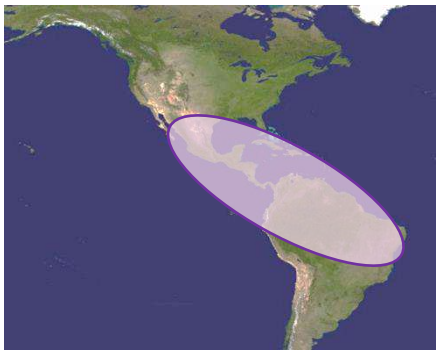
Say hello to Cheech the Cane Toad! Cheech was born in 2016 and can potentially live to be 15 years old. Although her species may be the world's largest toad, it may not be easy to spot her in her habitat because she is most active at night and loves to burrow during the daytime. Cane toads are native to Texas, the central Amazon, and southern Peru. But they are found in areas outside of this due to their invasive status. They are invasive in places like south Florida, the Hawaiian Islands, and Australia. An invasive species is a plant or animal that is either introduced or spreads outside of their natural range and is harmful to the ecosystems they invade. The Cane toad was introduced by humans in areas where they wanted them to eat insects that were eating farmers' crops. Unfortunately, cane toads have outcompeted other amphibians in those habitats because they have no natural predators and are poisonous. To protect themselves from predators, they will secrete a white substance from glands behind their ears and halfway down their back. This toxin can cause temporary paralysis and even death for some predators. Though these toads may be poisonous and invasive, they still have delicate amphibian skin. All amphibians can breathe and drink water through their skin. This means that the habitats and waters they live in must stay clean so that their skin does not clog up and make it hard for them to breathe. Remember to be responsible and not litter so that trash does not end up in the homes of amphibians!



Color in this picture of a cane toad!



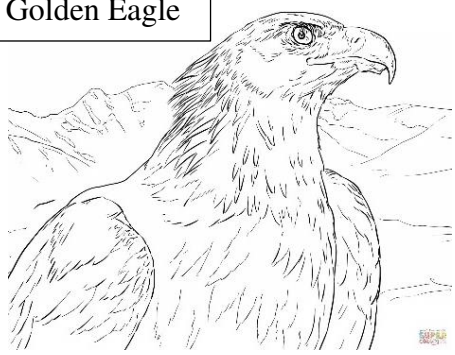
Poisonous versus Venomous!

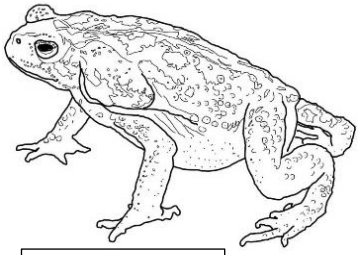
Do you know the difference between a venomous animal and a poisonous animal? The difference is in how the toxin is administered! Animals that inject their toxin using a stinger or teeth are Venomous, while animals or organisms that can only pass on their toxin by being eaten, or ingested, are Poisonous. Draw an arrow to match the animals below with Poisonous, Venomous, or Neither, then color them in. This may require you to do some research!

Yellow Jacket



Golden Eagle



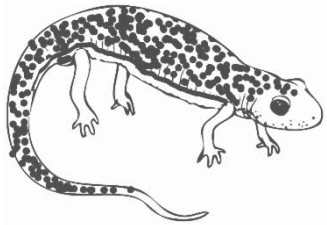


Cane Toad

Neither

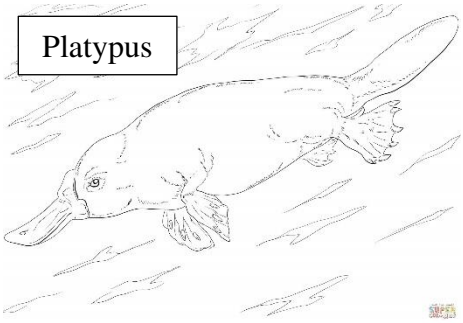
Venomous

Poisonous

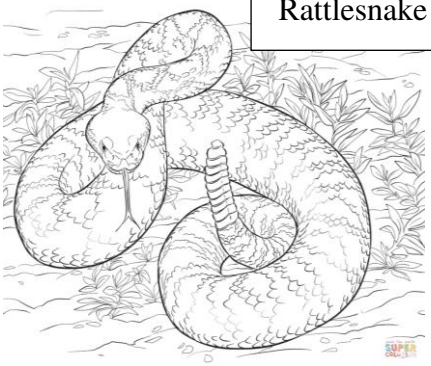


Rough Skinned Newt

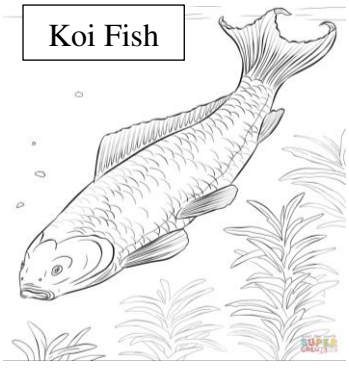
Platypus



Rattlesnake



Koi Fish



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