

# ACTIVITY GUIDE



SCAVENGER HUNTS



GRETA'S FAVORITE FIELD GUIDES



GRETA'S FAVORITE NATURE APPS



COLORING SHEETS



## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNTS

There are lots of ways to use these nature scavenger hunts! You can print one off, put it on a clipboard and take it with you when you walk your in your neighborhood, at the park or on a trail.

You can use the same list for each season and observe how nature changes every season.

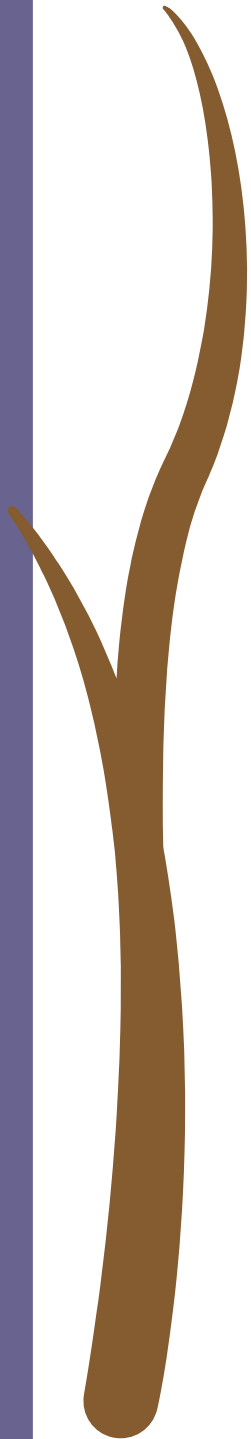
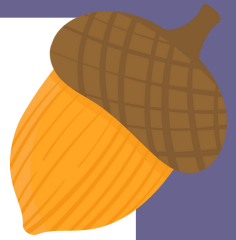
You can turn it into a photo scavenger hunt and take pictures of your finds.

You can draw pictures of what you find and add them to your nature journal.

You can use all the lists for one giant scavenger hunt and see how many nature walks it takes you to find everything!



# PLANT SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND A PINE NEEDLE
- FIND AN ACORN OR NUT
- FIND A SEED FROM A FLOWER, TREE OR FRUIT
- FIND A PINECONE
- FIND A Y-SHAPED STICK
- FIND A MUSHROOM
- FIND A CLOVER
- FIND A BIT OF MOSS
- FIND SOME BARK
- FIND SOME BERRIES



# ANIMALS/BIRDS/INSECTS SCAVENGER HUNT



FIND A SNAIL SHELL

FIND A LADYBUG

FIND A LIZARD

FIND A BIRD NEST

FIND AN OWL PELLET

FIND A SPIDER

FIND AN ANT TRAIL

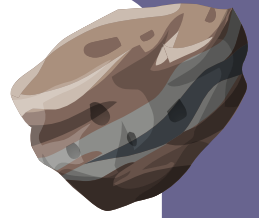
FIND AN ANIMAL HOLE

FIND ANIMAL TRACKS

FIND A SQUIRREL



# COLOR SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND A RED, PINK, YELLOW AND PURPLE FLOWER
- FIND AN EVERGREEN LEAF
- FIND A DECIDUOUS LEAF
- FIND A BROWN ROCK
- FIND A COLORFUL INSECT
- FIND A GREY, RED OR GREEN ROCK
- FIND SOME GREEN MOSS
- FIND SOME YELLOW OR BROWN LICHEN
- FIND A COLORFUL BIRD FEATHER
- FIND SOME RED BERRIES





# FIVE SENSES SCAVENGER HUNT



- FIND SOMETHING THAT SMELLS SWEET
- FIND SOMETHING SOFT
- FIND SOMETHING ROUGH
- FIND SOMETHING THAT TASTES SOUR
- FIND SOMETHING THAT MAKES A SOUND
- FIND SOMETHING THAT IS STINKY
- FIND SOMETHING THAT IS COLORFUL
- FIND SOMETHING THAT TASTES GOOD
- FIND SOMETHING THAT IS STICKY
- FIND SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL



# GRETA'S FAVORITE FIELD GUIDES

I love the folding pocket field guides from Waterford press. They have a wide variety of guides that cover animal and plant life by state, region or by topic. You can find them easily at online booksellers.

Here are some fun ones to add to your collection:

- Edible Wild Plants: A Folding Pocket Guide to Familiar North American Species
- Waterfowl ID Series: 1 The Basics
- Arctic Wildlife: A Folding Pocket Guide to Familiar Animals & Plants of the Arctic and Subarctic Regions
- Beetles: A Folding Pocket Guide to Familiar North American Species
- Basic & Primitive Navigation: A Waterproof Folding Guide to Wilderness Skills & Techniques

You can also find these types of foldable, pocket field guides at your local nature center, book store or nature museum. These will be specific to the plants, birds and animals of your area. They are lightweight, water and spill proof, and easy to carry in your backpack on hikes and adventures.

As you build a collection of field guides for your family, consider getting one different categories, such as:

- birds
- wildflowers
- mammals
- insects
- trees
- reptiles and amphibians



# GRETA'S FAVORITE NATURE IDENTIFICATION APPS

## **FOR IDENTIFYING BIRDS:**

The Audubon Bird Guide App – we love using this app to look at hundreds of different types of birds and to keep track of the different kinds of birds we see on our hikes.

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab of Ornithology – this is our favorite app for listening to bird calls. We also love accessing so much information about whatever bird we look up on the app.

## **FOR IDENTIFYING TREES AND PLANTS:**

LeafSnap Plant Identification App – this app is from the Smithsonian Institution, Columbia University, and the University of Maryland! It helps you identify all different kinds of plants, trees, flowers and even fruit.

Shroomify – USA Mushroom Identification App – this app will help you identify wild mushrooms and even lists the most common mushrooms to be found every month.

Virginia Tech Tree ID – this app comes from Virginia Tech and it has information to help you identify not just trees, but leaves, bark, fruit and flowers too!

Audubon Society Native Plants Database – this app is super helpful for finding out what native plants to add to your yard to attract different insects, birds and animals.

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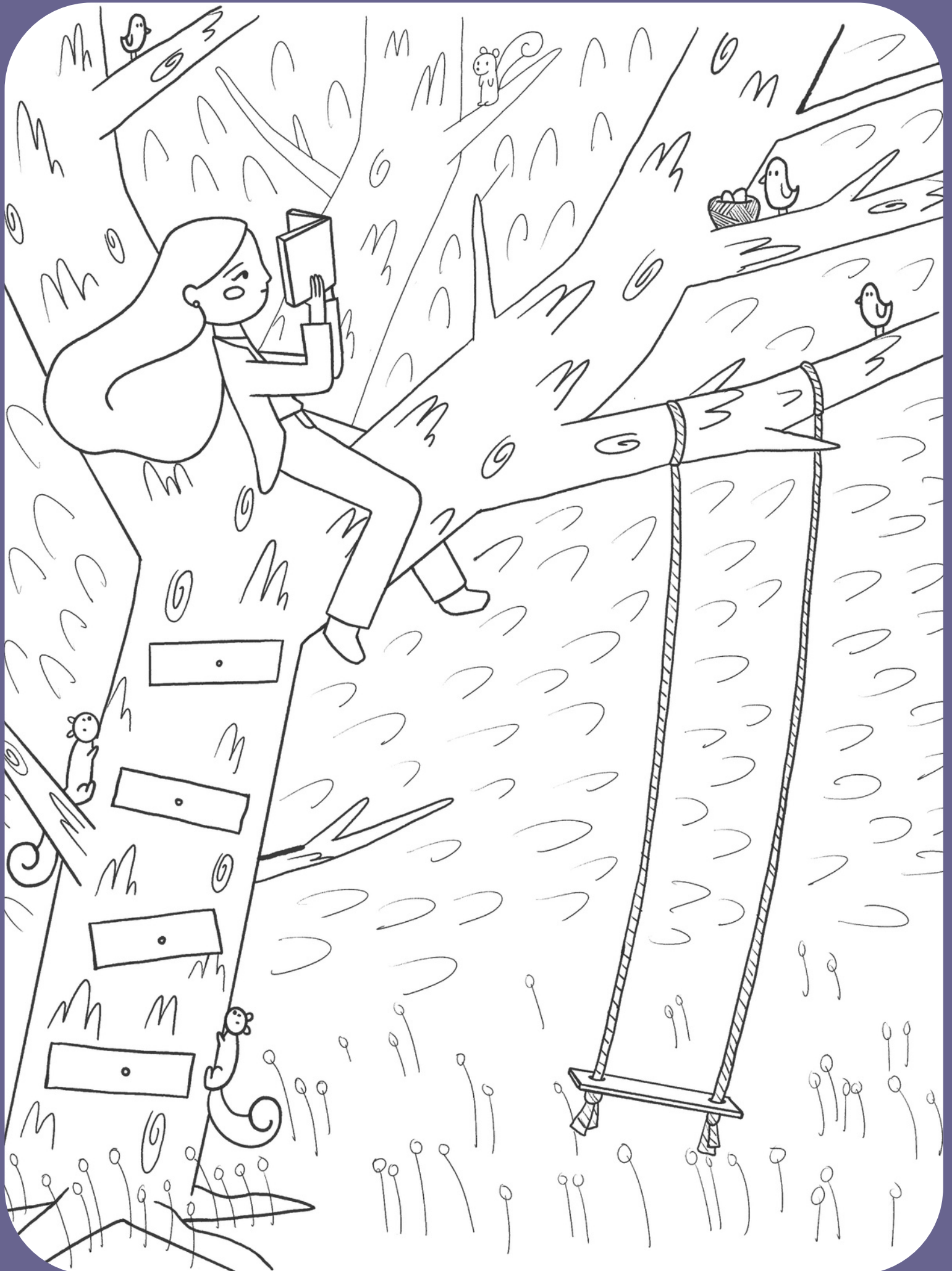
iNaturalist –this app is the work of the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society, When you upload a photo of a new to you plant or creature, you're connected to naturalists around the world who can help you identify what you've seen.

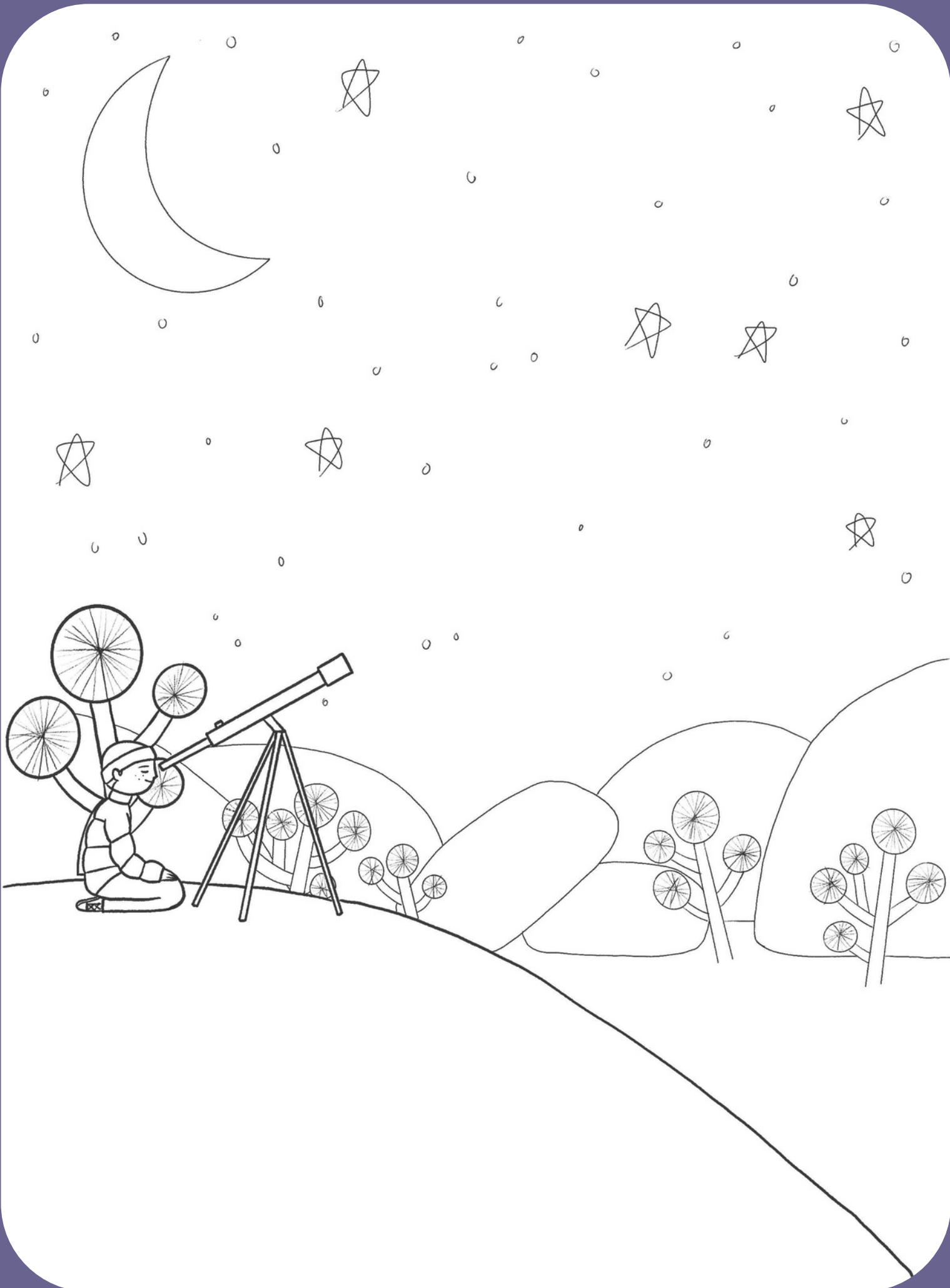
Seek by iNaturalist –this was the first nature app I added to my phone. It's really helpful for identifying plants or animals while you are actually out in nature, or by identifying them later with a picture you took.

Picture Insect: Bug Identifier – this app uses a database of over 1,000 species to help you identify the bug you're looking for.

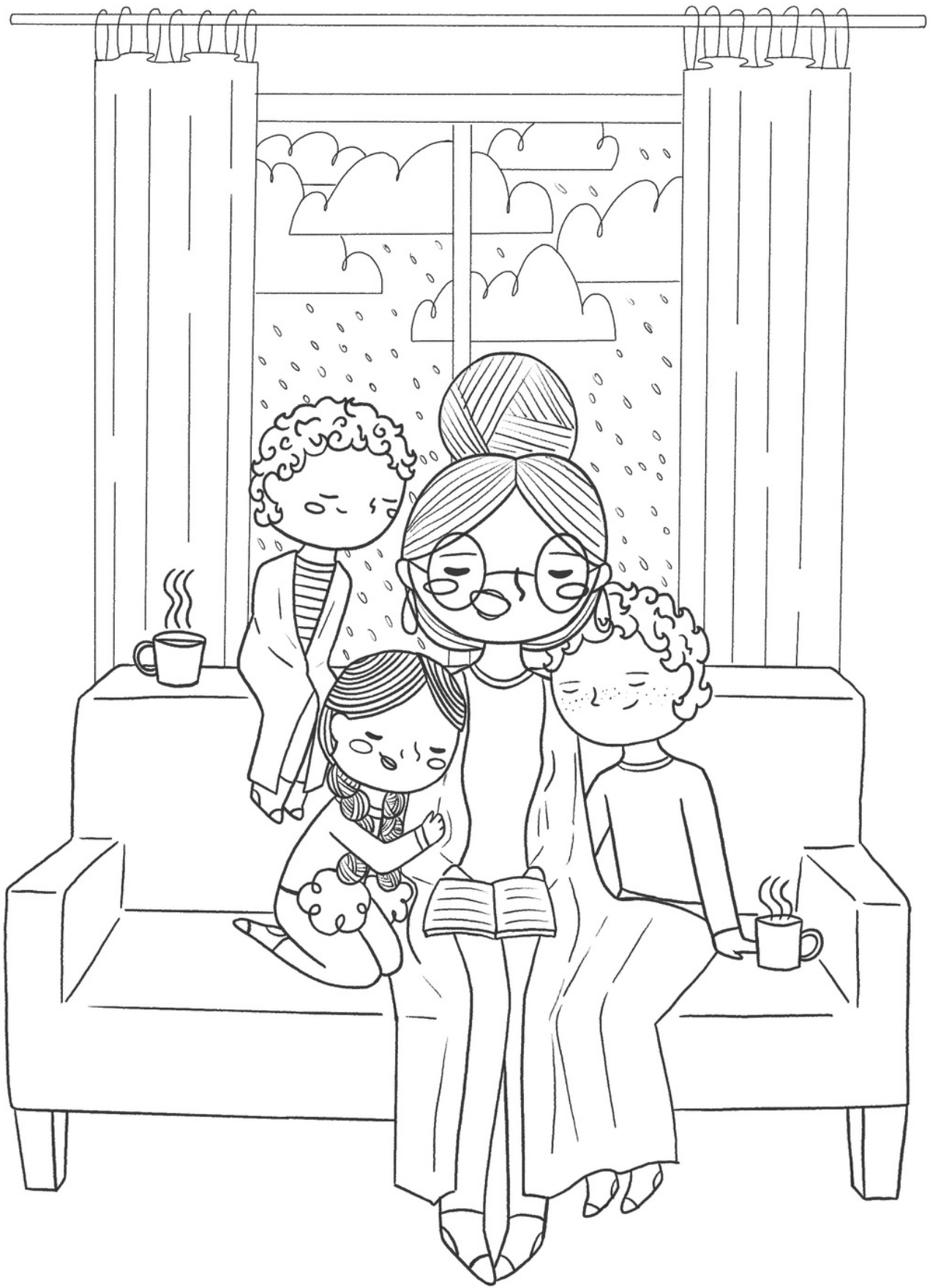
NatureTracking.com – this app is very cool. It helps you identify an animal, reptile or even insect by its tracks!













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