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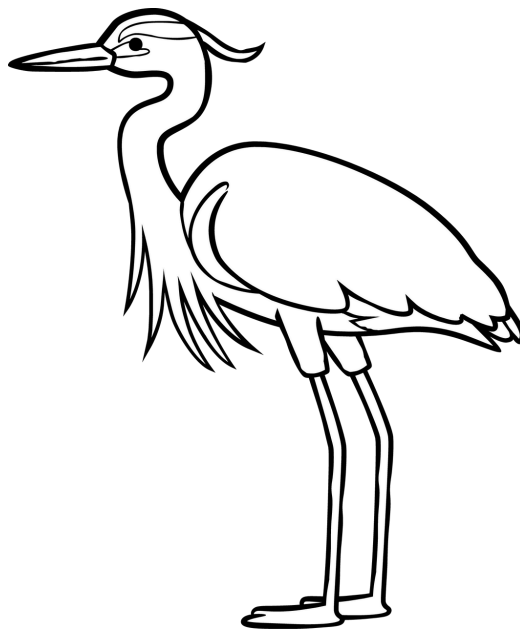


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# Blue Heron

## Fact File

<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Aves (Birds)
<b>Family:</b>	Ardeidae
<b>Diet:</b>	Fish, amphibians, insects, small mammals, and crustaceans
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Wetlands, including marshes, lakes, rivers, and coastal shores
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Approximately 15 years in the wild
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Typically 3-7 eggs per breeding season
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Great Blue Herons can hunt day and night due to their excellent vision. They are known for standing still for long periods to catch prey.

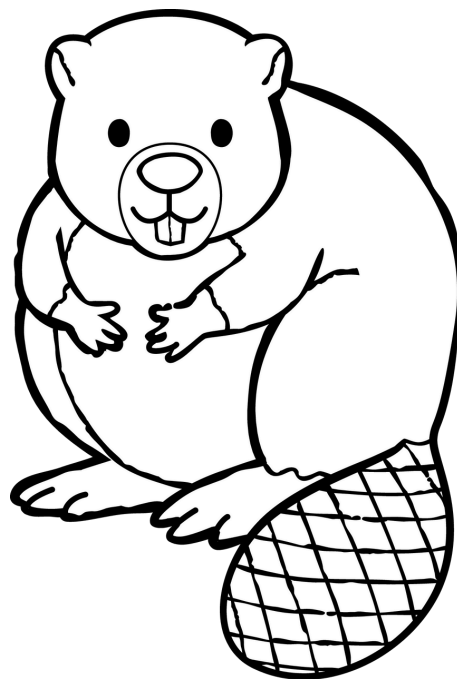


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# Beaver

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Mammalia
<b>Family:</b>	Castoridae
<b>Diet:</b>	Primarily feeds on tree bark, leaves, and aquatic plants
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Herbivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds
<b>Lifespan:</b>	10-15 years in the wild, but can live up to 20 years in captivity
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Usually 1-6 kits per litter
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Beavers are known for their exceptional skills, capable of altering entire landscapes with their dam-building activities

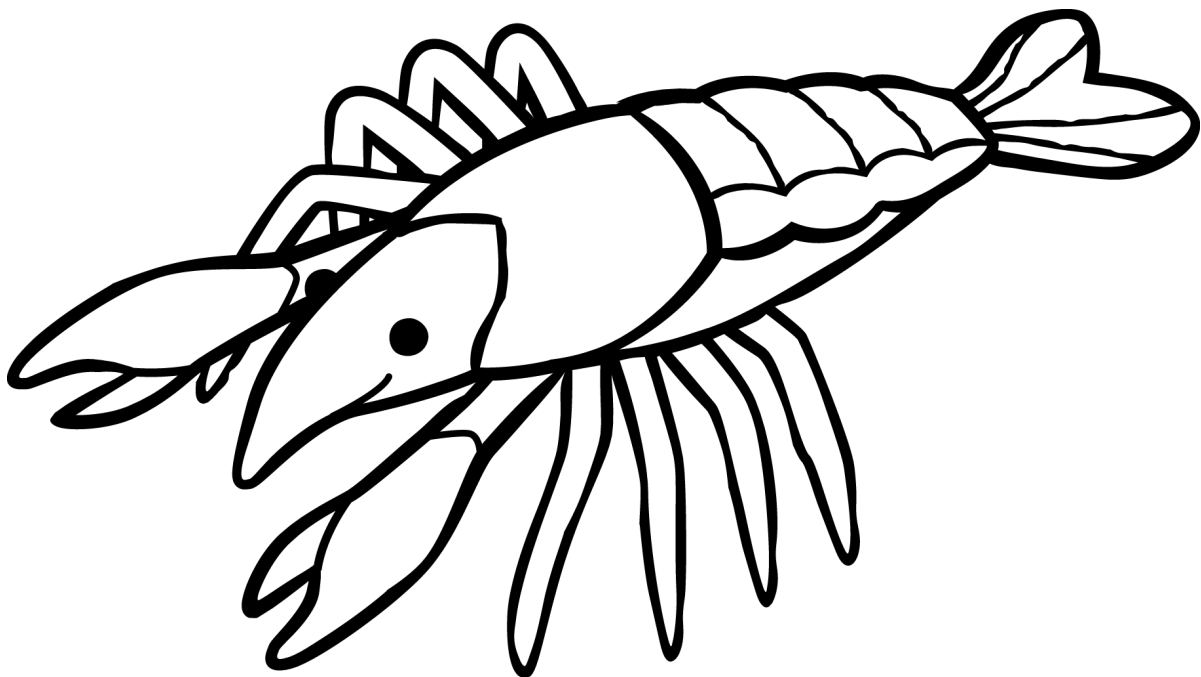


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# Crayfish

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Malacostraca
<b>Family:</b>	Astacoidea (Northern), Parastacoidea (Southern)
<b>Diet:</b>	Plants, insects, small fish, and decaying organic matter
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Omnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Depending on the species, crayfish can live from 2 to 20 years
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Female crayfish can produce hundreds of eggs at a time
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Crayfish are also known as crawfish, crawdads, or freshwater lobsters, and they can regenerate lost limbs if necessary.

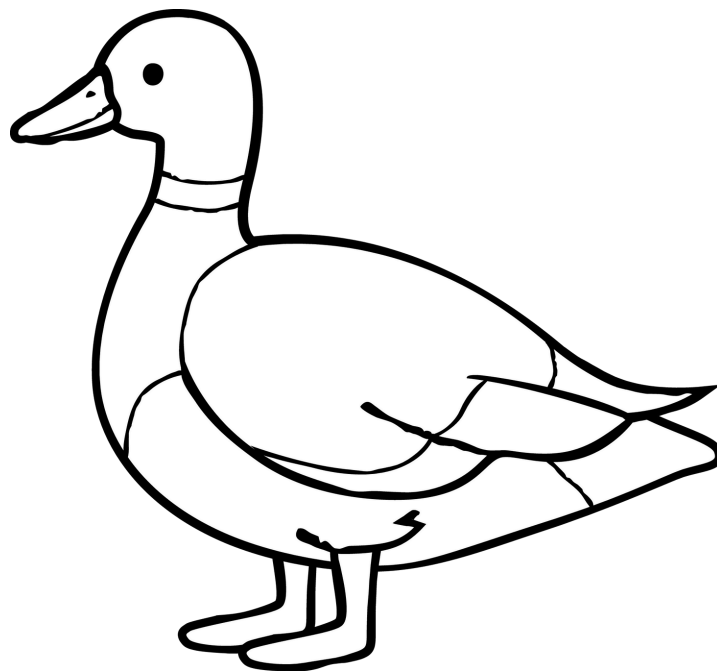


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# Duck

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Aves (birds)
<b>Family:</b>	Anatidae
<b>Diet:</b>	Aquatic plants, insects, small fish, and crustaceans
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Omnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Freshwater lakes, rivers, marshes, ponds, and coastal areas
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Varies by species, but typically 5-10 years in the wild.
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Ranging from 5 to 12 eggs, depending on the species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Ducks are excellent swimmers and have specialized webbed feet for efficient paddling in water

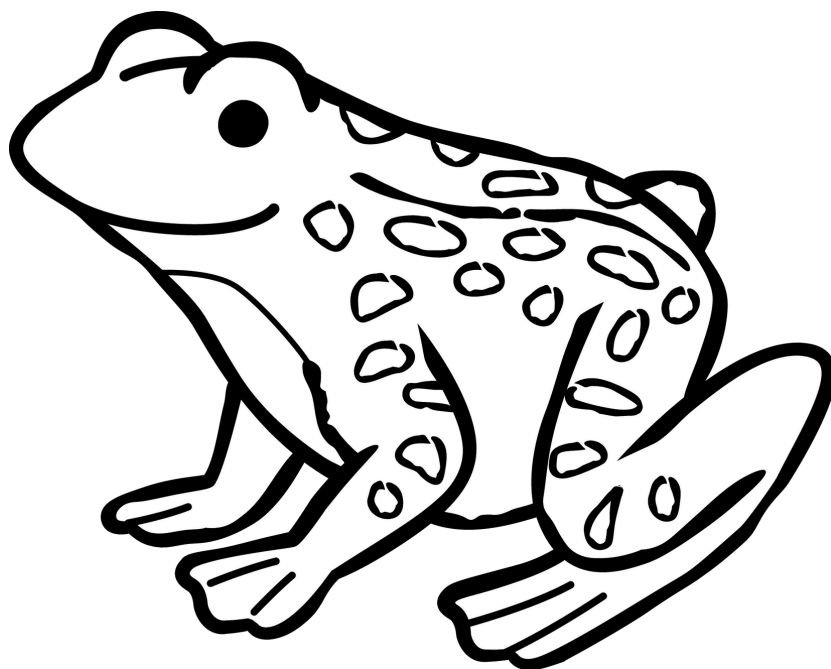


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# Frog

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Amphibia
<b>Family:</b>	Various families depending on species (e.g., Ranidae, Hylidae)
<b>Diet:</b>	Insects, spiders, small fish, and even other frogs
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Forests, grasslands, wetlands, ponds, lakes, and streams
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Varies among species, ranging from a few years to over a decade
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Typically lay eggs in clusters or masses, numbers varying on the species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Some frog species have remarkable abilities to camouflage themselves, blending seamlessly into their surroundings

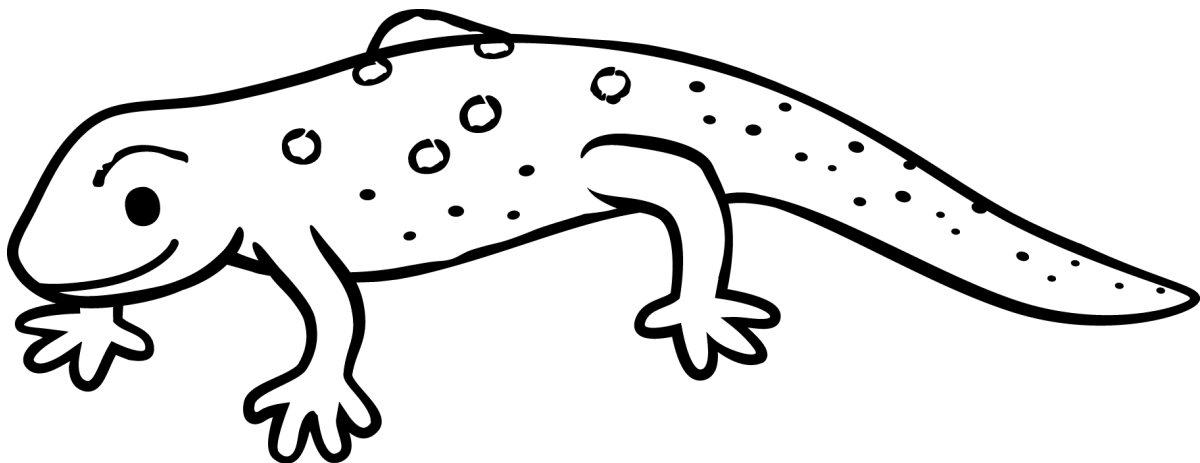


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# Newt

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Amphibia
<b>Family:</b>	Salamandridae
<b>Diet:</b>	Insects, worms, small crustaceans, and mollusk
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Forests, grasslands, and near ponds, lakes, and streams
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Depending on the species, newts can live from 2 to 15 years
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Typically lay eggs, with the number varying by species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Some species of newts have toxic skin secretions, which they use as a defense mechanism against predators

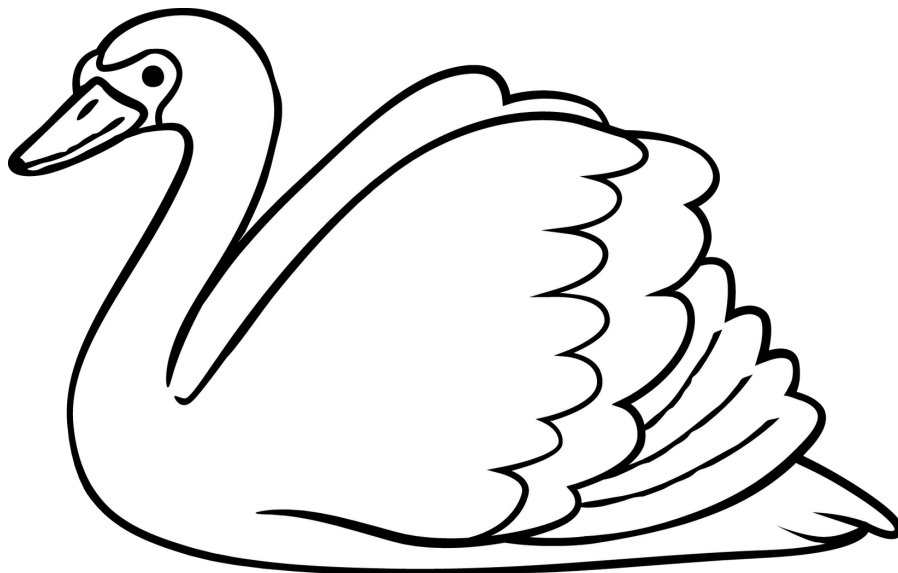


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# Swan

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Aves (Birds)
<b>Family:</b>	Anatidae
<b>Diet:</b>	Primarily aquatic vegetation, but also insects, small fish, and other small animals
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Herbivore (with some omnivorous tendencies)
<b>Habitat:</b>	Lakes, ponds, rivers, marshes, and coastal lagoons.
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Can live for about 20 to 30 years in the wild, though some have been known to live longer in captivity.
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Swans generally lay between 4 to 7 eggs per clutch.
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Swans are known for their graceful movements and strong pair bonds, often mating for life. They have over 25,000 feathers, helping them stay buoyant and insulated in water.

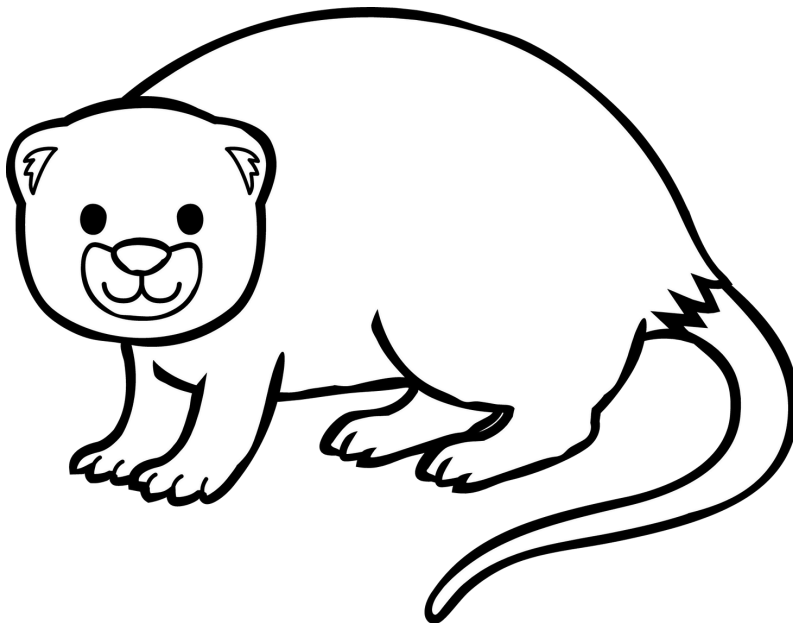


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# Muskrat

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Mammalia
<b>Family:</b>	Cricetidae
<b>Diet:</b>	Aquatic plants, roots, and sometimes snails and mussels
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Omnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Marshes, swamps, ponds, and slow-moving streams
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Typically 3-4 years in the wild.
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Typically have litters of 4-8 young.
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Musk rats are excellent swimmers and can remain submerged for up to 15 minutes

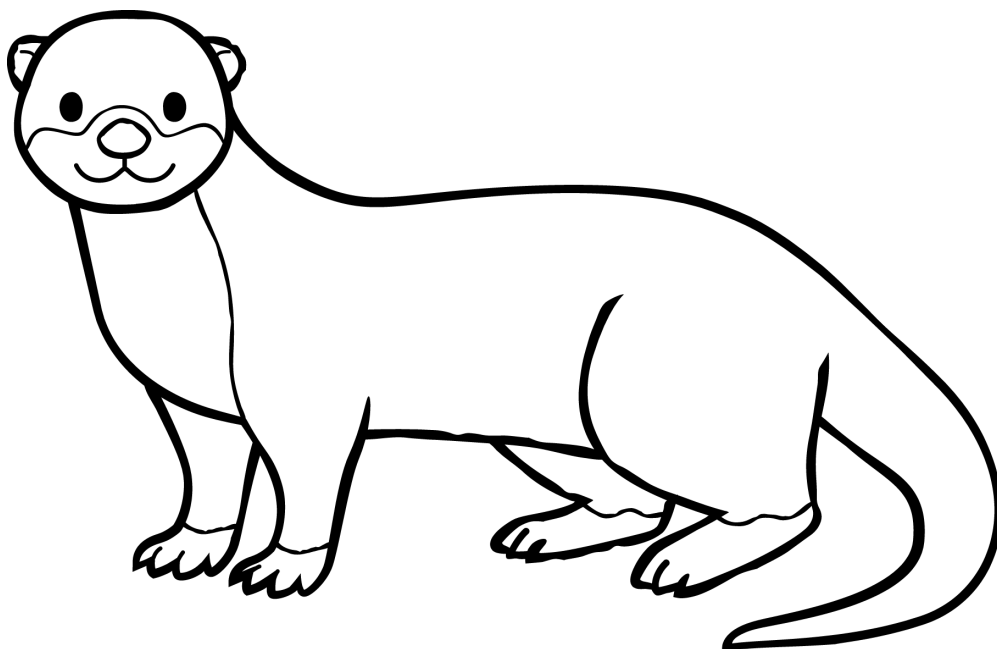


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# Otter

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Mammalia
<b>Family:</b>	Mustelidae
<b>Diet:</b>	Fish, crustaceans, amphibians, and small mammals and birds.
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Rivers, lakes, marshes, ponds, and coastal areas
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Lifespan varies by species, with some living up to 10-15 years in the wild
<b>Number of Young:</b>	1-5 pups in a litter, depending on the species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Otters are known for their playful behavior, often seen sliding down muddy banks or snow-covered slopes just for fun

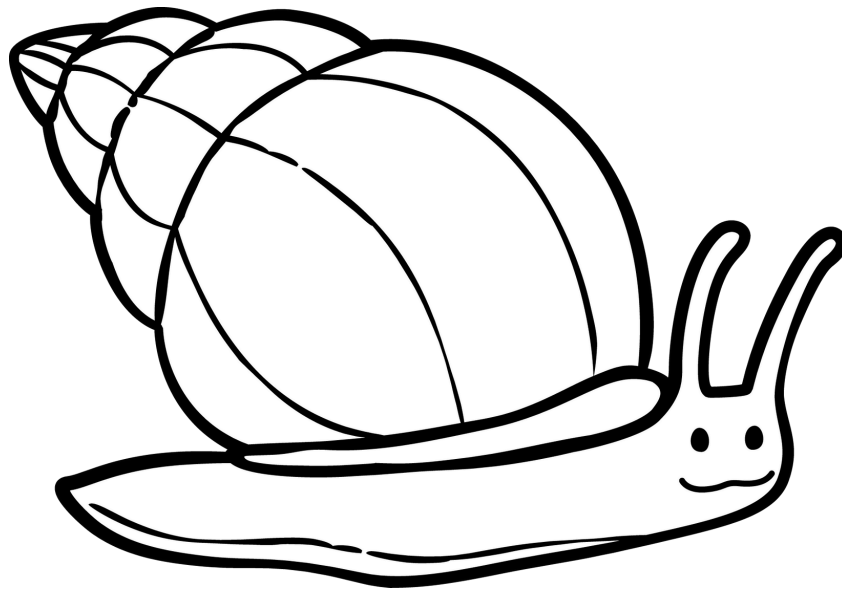


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# Snail

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Gastropoda
<b>Family:</b>	Depending on species (e.g., Helicidae, Achatinidae, etc.)
<b>Diet:</b>	Plants, algae, and decaying organic matter
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Herbivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Found in terrestrial, freshwater, and marine environments, often preferring moist areas such as gardens, forests, and wetlands
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Varies greatly depending on species, ranging from a few years to several decades
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Can lay hundreds of eggs at a time, depending on the species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Some species of snails have shells with intricate patterns and colors. Snails also move by gliding on a layer of mucus they secrete, which helps reduce friction with surfaces

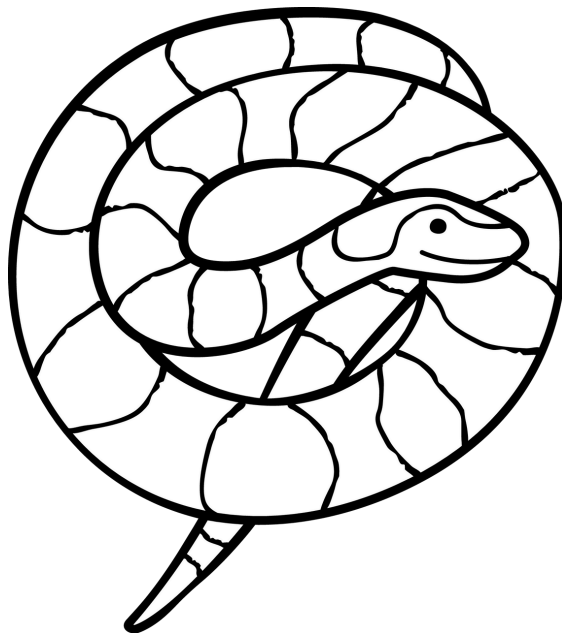


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# Watersnake

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Reptilia
<b>Family:</b>	Colubridae
<b>Diet:</b>	Fish, amphibians, and small mammals
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and marshes
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Typically 5-8 years in the wild
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Litter sizes varying from 5 to 30 depending on the species
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Watersnakes are not venomous like some of their close relatives, such as water moccasins



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# Snapping Turtle

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<b>Kingdom:</b>	Animalia
<b>Class:</b>	Reptilia
<b>Family:</b>	Chelydridae
<b>Diet:</b>	Fish, amphibians, insects, small mammals, and even carrion
<b>Type of Eater:</b>	Carnivore
<b>Habitat:</b>	Lakes, ponds, rivers, and marshes, preferring muddy bottoms where they can bury themselves
<b>Lifespan:</b>	Can live up to 30-40 years in the wild
<b>Number of Young:</b>	Typically lay clutches of 20-40 eggs
<b>Fun Factoid:</b>	Snapping turtles possess powerful jaws capable of delivering a quick and forceful bite, making them one of the largest freshwater turtles and formidable predators in their habitats

