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Herbivore
pine siskin



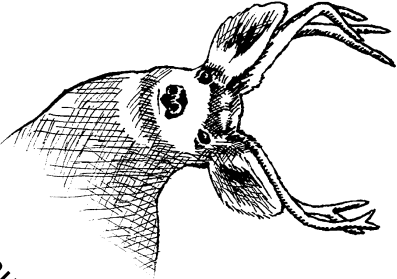
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pronghorn




Herbivore
big horn sheep



Herbivore
sage sparrow



Herbivore
mule deer



Herbivore
marmot



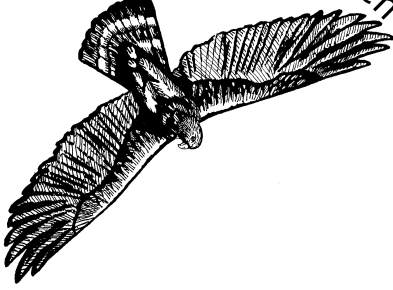
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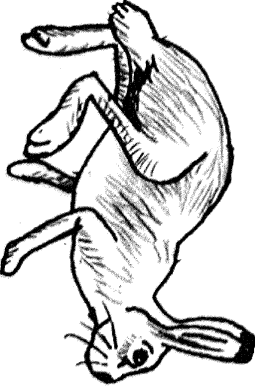
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elk

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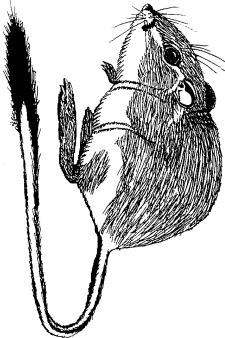
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Herbivore
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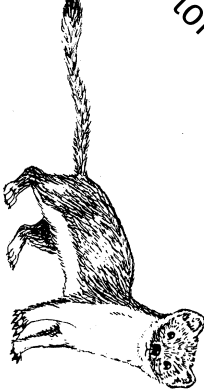
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Herbivore
kangaroo rat



Herbivore
ten-lined June beetle



Carnivore
long-tailed weasel



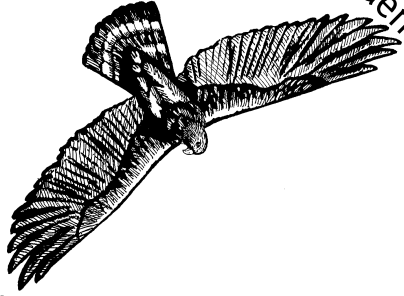
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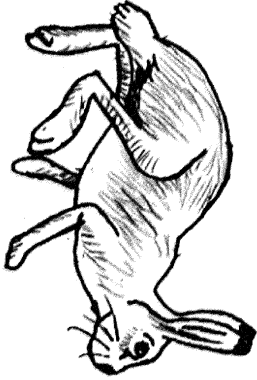
Herbivore
ruby-crowned kinglet

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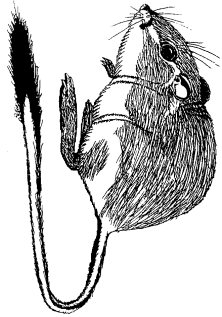
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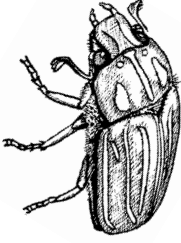
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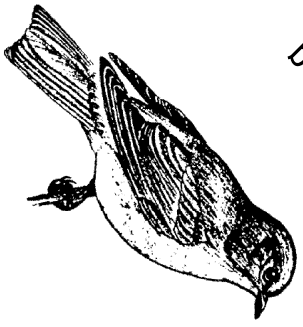
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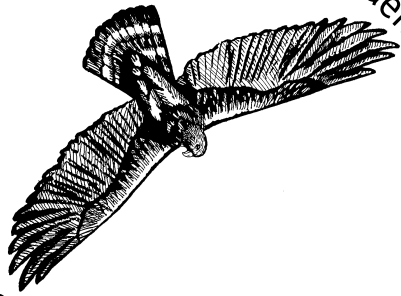
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coyote

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coyote



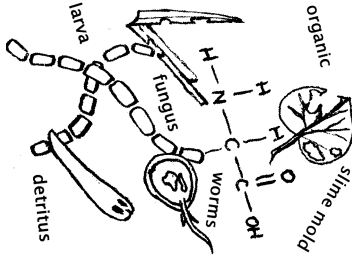
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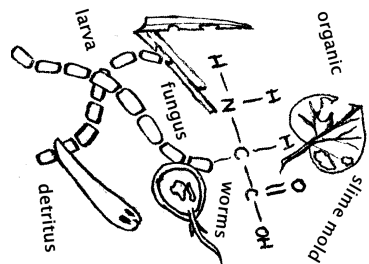
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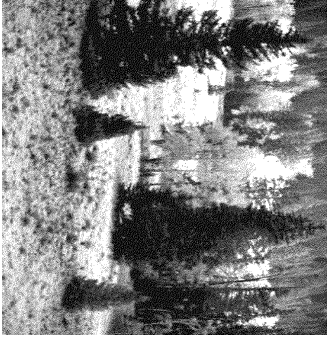

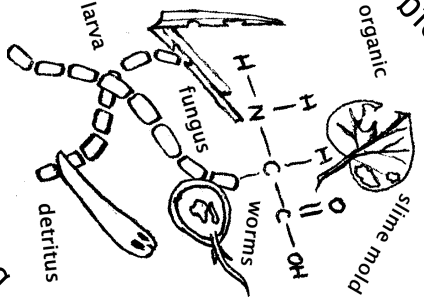

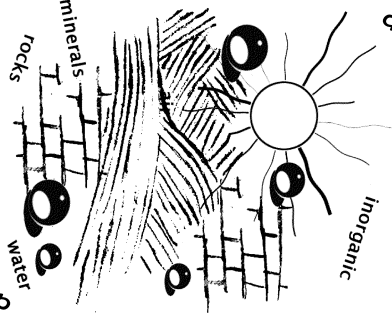



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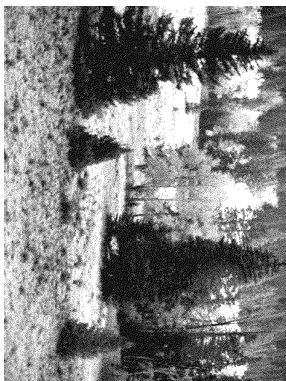

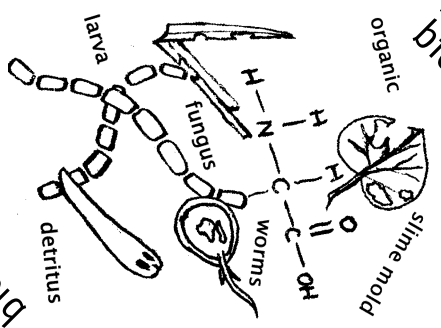
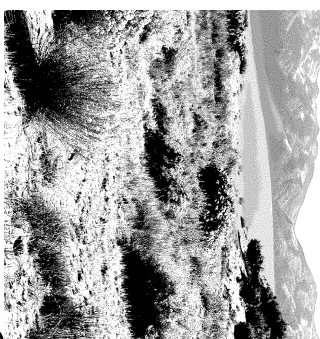
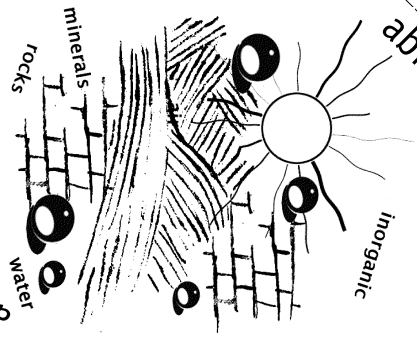

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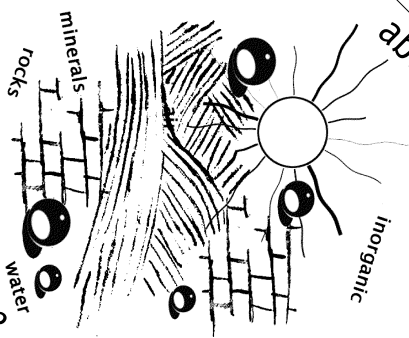
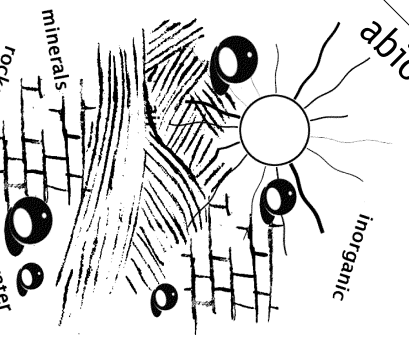
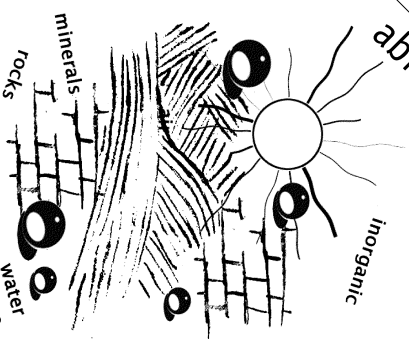
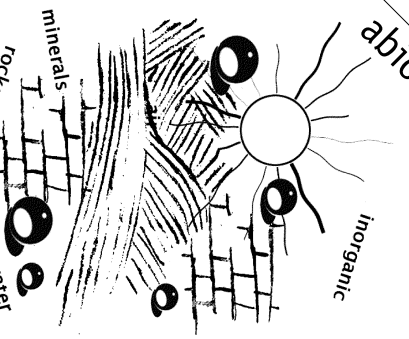
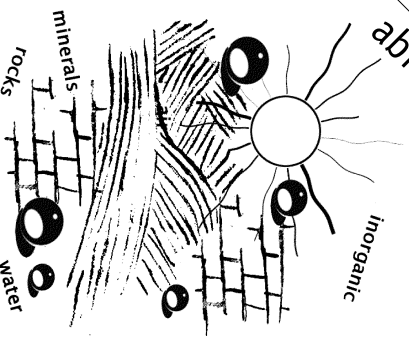
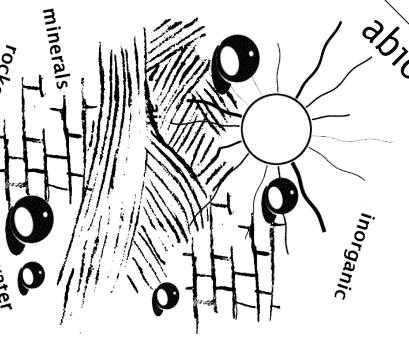
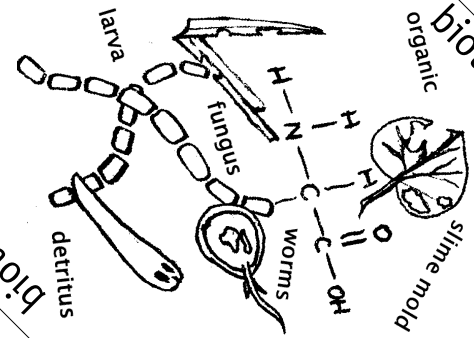
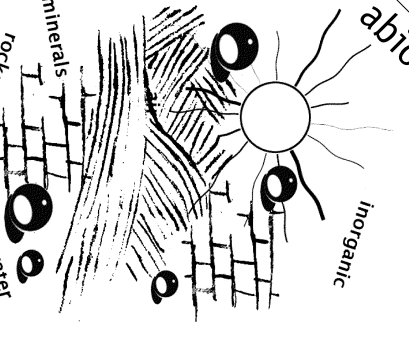
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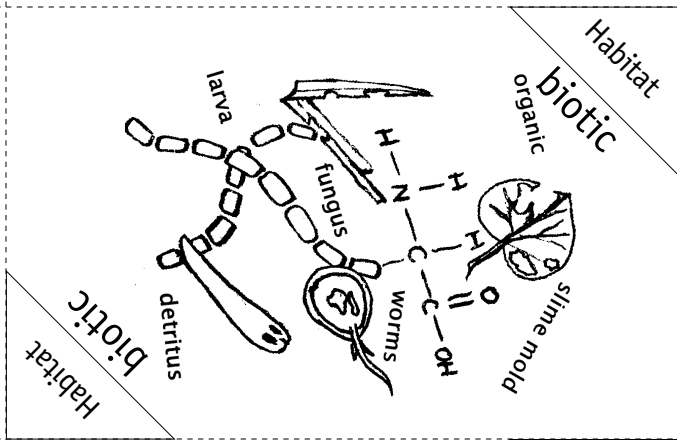
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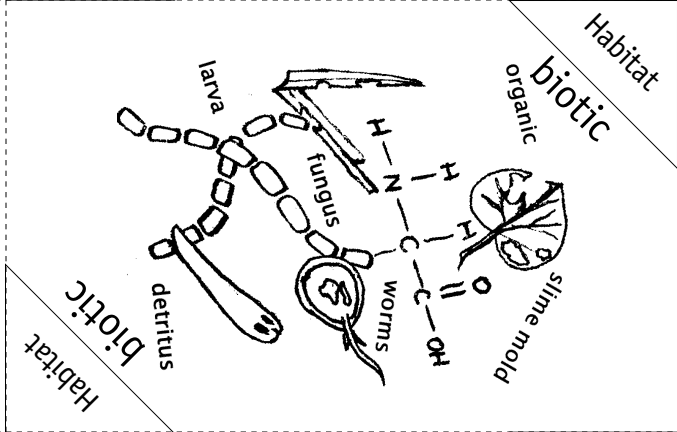
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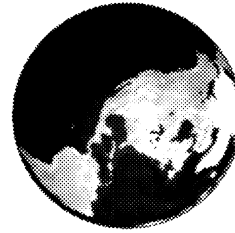
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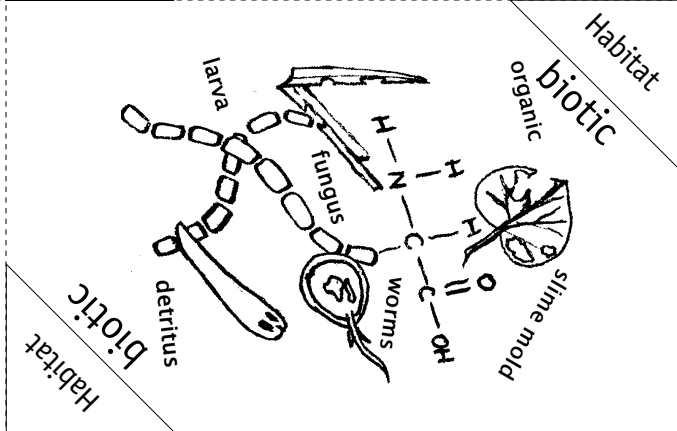
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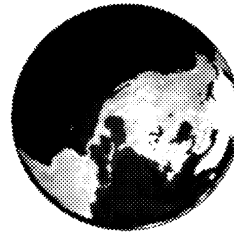
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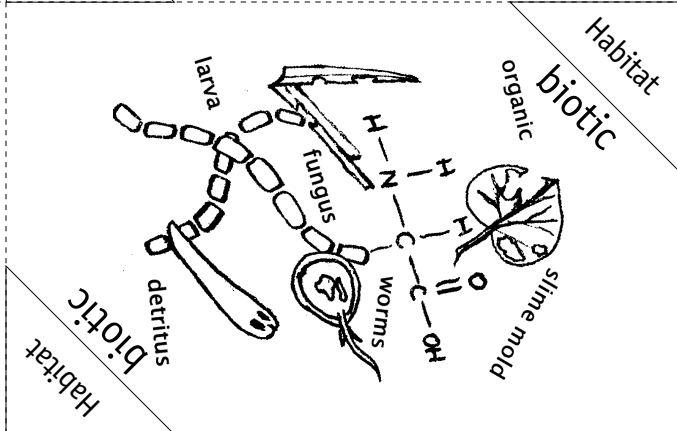
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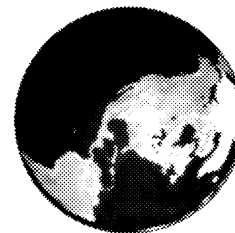
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Subalpine

Where the forest meets the high alpine, summer wildflowers thrive in open meadows. Clumps of trees provide shelter for animals. Winter is long and snows are deep.

Herbivores: big-horn sheep, elk, marmot, meadow vole, mule deer, pine siskin, ruby-crowned kinglet

Predators: cougar, coyote, golden eagle, long-tailed weasel, mountain bluebird

Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands

Just above the lower grasslands where the climate is dry, pinyon pine and Rocky Mountain junipers grow in sandy and rocky soils.

Herbivores: pronghorn, elk, golden eagle, jackrabbit, mule deer, pine siskin, ruby-crowned kinglet, sage sparrow

Predators: cougar, coyote, long-tailed weasel, mountain bluebird

Dunefield

In the heart of Great Sand Dunes National Park, sand is piled up in a massive dunefield. Only a few plants, insects, birds, and mammals live here.

Herbivores: ten-lined June beetle, elk, jackrabbit, kangaroo rat, sage sparrow

Predators: coyote, golden eagle, tiger beetle, mountain bluebird

Alpine

On the rocky tops of mountains and ridges, long snowy winters and very short summers make survival difficult for the few specially-adapted plants and animals that live there. Trees cannot grow in the alpine.

Herbivores: big horn sheep, elk, marmot, meadow vole, mule deer

Predators: cougar, coyote, golden eagle, mountain bluebird

Montane

A blanket of forest spreads across the middle slopes of the mountains. Creeks tumble through tight valleys. Aspens, fir, and spruce provide shelter and food for birds, mammals, and insects.

Herbivores: big horn sheep, elk, marmot, meadow vole, mule deer, pine siskin, ruby-crowned kinglet

Predators: cougar, coyote, golden eagle, long-tailed weasel, mountain bluebird

Sand Sheet

Around the main dunefield, grasslands spread across the San Luis Valley floor. Ancient sand dunes are covered with rabbitbrush, greasewood, and prickly-pear cactus. Parabolic dunes slowly push their way through the drought-tolerant plants.

Herbivores: pronghorn, ten-lined June beetle, elk, jackrabbit, kangaroo rat, mule deer, sage sparrow

Predators: cougar, coyote, golden eagle, mountain bluebird, tiger beetle

Notes:

Only those animals contained in this card game are listed. Many more animals exist in these areas. Some of the animals listed above are absent from the areas during one or more season of the year. Elk, for example, live on the sand sheet for most of the year, but may migrate up to the alpine for summer feeding. And only the likeliest animals are included in the habitat cards. Cougars or example, may be found on the dunefield, but it is unlikely for them to live there much of the year, because they cannot get most of their habitat requirements.