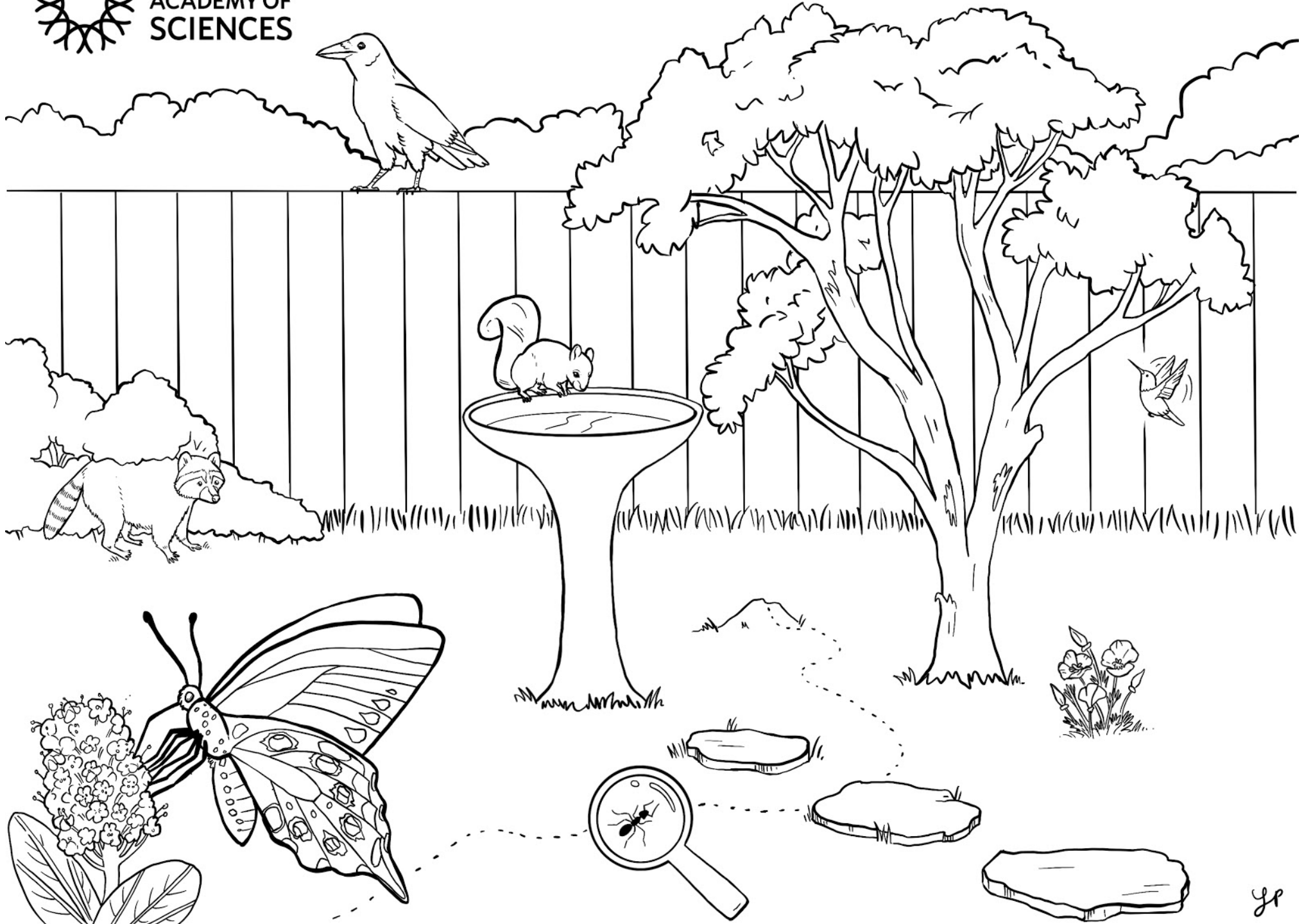




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My Backyard Scene

Many plants and animals live in backyards, neighborhood parks, and even city streets!

Can you spot:

American Crow: This common bird has iridescent black feathers. *Iridescence* means that even though the feathers look black, they shine with different colors like a soap bubble when the light hits just right.

Anna's Hummingbird: This is just one of over 300 species of hummingbird! You can find them drinking nectar from flowers and pollinating plants as they go. Anna's hummingbird has bright red feathers covering its head and throat.

Black Ant: Ants are common insects, with six legs and three body segments. They may be small, but they work together in large numbers to build underground homes.

Blueblossom (or California Wild Lilac): The puffy clusters of tiny blue flowers on this plant make it popular with pollinators like butterflies. Its leaves have three distinctive veins.

California Pipevine Swallowtail: This butterfly has shiny blue wings with spots of white and orange. Its bright colors warn predators that the butterfly is toxic to eat.

California Poppy: California's state flower! These orange beauties are tough and can grow next to a busy street.

Grey Squirrel: Have you seen a squirrel before? These rodents are excellent climbers and can leap between trees.

Manzanita: These California trees are recognizable by their peeling bark and red trunks. Manzanitas can grow as a tree or a shrub, and their trunks feel cool to the touch.

Raccoon: These bandit-masked mammals can be found even in the busiest of cities. Can you color the stripes on the raccoon's tail?