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In the Neighborhood

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Cardinals

Ohio's state bird, the male of this pair is bright red and the female is a more subtle tan to brownish pink. Mates for life, they stay year long in Ohio, when other birds migrate south.



1 Red
Winged Blackbird

A perching Ohio bird that lives in North and Central America, and the male is all black with a red shoulder and yellow wing bar. They have a very distinct song and if you live in Ohio you have most certainly heard it.



1 brown
Sparrow

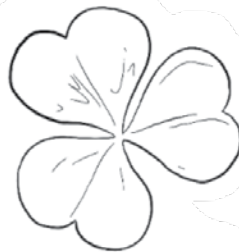
This little brown bird is the national bird of Italy, and is hard to distinguish between the common brown house sparrow in Ohio. They eat seeds and like to live in urban areas.



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pansies

These are colorful, Ohio garden flowers with heart shaped, overlapping petals that seem to have a face. Pansies symbolize "thinking" or "thoughts." The word "pansy" itself comes from French pensée, meaning "thought." If grown organically, they are edible flowers!

Also known as the American Moon Moth, it is in a group of "giant silk moths." It's a lovely lime green, and has "eyespot," one per wing. These are oval in shape on the forewings and round on the hindwings. The eyespots are thought to confuse predators. These are bigger than typical moths and seen in Ohio.



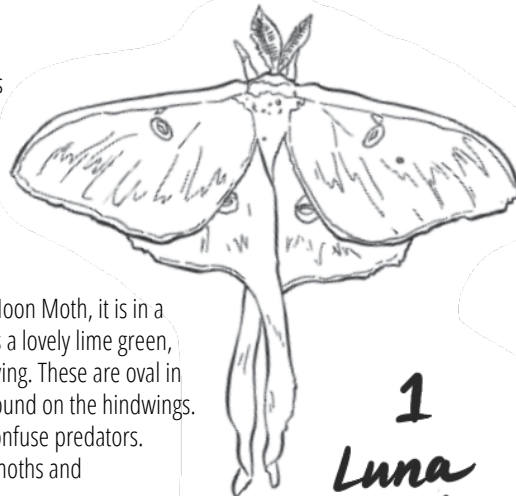
5 Shamrocks

A 3 petaled green sprig, this little plant's name comes from an Irish word meaning "young clover." It is the symbol of the city of Dublin, Ohio, and also of Irish things everywhere!



6 sunflowers

Found in Ohio and Italy both! This flower's seeds (and oil) are a source of food for birds and people. Sunflowers are heliotropic, which means that they turn their flowers to follow the movement of the Sun throughout the day. In Italian, they are called Girasoli!



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Luna
Moth

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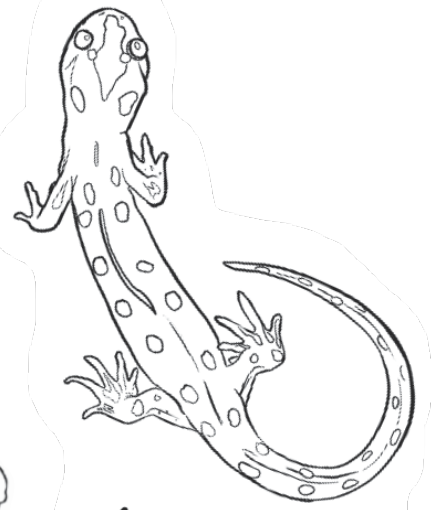
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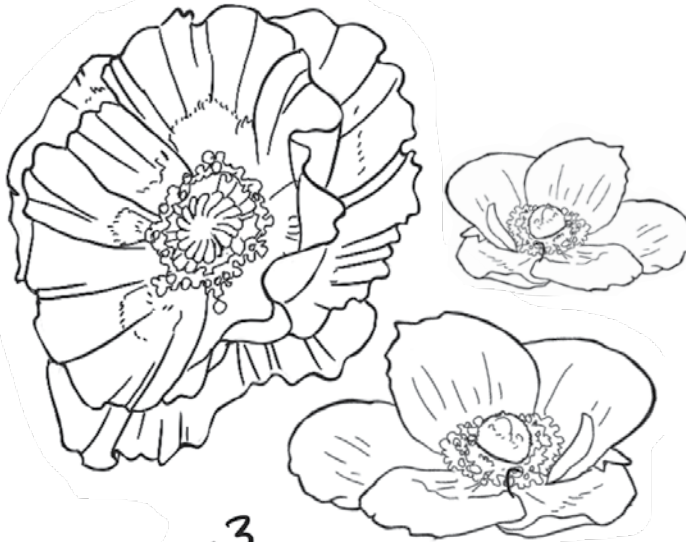
2 Lady Bugs

Ohio's state Insect! Otherwise known as a ladybug and known by farmers to be good luck for the next crop, as they eat pest bugs!



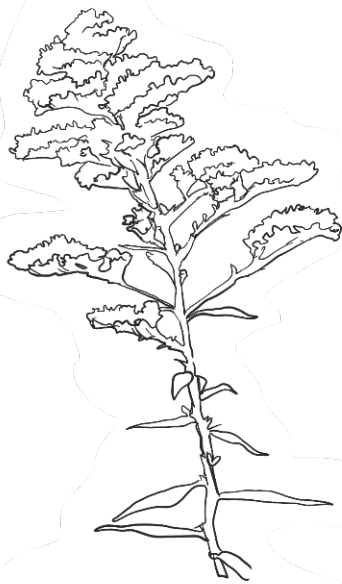
1 spotted Salamander

The state amphibian of Ohio! These are mole salamanders and you may have no idea they are under your feet in the ground! Females are larger than males and have brighter spots!



3 anemones

These flowers are in the buttercup family, but often called wildflowers, and can be many shapes and colors. They are known in Greek mythology as a "wind flower" or "daughter of the wind." These flowers now grow in many places in the world, including Ohio.



1 goldenrod

This native North American wildflower is golden yellow in color and grows in meadows in Ohio. These are a valuable food source for pollinators, particularly the Monarch butterfly. Goldenrod is also known for its healing properties.



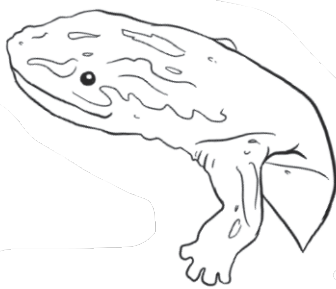
4 coneflowers

Pink Echinacea, a member of the Daisy family, grows only in Eastern & Central North America. You will see a lot in Ohio! There are 10 different species of coneflowers.



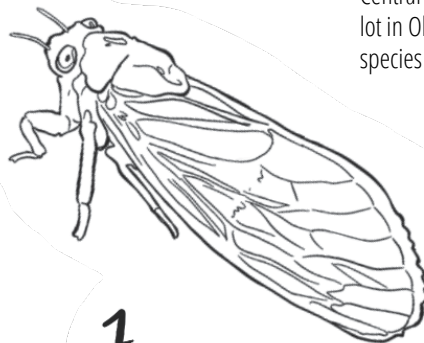
1 Bee-Eater

Colorful perching bird that actually eats bees and wasps by knocking off the stinger first! You can find these in Italy & other countries around the Mediterranean & Africa. They are social and gregarious in personality!



1 Hellbender

Giant salamander found in Ohio that is listed as "near threatened" as a species. It only lives in north east North America, Ohio being one of only a few states to have these. These are super slimy creatures!



1 cicada

A loud, well known Ohio insect, these live in and on trees, and have an exceptionally loud song. The 17-year cicada is called Magicicada, where they come up in large numbers every 17 years. Some people only see them when they leave their exoskeleton behind!