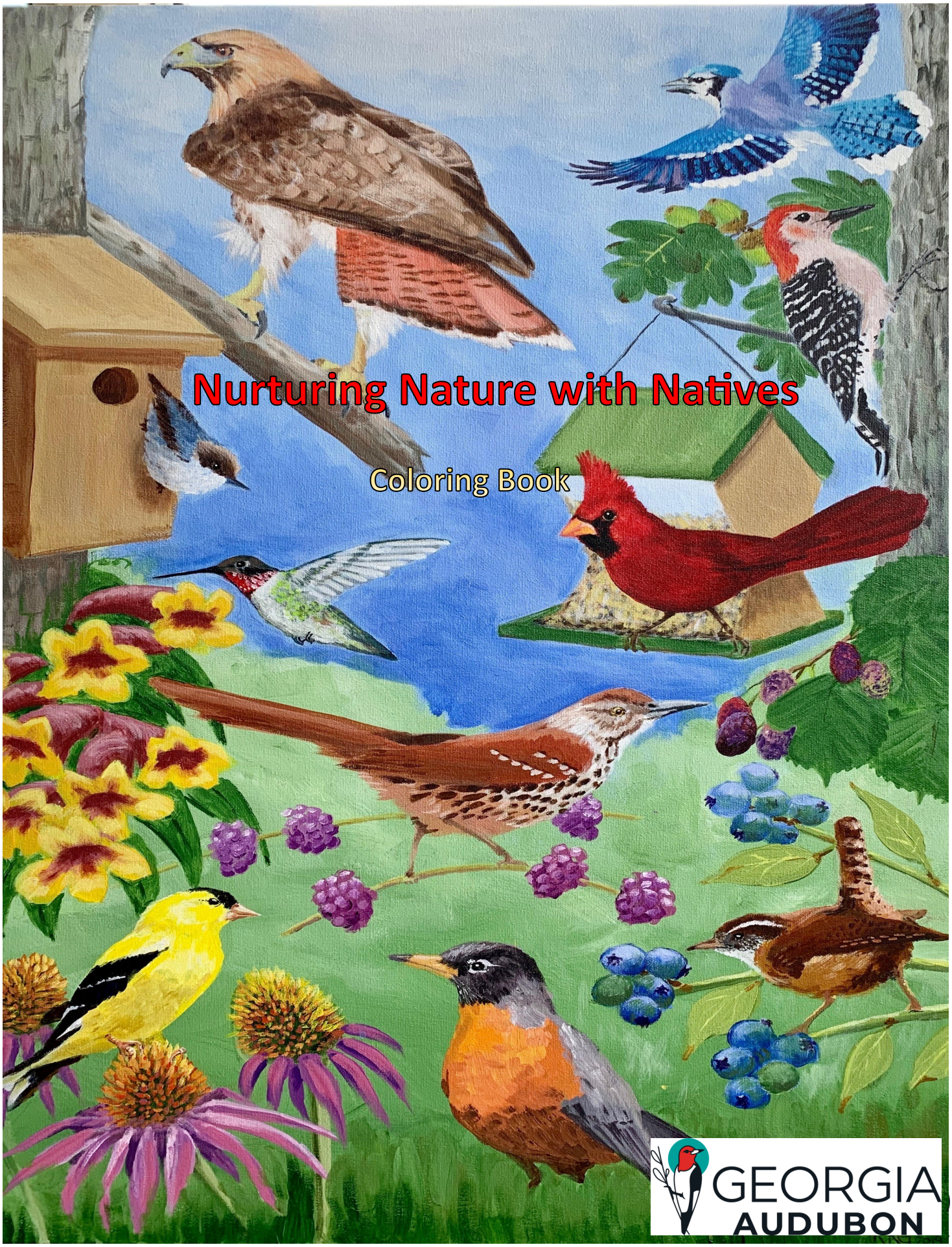
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Nurturing Nature with Natives

The biggest threat to birds is habitat loss. Luckily, anyone can improve habitat for birds by planting native plants! Native plants (plants that occur naturally in a region without human introduction) are an essential resource for birds. In addition to supplying food in the form of nuts, seeds, fruits, and nectar, native plants are important hosts for the insects that birds need to feed themselves and raise their young. Landscaped with native species, your yard, patio, or balcony can provide vital resources for migrating birds and a sanctuary for nesting and overwintering birds.

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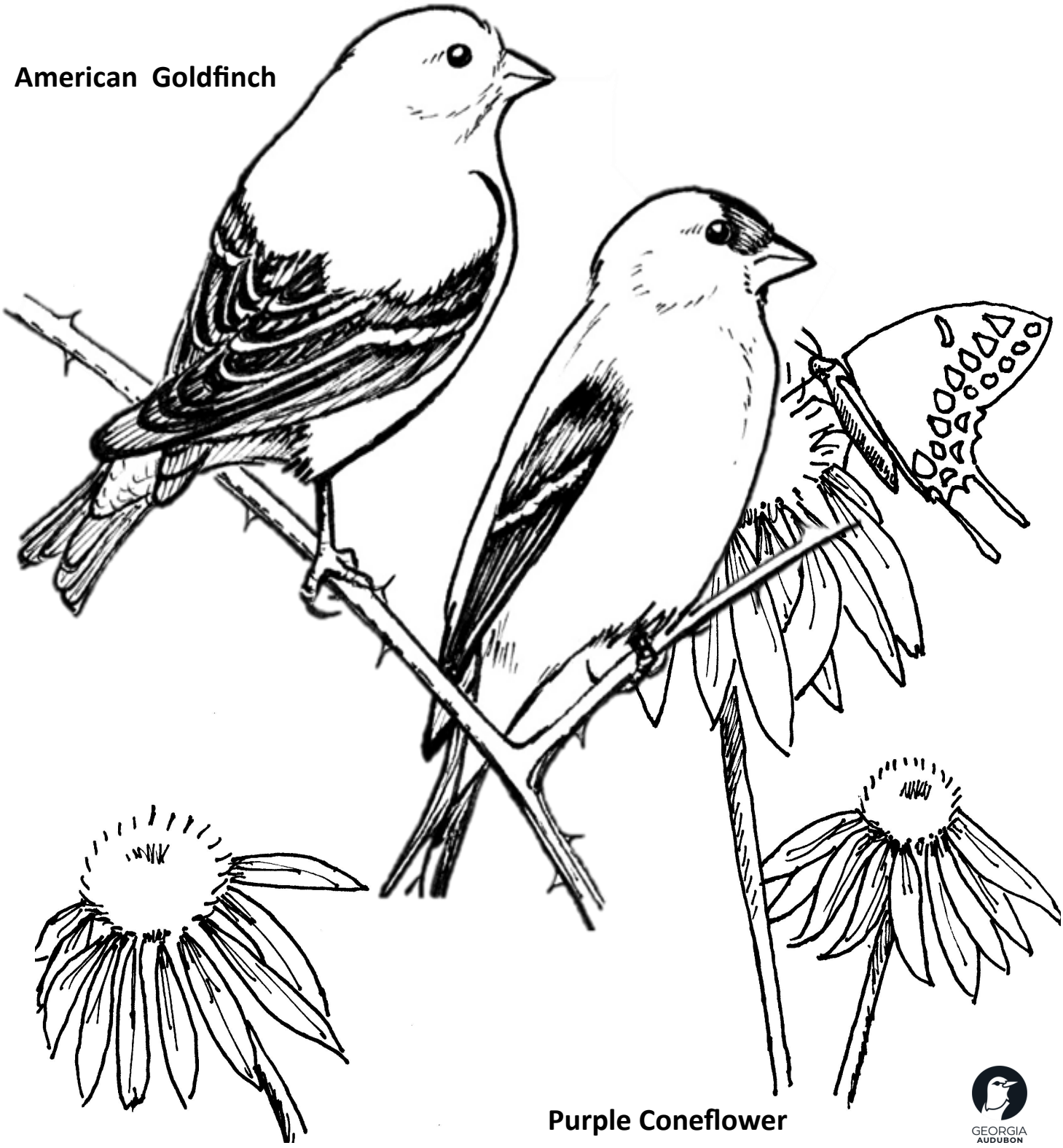
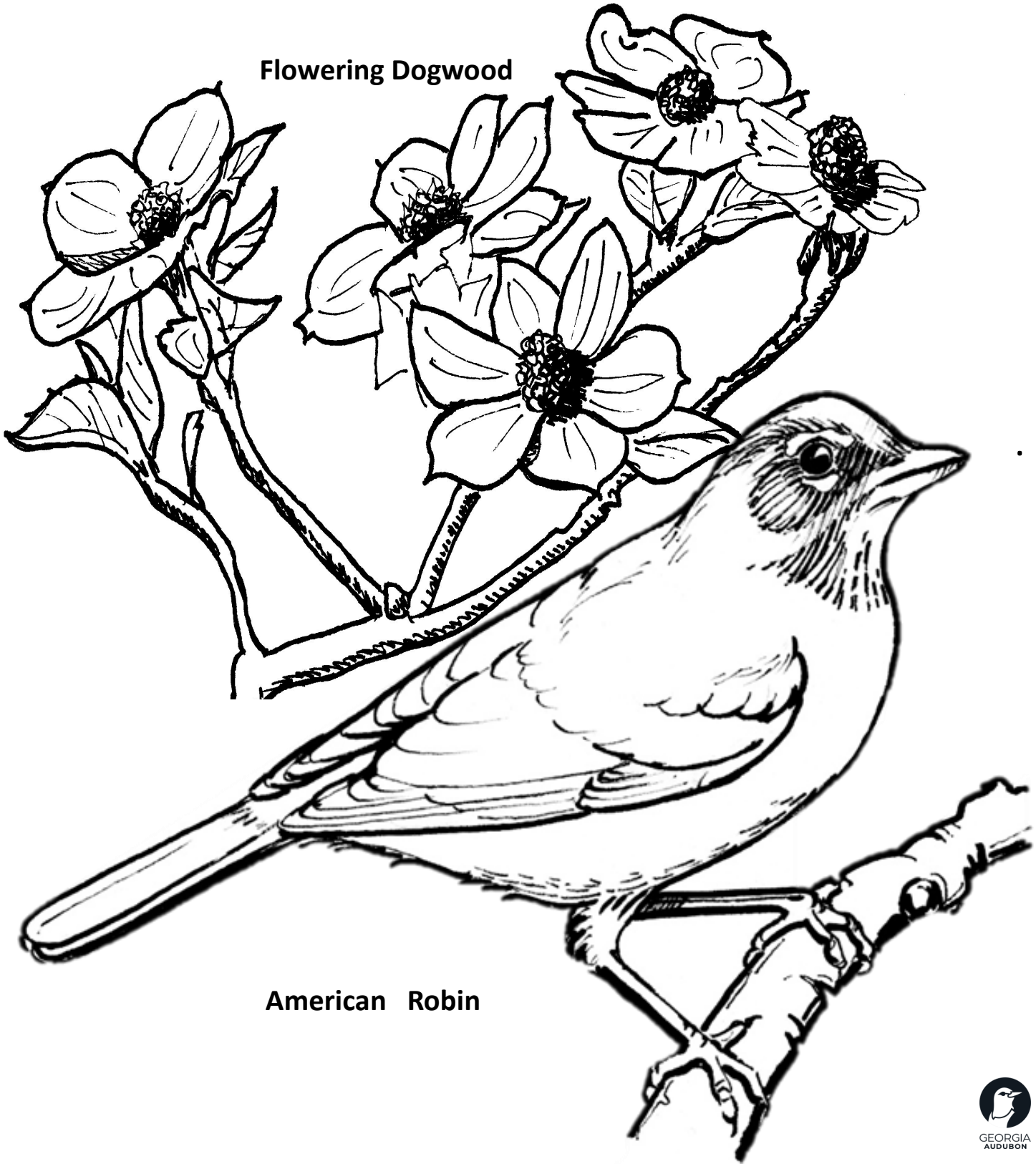
Building places where birds and people thrive

After the flowers fade, purple coneflowers produce _____ that American Goldfinches love to eat. Dried flowers and messy gardens have a lot to offer birds!



Dogwood trees produce red _____ in fall that are an essential part of the diet of the American Robin and other birds fattening up for migration and winter months.



Flowering Dogwood

American Robin

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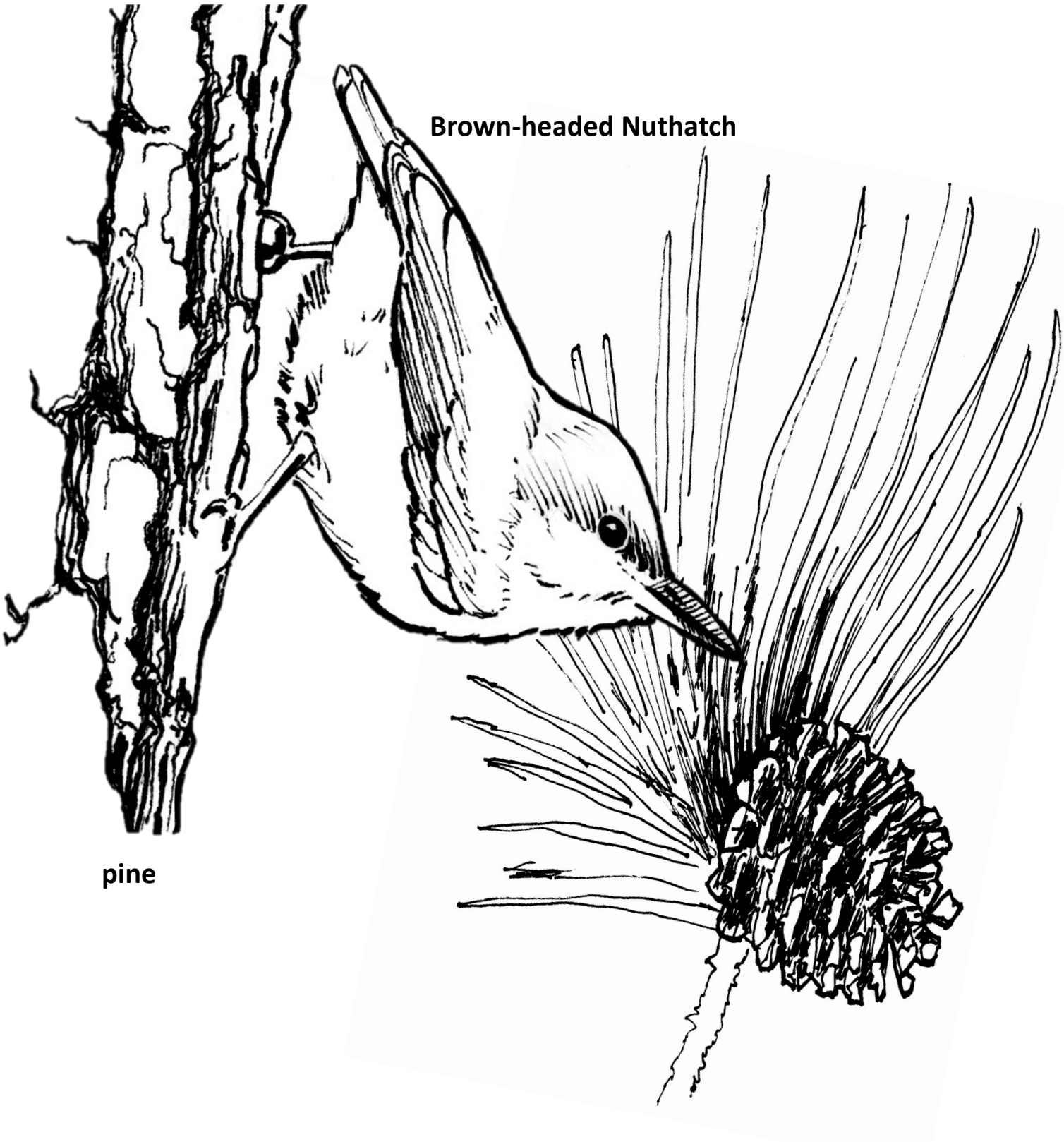

The Brown–headed Nuthatch uses its pointy bill to pry open _____ in search of seeds.

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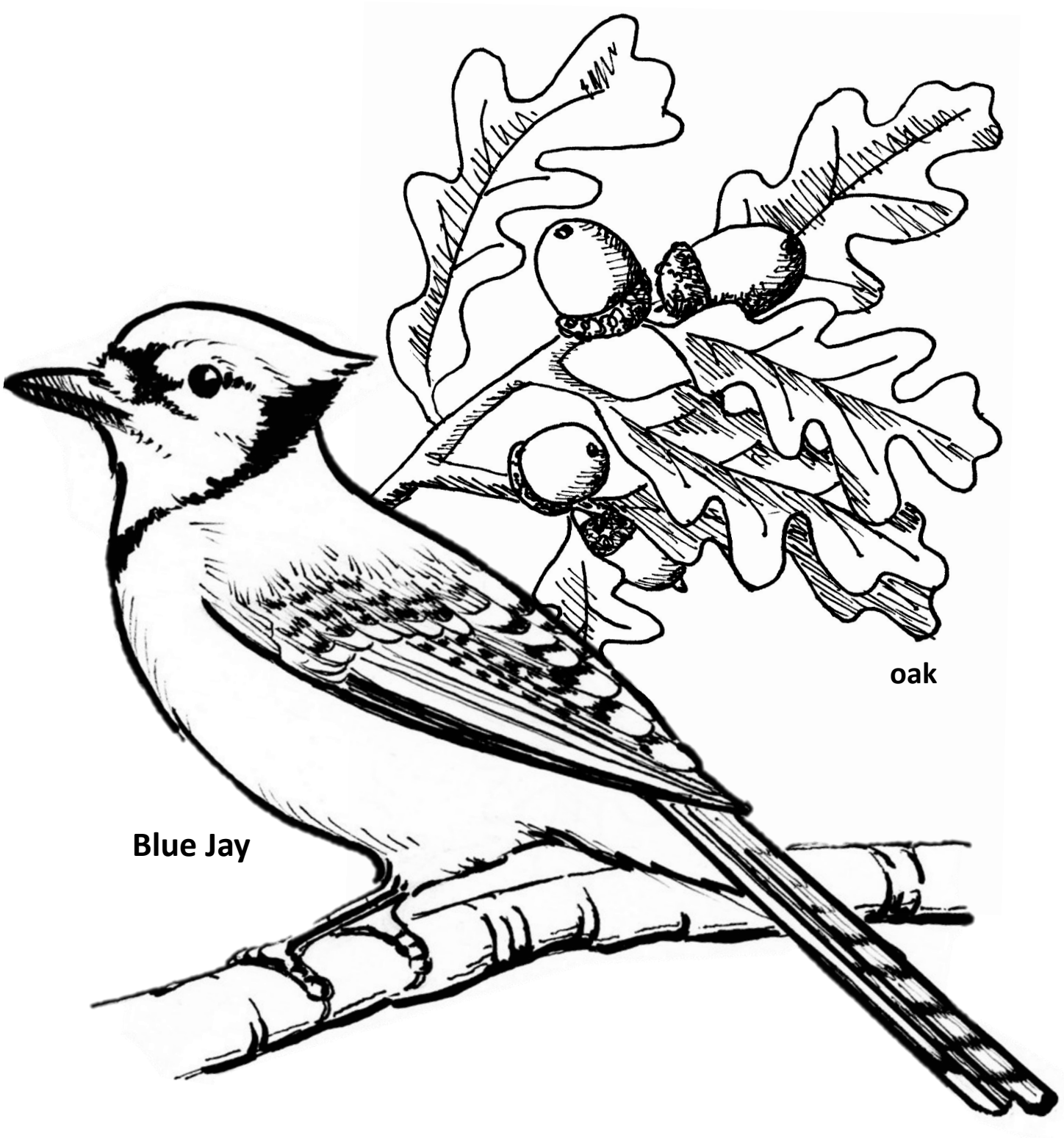
In fall, Blue Jays gather and bury hundreds of _____ as a winter food source. The ones they forget may grow into _____!



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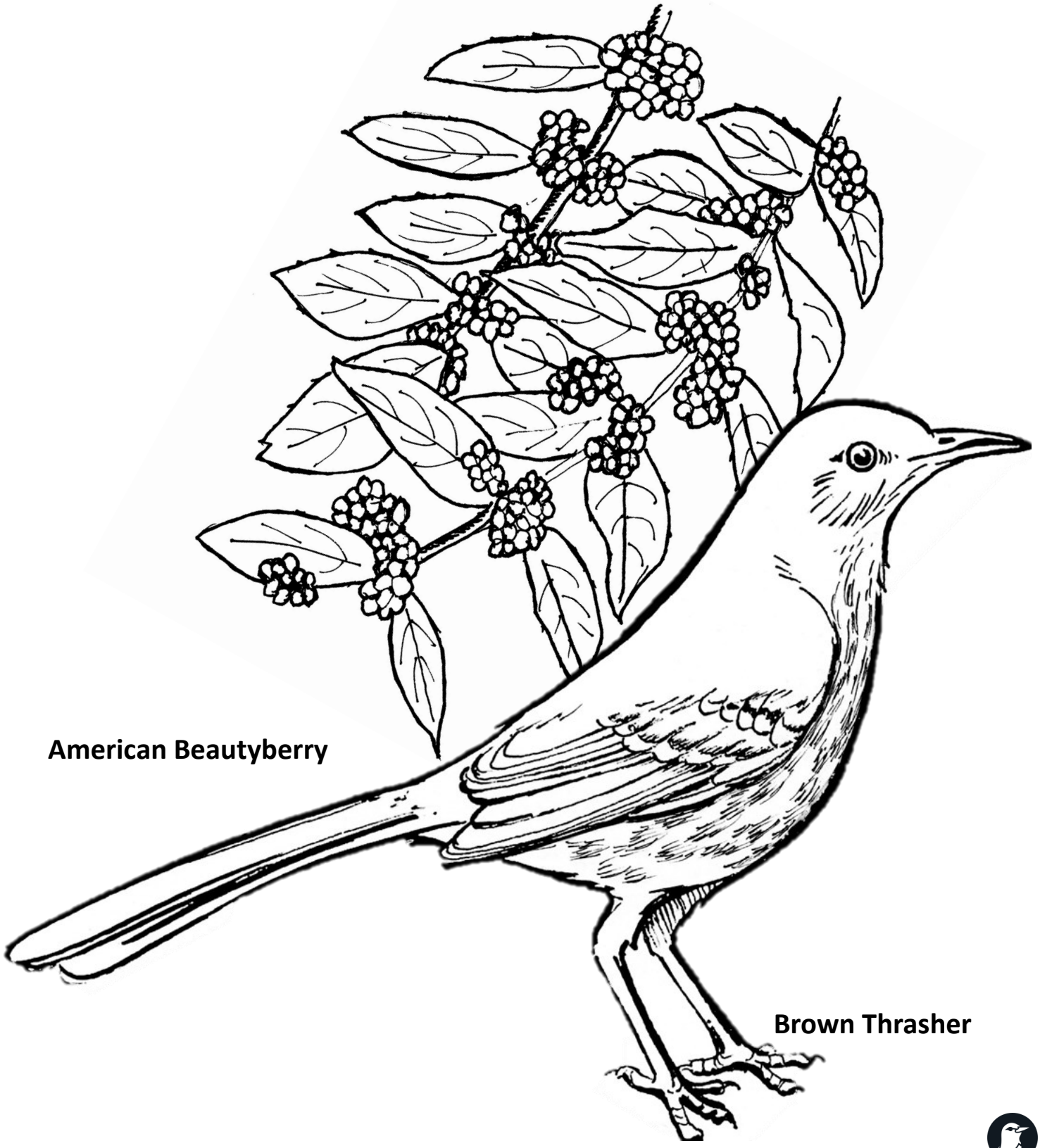
Georgia's state _____, the Brown Thrasher, loves the bright purple or white berries of American Beautyberry!



American Beautyberry

Brown Thrasher

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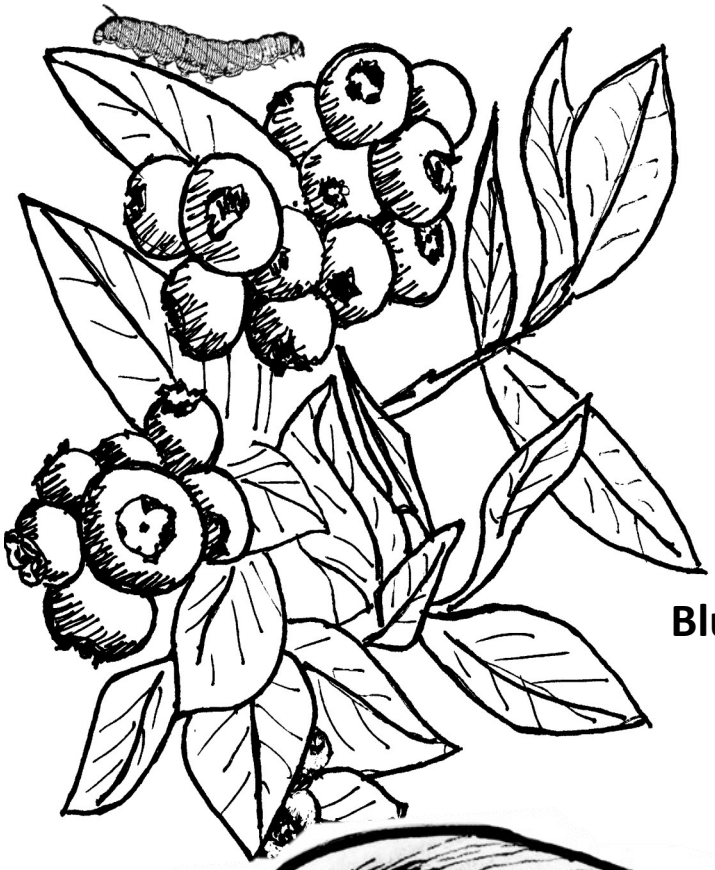
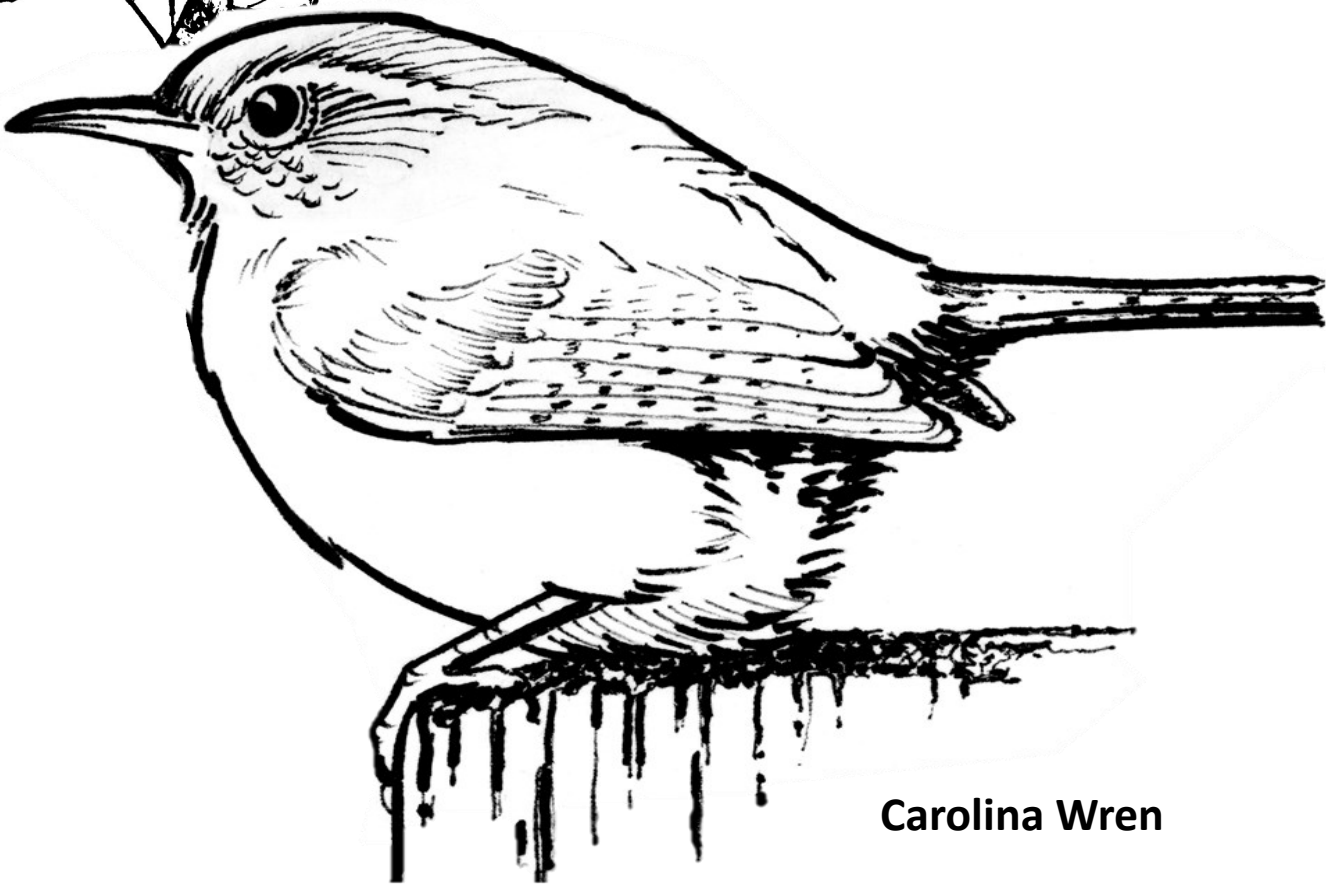
In addition to providing delicious berries, blueberry bushes are a host plant (food source) for the _____ (larva) of several moths and butterflies, which means a buffet for Carolina Wrens!



Blueberry



Carolina Wren

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In spring, the dark purple _____ on a Mulberry tree are a favorite of the Northern Cardinal. Can you tell the male from the female?

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Red-bellied Woodpeckers use their sturdy _____ to crack open hickory _____. They might find a juicy Luna moth caterpillar in a hickory tree, too, since hickory is a host plant for these beautiful moths.

Hickory

Red-bellied Woodpecker

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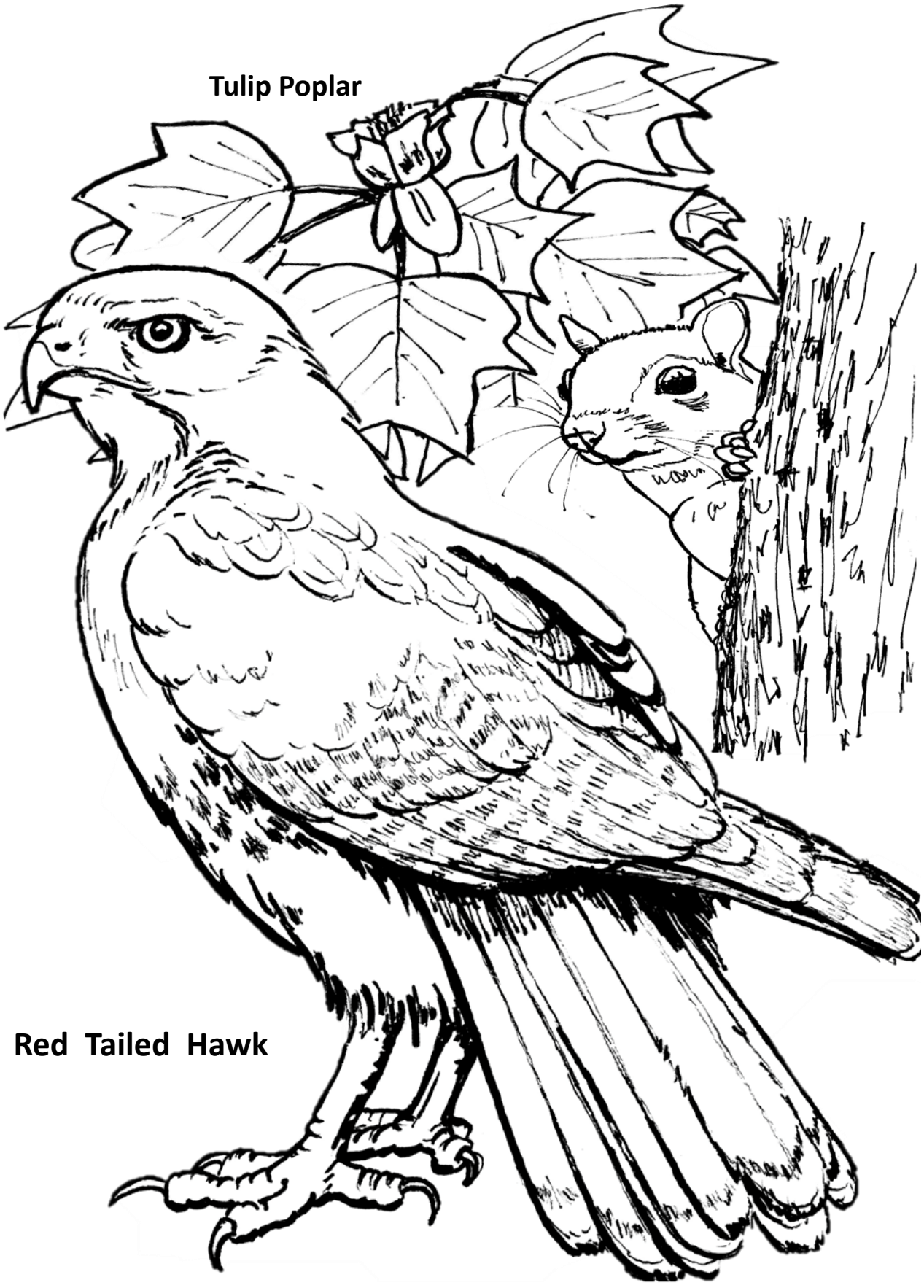

Tulip poplar trees provide food and shelter for small animals like _____ , a regular part of a Red-tailed Hawk's diet.

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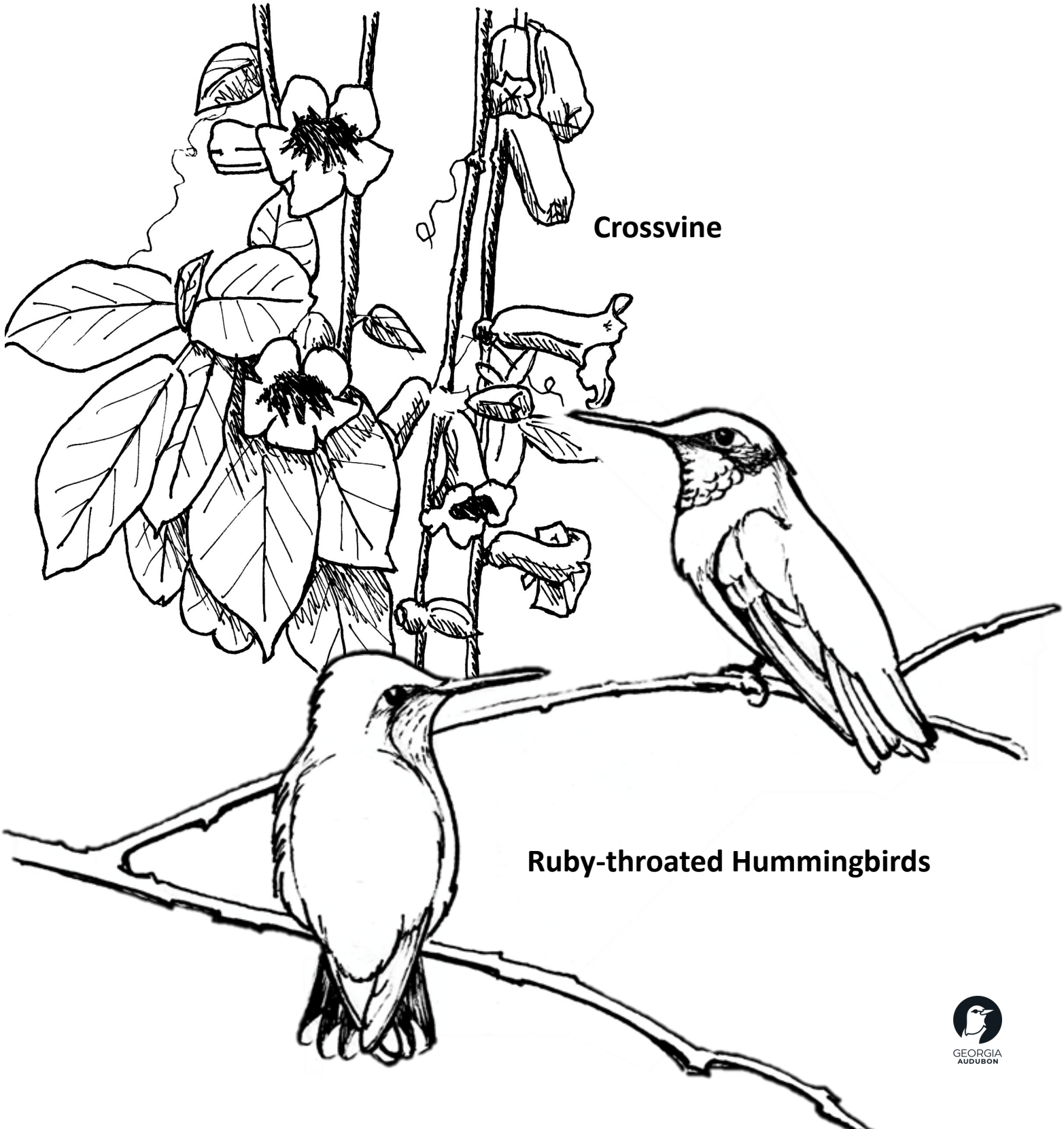
Ruby-throated Hummingbirds fatten up on nectar from tube–shaped _____ like crossvine to get energy for their long migrations.



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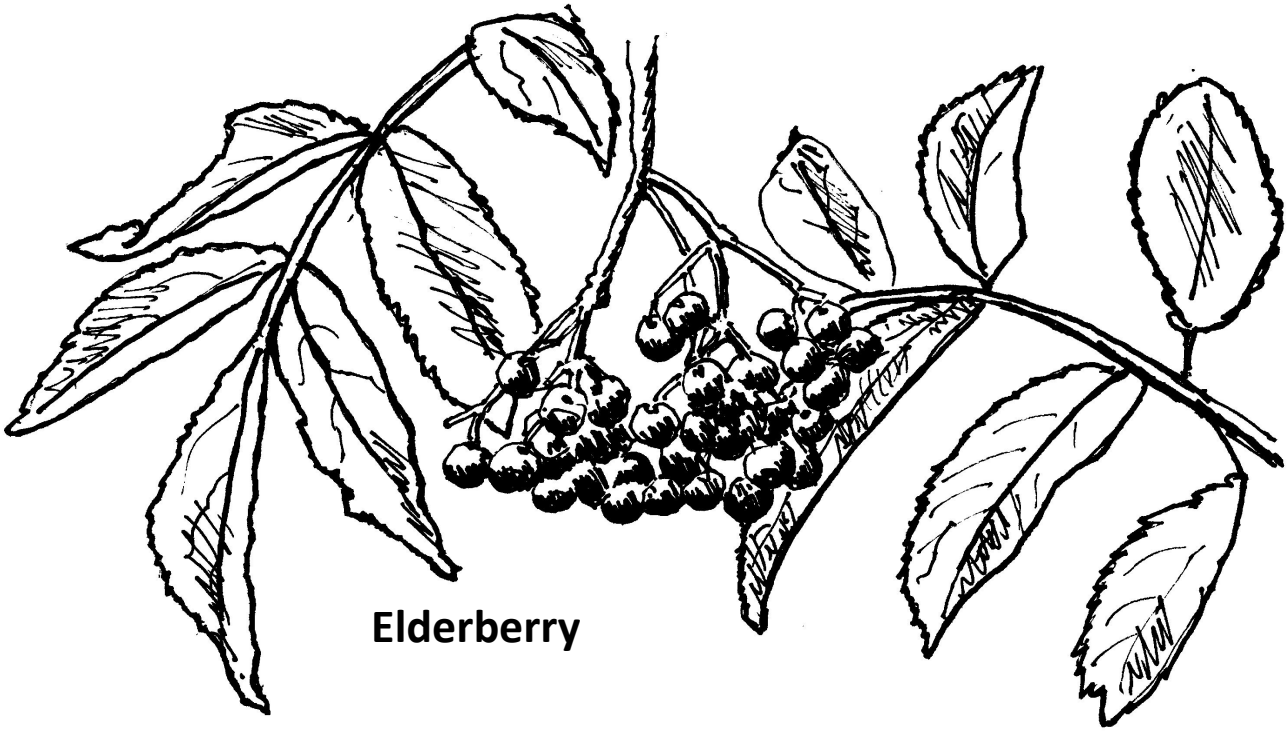
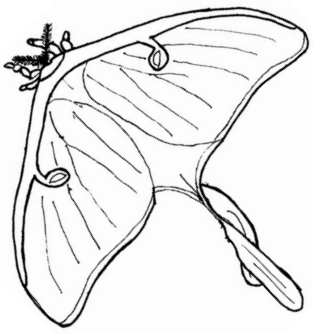


Elderberry

Answer Key

1. seeds
2. berries
3. pinecones
4. acorns; oak trees
5. berries
6. caterpillars
7. bird
8. beak/bill; nuts/seeds
9. squirrels
10. flowers



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