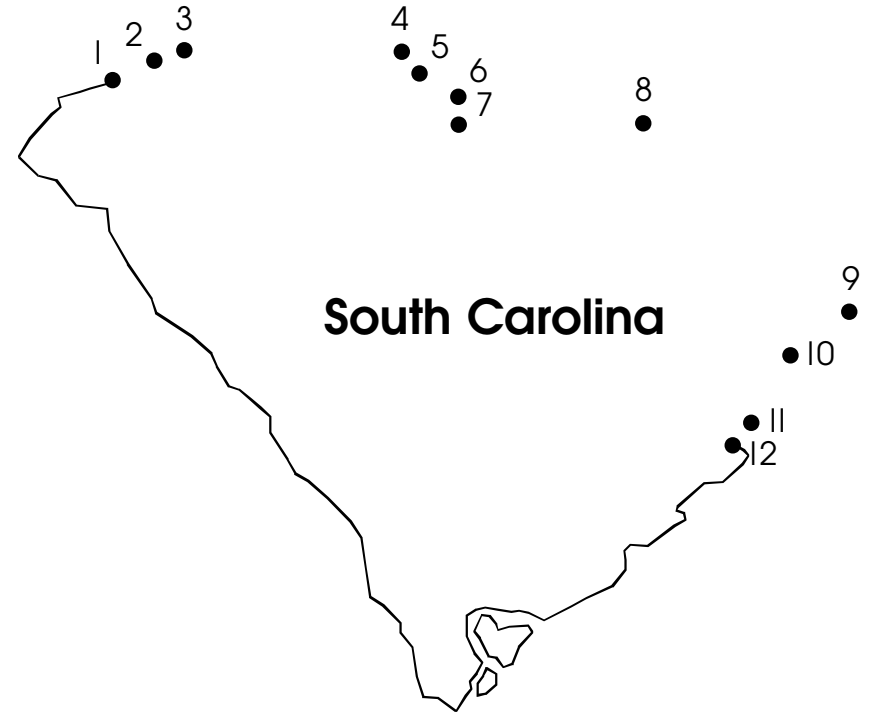
A bright light shines from the top of the _____.



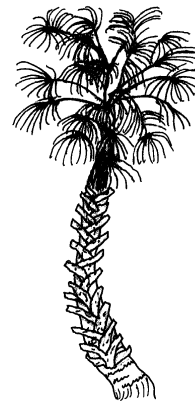
Yellow jessamine



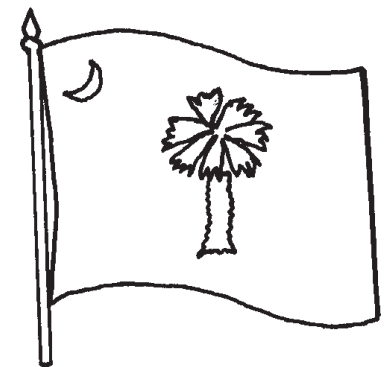
Carolina wren



South Carolina



Sabel palmetto palm

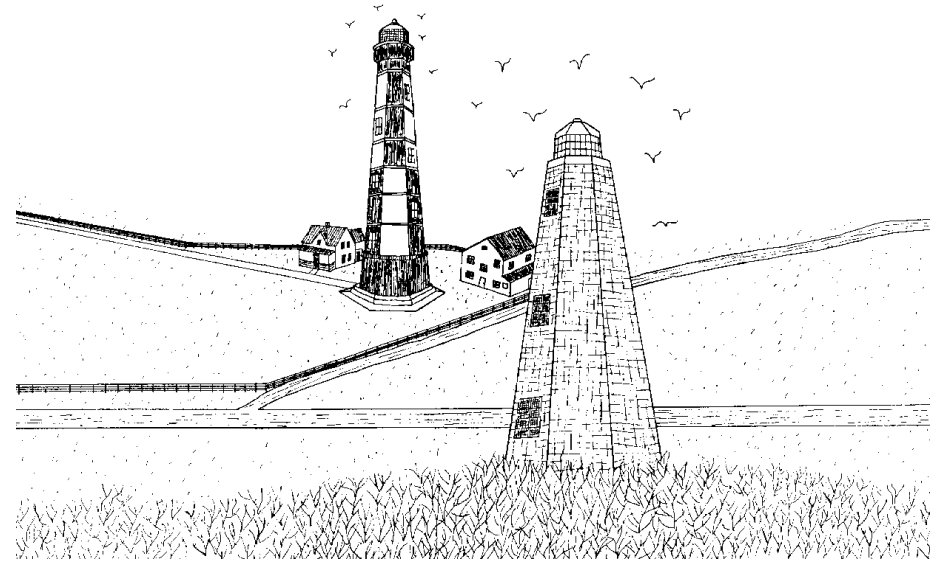


Smoky and Cade

"Smoky, you sleepy raccoon, wake up!" called Cade the raccoon. "The moon is up and I'm hungry!"

Cade was sitting at the bottom of Smoky's home. Smoky's home was a hollow tree trunk. The two raccoons were best friends.

"I'm coming," yawned Smoky as she climbed down the tree. Once on the ground she sniffed the night air. "Yum. Don't those berries smell good?"



They all looked up at the newer, bigger lighthouse.

"A bright light shines from the top of the new lighthouse," said Bob. "The light is white and red."

"It is awesome," said Virginia. "My Uncle Philip has a ship. The light guides his ship from the ocean to the bay. The ship's crew is always happy to see the light. They know they will soon be home."

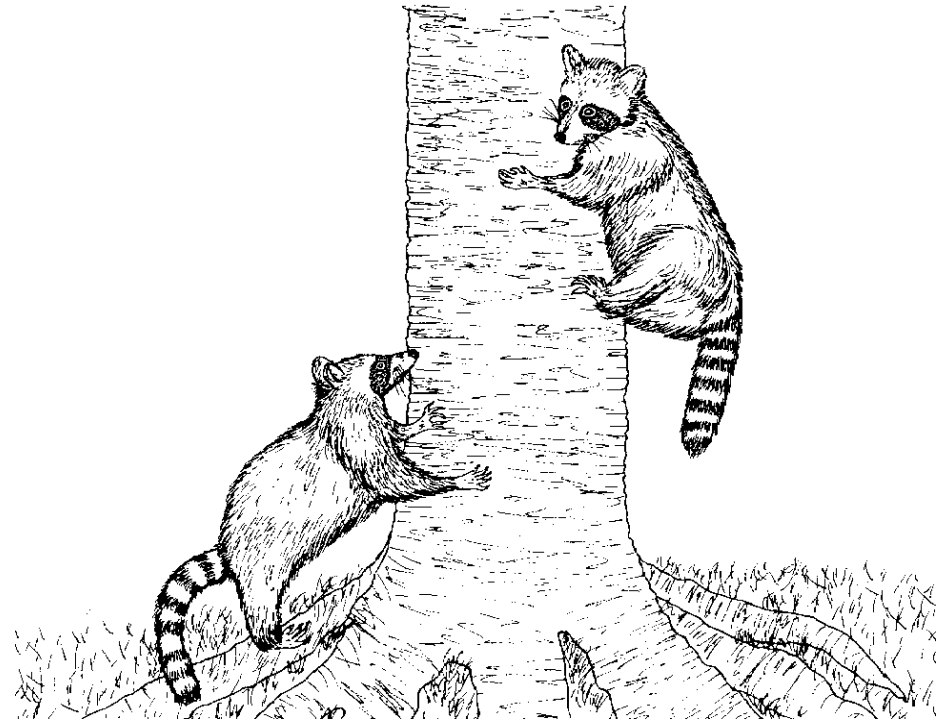
The Lighthouses

Virginia and her pal Bob ran down the beach. They were visiting the two Cape Henry Lighthouses. Bob's mother, Doctor Lewis was with them.

"Look at the sea gulls swoop and soar around the lighthouses," laughed Virginia.

"The first president of the United States, George Washington, ordered the old lighthouse to be built," said Doctor Lewis. "The lighthouse helped sailors steer their ships out of the bay."

"About ninety years later the newer lighthouse was built," said Bob.



Smoky and Cade always played and looked for food at night. They slept during the day. It was night now. And the raccoons were hungry!

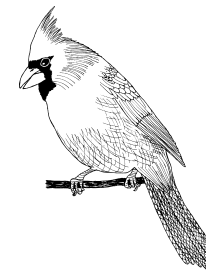
The raccoons galloped over to a berry bush. They ate a lot of juicy berries. When they were full, the roly-poly raccoons ambled over to a little stream.

Smoky and Cade splashed and played in the stream. Then the sun came up. It was bedtime.

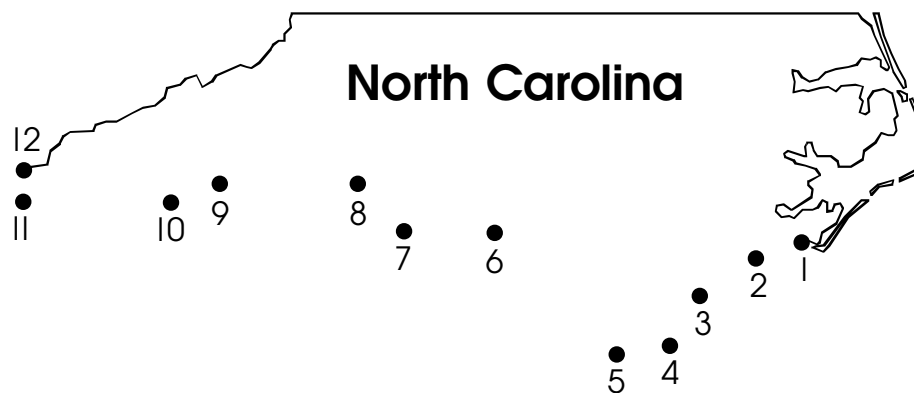
Draw a picture of a wild or endangered animal that lives near you or in your state or write a story about it.



Dogwood



Cardinal

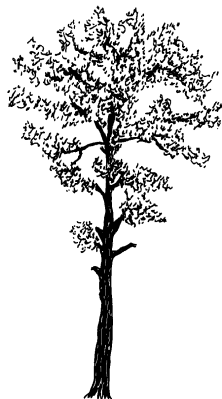


The raccoons were best

_____.

The raccoons played and looked for food at _____.

The raccoons _____ during the day.



Southern pine

