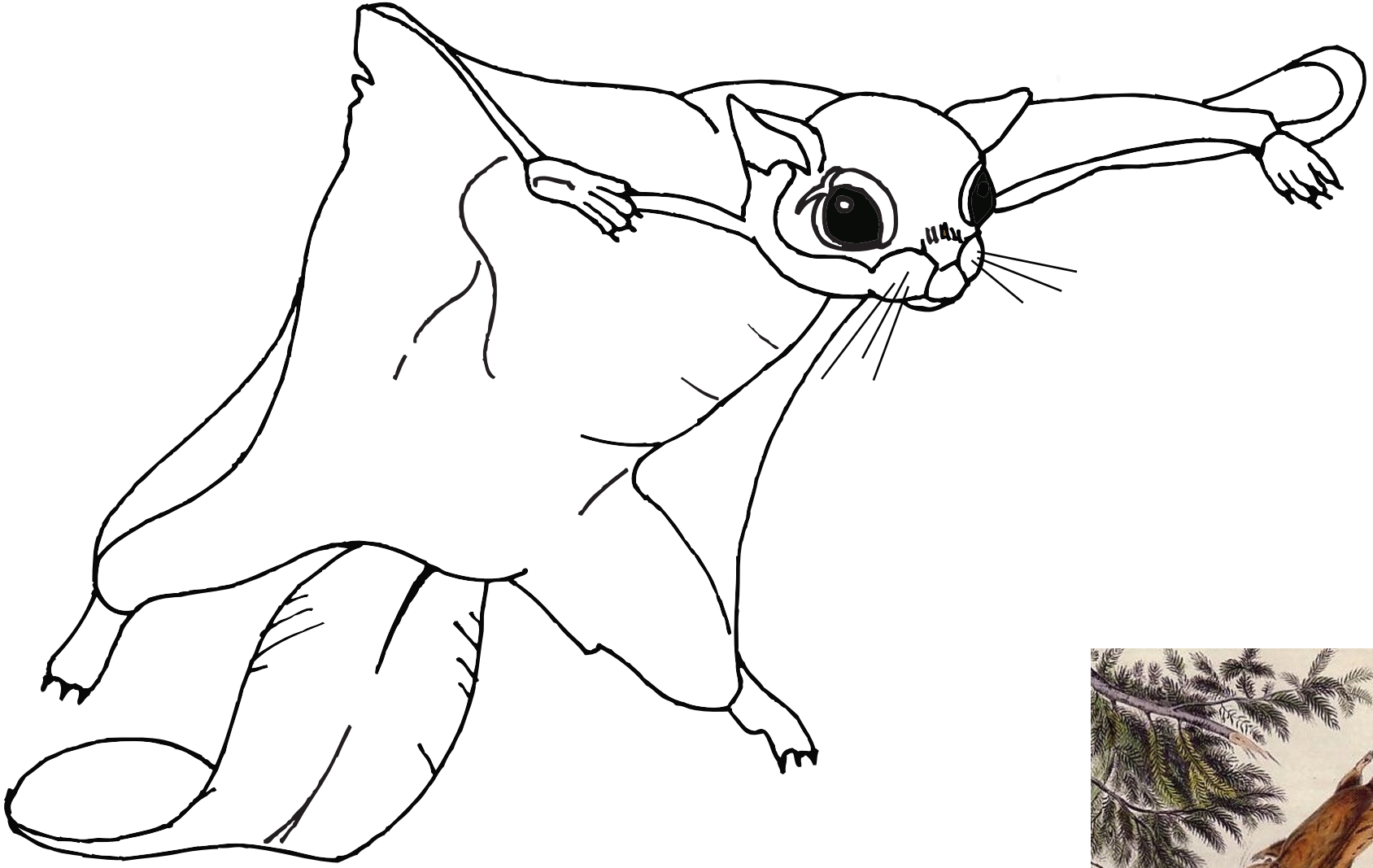
NORTHERN FLYING SQUIRREL



This aboreal mammal is nocturnal and thrives in conifer/deciduous forests. They glide from the tops of trees to the forest floor at an angle of 30-40 degrees and can turn at 90 degrees while gliding! They have a padagium that stretches between their front and rear legs, and a flat tail that acts as a rudder. Flying squirrels love eating truffles on the forest floor, the spores of truffles will germinate in their intestines. When dispersed in scat, developing fungi grow mychorrhiza which have evolved with real rootlets and nitrogen-fixing bacteria which are beneficial and contribute to the health and vitality of the forest.