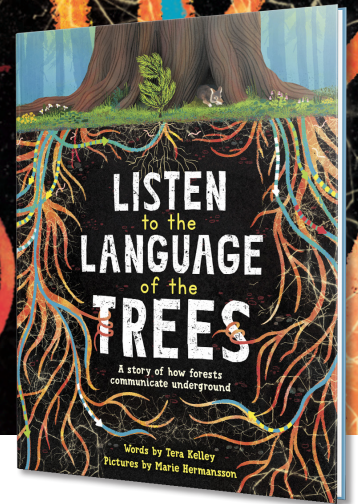


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DID YOU KNOW THAT TREES CAN TALK? It's true! But they don't talk the way we do with our mouths. Instead their roots stretch underground into a web of fungi. Trees talk through this underground web! (Does this mean trees talk with their feet? Not exactly, but they do communicate through their roots!)

This captivating book explores the real connection and communication that runs underground between trees in the forest. Discover how a little seedling becomes a big part of its new neighborhood, surviving storms, drought, pests, and more! The natural world's survival depends on staying connected and helping others—just like we do!



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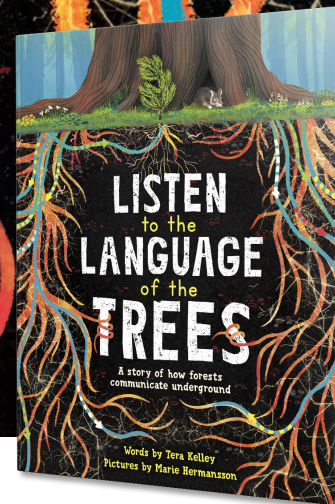
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WORD SEARCH

Spotting creatures in the forest is a skill that takes talent and practice!
Can YOU find each creature, object, and idea in this word search?

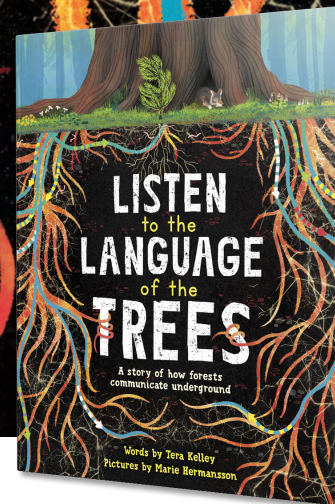
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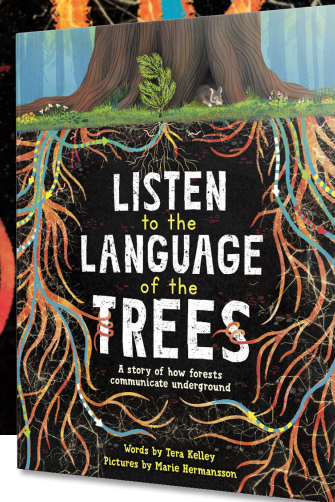
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ROOT MAZE

This network of tree roots and fungi almost looks like a big underground maze!
Can you find your way through?

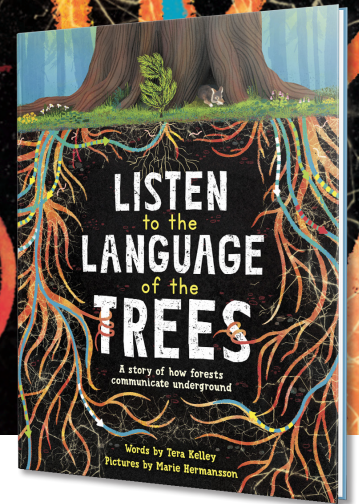


When you're done, color in this page!

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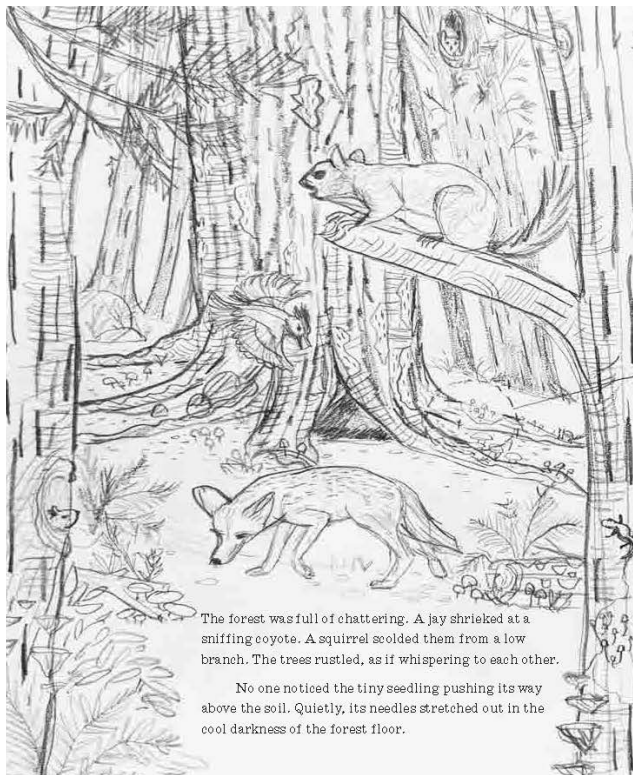
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DRAWING PROJECT

Wildlife artists are people who draw plants and animals for picture books, textbooks, museums, and more. Their job is very fun! They get to look at pictures of plants and animals, then try to recreate them with drawings.

Here is a sneak peak of how Marie Hermansson created the art for *Listen to the Language of the Trees*:

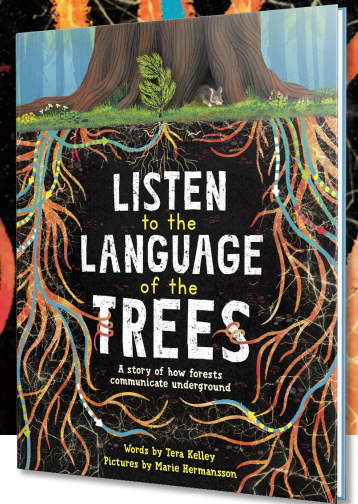


Can you be a Wildlife artist? On the next few pages, look at the reference images and try to draw your own version of these plants and animals!

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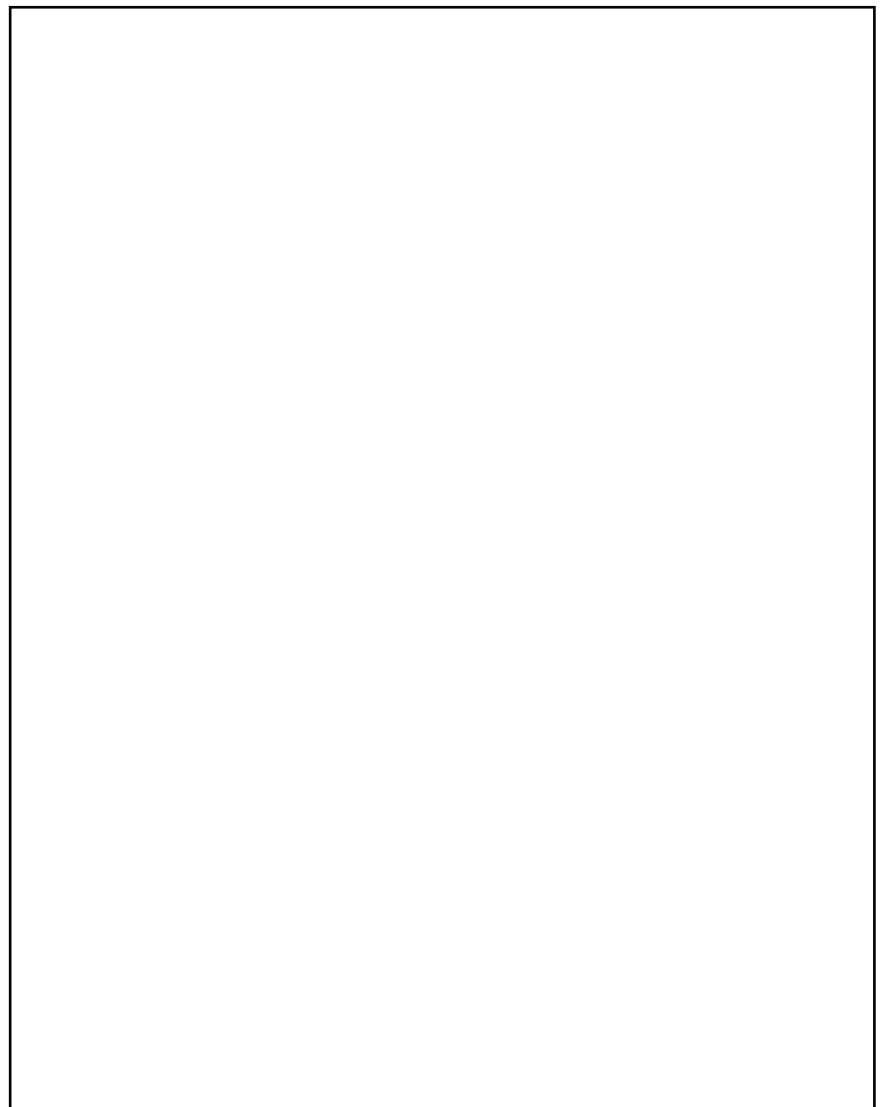
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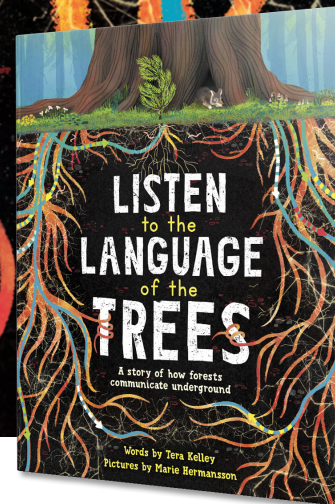
Douglas Squirrel



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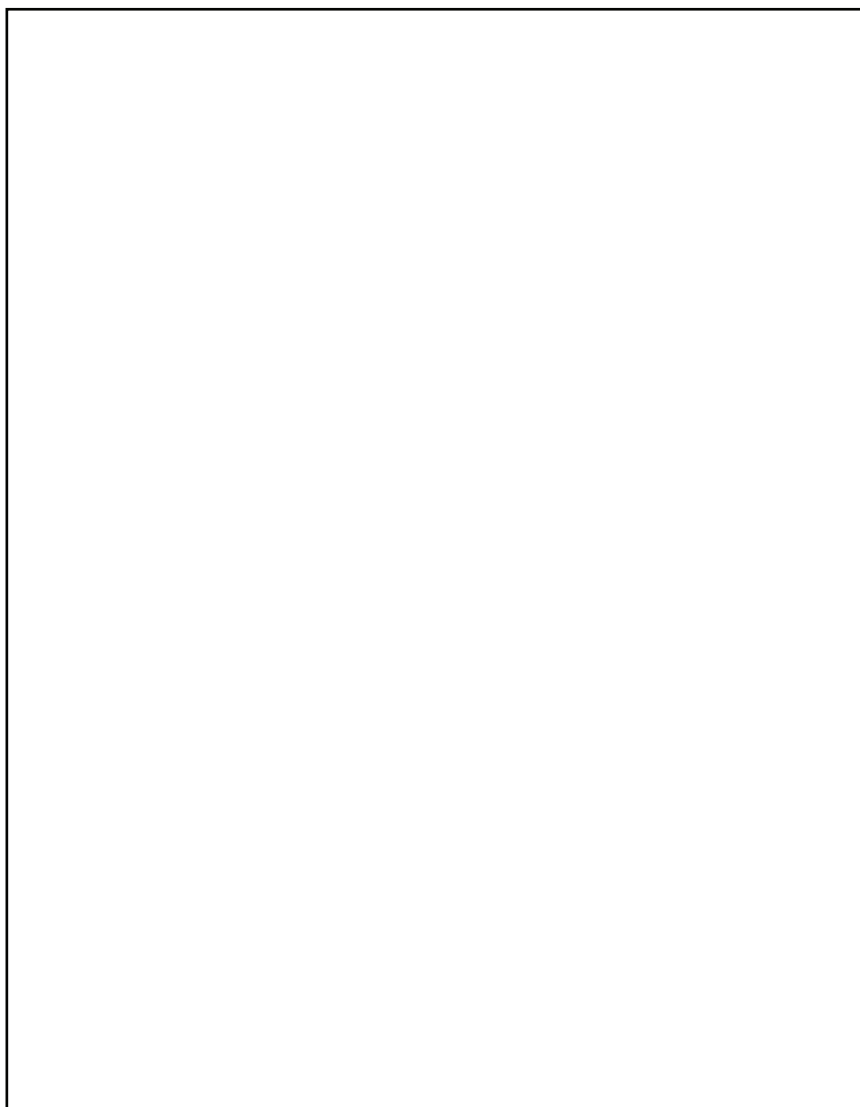
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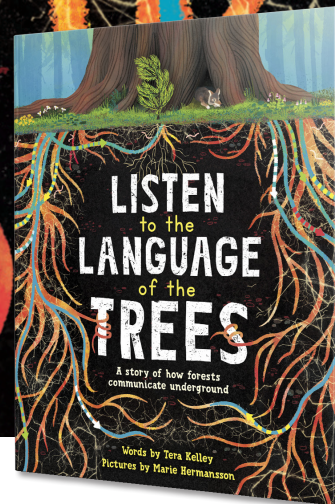
Steller's Jay



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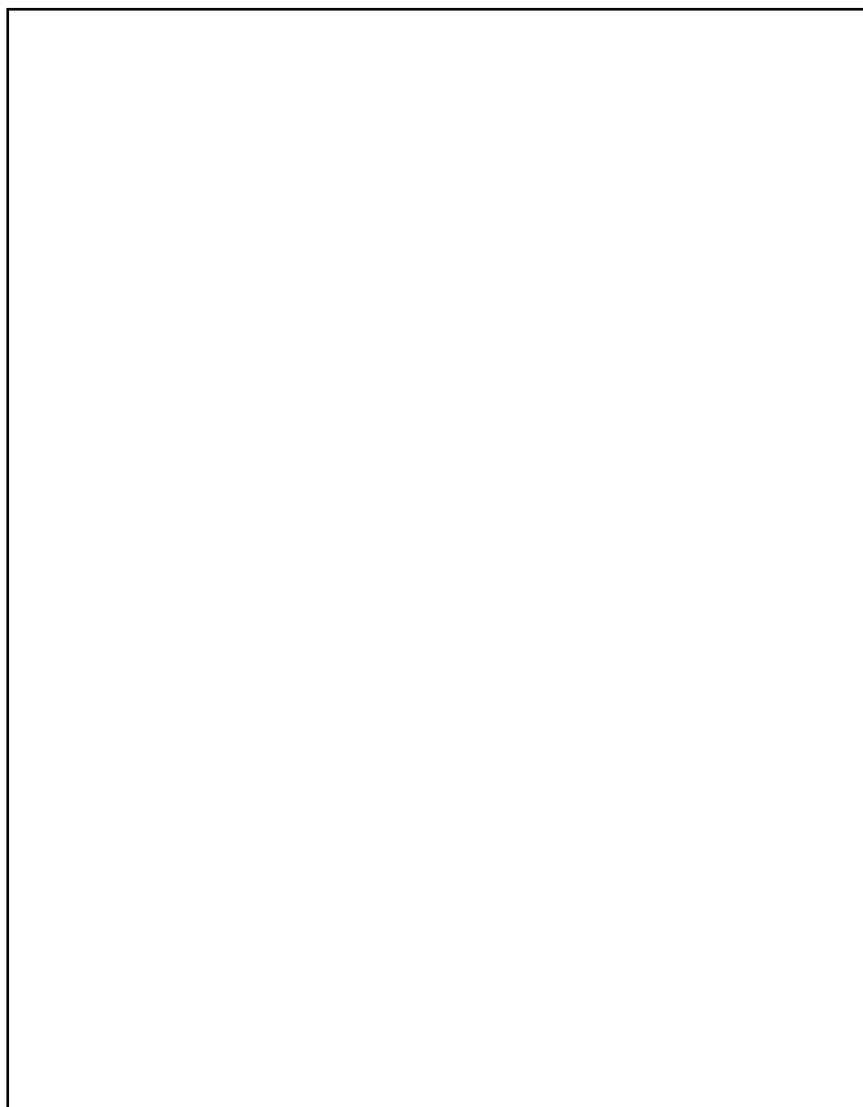
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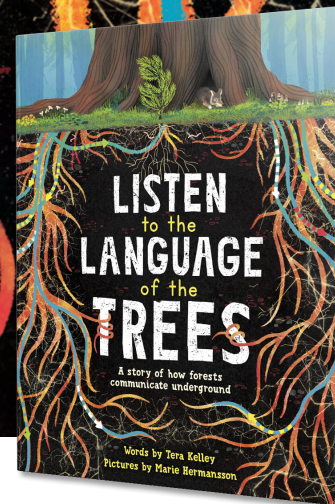
Coyote



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HELPING OTHERS

In *Listen to the Language of the Trees*, the baby tree's survival depends on each tree in the forest giving and receiving help from its neighbors.

Who was connected in the forest? Find examples of helping in *Listen to the Language of the Trees*, and write them here.

Humans need to give and receive help to survive too! Write down examples of when someone has helped you.

Now write examples of when you have helped others.

Just like trees, we all need to care look after the people around us!