

Outreach Education

Colorado National Monument

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Habitats: Pre-Field Trip Activity
(2nd Grade Habitats in Echo Canyon)

Name _____

A Place to Call Home

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Draw your animal here

Food

Water

Shelter



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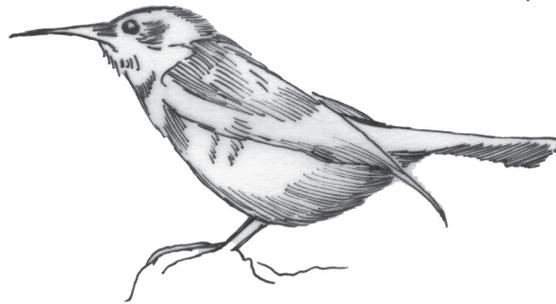
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Canyon Wren

Answers will vary, this is just an example of what to look for.

Food

Canyon Wrens could find bugs to eat in the canyon walls or on plants

Water

Canyon Wrens could get water from their food or from puddles on the rocks.

Shelter

Canyon Wrens could build a nest on a ledge on the cliff for shelter.

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Challenges & Benefits



Lots of plants to eat



Fall

Winter

Spring

Summer



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Small streams flowing



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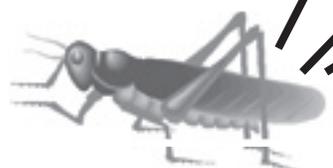
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What to do for winter?

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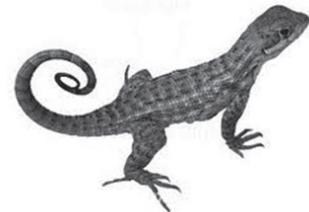
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Toad



Hummingbird



Lizard



Turkey Vulture



Pinyon Jay



Bighorn
Sheep

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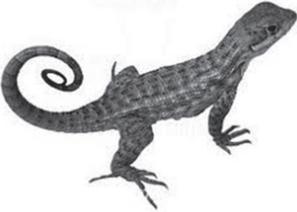
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Answer Key

_____ out how animals survive in the _____

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 Lizard	 Turkey Vulture	 Pinyon Jay
