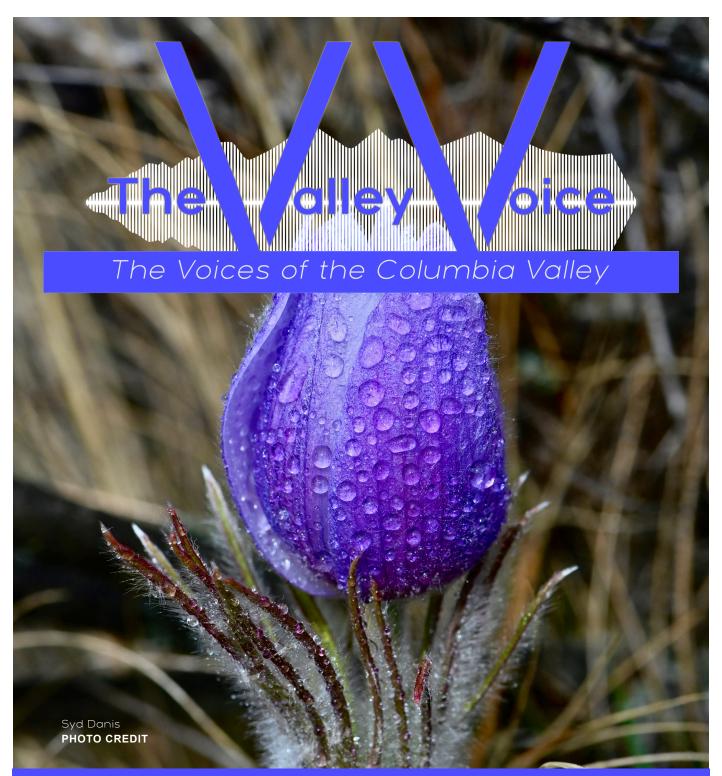
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We received so much great content from the community for the issue, and we really appreciate it! It makes our job so much easier when everyone pitches in!

We hope you enjoy this issue, we sure did. And keep sening in all the great content, it really does make a difference. And businesses, don't forget, you can always submit your business ads for free, just make sure to follow submission guidelines, show on page 4!

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BIRD WATCHING

A blast as a hobby, sport, or profession.

The Wings over the Rockies festival continues this year from May 8th to May 14th, for the 26th straight year, in the stunning upper Columbia River Valley, with its focal point being the charming mountain town of Invermere.

Bird watching, also known as birding, is a popular activity involving observing and identifying bird species in their natural habitats. It has become a popular pastime, sport, and profession for people of all ages and backgrounds.

As a hobby, bird watching is accessible to anyone with an interest in birds and nature. It can be done in various settings, including local parks, nature reserves, and backyards. All you need is a pair of binoculars, a field guide, and a willingness to spend time in nature. Bird watching can be a fun and relaxing way to explore the outdoors and connect with the natural world. Many people find it a rewarding hobby that helps them to relax and unwind.

Bird watching is also popular as a sport, especially among competitive birders. Competitive birding involves spotting as many bird species as possible within a specific time frame or geographic area. Birding competitions range from everyday challenges among friends to organized events with strict rules and guidelines. Some of the most popular birding competitions include the World Series of Birding, the Great Texas Birding Classic, and the Big Year, which involves trying to see as many bird species as possible in a single calendar year.

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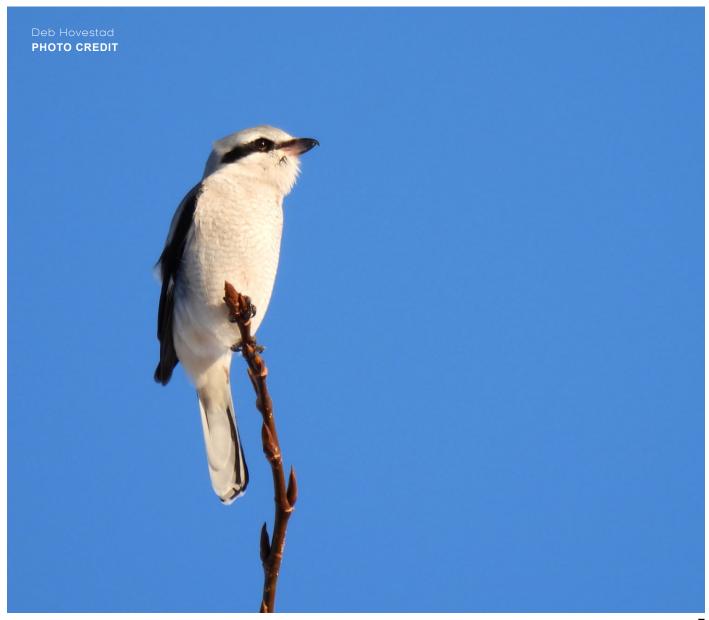
In addition to being a hobby and a sport, bird watching can also be a profession for those passionate about birds and wildlife. Professional bird watchers, also known ornithologists, study birds and their behaviours, habitats, and populations. They often work for conservation organizations, government agencies, or research institutions. Their work is crucial for understanding protecting bird species and their Professional bird ecosystems. watchers use various tools and techniques to study birds, including bird banding, radio tracking, and remote sensing.

One of the reasons bird watching has become so popular is that it can be enjoyed by people of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels. It is a great way to connect with nature and learn about local flora and fauna. It can also be a social activity, with many

birding clubs and organizations hosting events and outings for members. Bird watching has also become more accessible in recent years, thanks to technological advancements. Birders can now use smartphone apps to identify birds and track their sightings, making it easier than ever to get started with this rewarding hobby.

Overall, bird watching is an activity that offers something for everyone, from those who want to enjoy a relaxing day outdoors to those who are passionate about observing and studying birds. It is an activity that can be pursued at any level, from novice to expert, and continues to be a popular pastime worldwide.

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VALLEY SPOTLIGHT: RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

Nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Radium Hot Springs, BC, is a hidden gem that deserves to be discovered. This charming mountain town is known for its soothing natural hot springs, breathtaking scenery, and endless opportunities for outdoor adventures. In this feature article, we'll take a closer look at what makes Radium Hot Springs, BC, such a special place.

Hot Springs: The Jewel of Radium Hot Springs

One of the main draws of Radium Hot Springs is its namesake - the natural hot springs that bubble up from the ground. These hot springs have been soothing sore muscles and rejuvenating visitors for thousands of years. The water, which is naturally heated by the earth's core, is rich in minerals such as calcium, sodium, and magnesium, which have therapeutic properties.

The hot springs are open year-round, so visitors can enjoy them no matter the season. In the winter, the warm water provides a welcome respite from the cold, while in the summer, the pools offer a refreshing break from the heat. There are several pools of varying temperatures, so visitors can find the perfect spot to relax and unwind.

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Outdoor Adventures in Radium Hot Springs

Beyond the hot springs, Radium Hot Springs is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is surrounded by the stunning scenery of the Rocky Mountains, which offer endless opportunities for hiking, biking, and skiing.

Kootenay National Park is just a short drive away and offers some of the best hiking trails in the region. Visitors can explore the stunning vistas of the Marble Canyon, trek to the top of Mount Wardle for a panoramic view of the park, or take a leisurely stroll through the lush forests.

In the winter, the nearby ski resorts of Panorama and Fairmont Hot Springs offer some of the best skiing and snowboarding in the Rockies. The snow-covered mountains and pristine runs are a winter wonderland for all ages.

The Charm of Radium Hot Springs

Radium Hot Springs has a charm that is hard to resist. The town is small and intimate, with a population of just over 800 people. The streets are lined with quaint shops and restaurants, and the locals are friendly and welcoming. Visitors can stroll along Main Street, stopping in at the unique boutiques and galleries, or sit down for a meal at one of the many cozy restaurants. The town's location on the edge of the Rockies provides a breathtaking backdrop for any activity, from a leisurely stroll to an adrenaline-pumping adventure.

In conclusion, Radium Hot Springs, BC, is a hidden gem that offers something for everyone. The natural hot springs, stunning scenery, and endless opportunities for outdoor adventures make it a must-visit destination for anyone seeking a relaxing getaway or an adrenaline-pumping adventure. With its small-town charm and welcoming locals, Radium Hot Springs is a place that visitors will never forget.



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Letter to the Editor

PART 1 CLIMATE FRIENDLY HOME: ROOFS, SIDING AND TRIM!

Why GO LIGHT for home exteriors? Cool it off!

Choosing light colours for the outside of our homes helps reduce heat absorption. This is important as our temperatures climb due to climate change. Think of the white buildings of Greece - roofing, siding and trim. White cools because it reflects the sun. A white roof helps reduce the heat in our attics making it easier to keep our homes cool in summer (and additionally, reduces thaw/freeze in winter, and may add snow cover insulation).

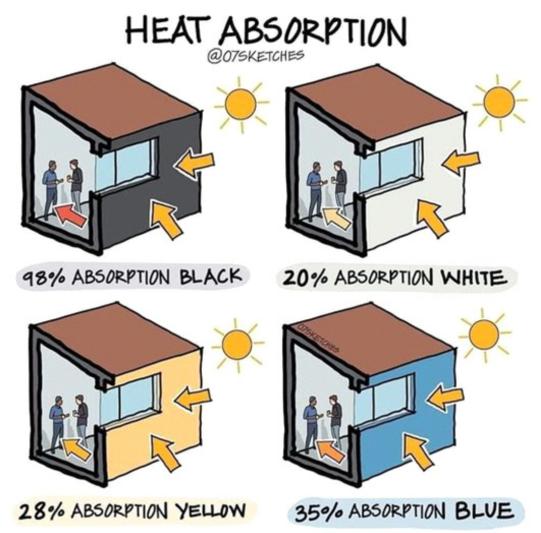
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CLASSIC MOJITO

Can any cocktail beat the refreshing taste of a mojito? Among the classic cocktails, this iconic Cuban drink stands out as one of the best. This mojito recipe is a perfect balance of sweetness, bubbliness, and minty freshness. Like the margarita, the authentic version is less sugary and more complex than what is commonly served in bars and pre-made mixes. It is ideal for savoring on the patio during warm weather, and just as satisfying during the cold winter months when you long for the beach. Follow this straightforward recipe to create a delicious mojito!

Are you interested in making a classic mojito? This sour cocktail has its roots in Havana, Cuba, but its exact origins are unclear, with some claiming it was created in the 1500s while others believe it was popularized in the 1800s with the rise of the Bacardi rum company. Regardless, it gained iconic status as a Cuban drink by the 1930s, thanks in part to the influence of Ernest Hemingway.

The mojito is one of the official cocktails of the International Bartender Association (IBA), meaning it has an "exact" recipe, although different bartenders around the world interpret it in their unique ways. A traditional mojito recipe typically includes fresh mint, lime juice, rum, simple syrup, and soda water.

Ingredients

- 1. 6 mint leaves, plus extra for garnish
- 2. 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of lime iuice
- 3. 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of simple syrup
- 4. 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) of white rum
- 5. 2 to 4 ounces (½ cup) of soda water

Directions

- 1. Begin by muddling the mint leaves in a cocktail shaker. To learn how to muddle mint, follow these instructions.
- 2. Add the lime juice, simple syrup, and rum to the cocktail shaker, and fill it with ice. Shake the mixture until it becomes cold.
- 3. Put ice into a glass, and then strain the liquid into it. Fill up the glass with soda water, and garnish with a few extra mint leaves.
- 4. If you want to make a pitcher of mojitos, check out our Mojito Pitcher recipe.



ASIAN SLAW

The recipe for this Asian slaw embodies everything I adore about summer salads. Bursting with a rainbow of colors, textures, and tastes, it incorporates the freshest fruits and vegetables currently in season. While I enjoy salads throughout the year, the summertime version has my heart.

This particular Asian slaw recipe exemplifies the possibilities of a perfect summer salad. It comes together effortlessly in under 30 minutes, and the diverse ingredients provide a tantalizing fusion of flavors and textures. This dish makes an ideal accompaniment to a cookout, but it is also substantial enough to serve as a complete meal.

You'll love taking this Asian slaw to summer picnics or BBQs! It's easy to make ahead, so it's also one of my favorite choices for a quick weekday lunch. Vegan and gluten-free.

Ingredients for Dressing

- 1. ¼ cup cashew or peanut butter
- 2. 2 tablespoons white miso paste
- 3. 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4. 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 5. 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 6. 2 to 5 tablespoons water, or as needed



Ingredients for Dressing

- 1. 6 to 7 cups shredded red and/or green cabbage
- 2. Mix of peppers: I used 3 Anaheim and 3 banana peppers; or use 1 red bell and 1 poblano.
- 3. 2 scallions, chopped
- 4. ½ cup chopped cilantro, including stems
- 5. ½ cup fresh basil, Thai basil, and/or mint
- 6. 2 Thai chiles or 1 serrano pepper, diced
- 7. Sea salt
- 8. ¼ cup toasted peanuts, pepitas, and/or sesame seeds
- 9. 1 ripe peach, thinly sliced 10.

Directions

- 1. Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the cashew butter, miso paste, lime juice, sesame oil, and ginger. Whisk in enough water to create a drizzable consistency. Set aside.
- 2. In a dry cast-iron skillet over medium heat, char the peppers whole, rotating until the edges have a little char, about 2 minutes per side. Remove. When cool to the touch, slice in half lengthwise, remove the stem, ribbing, and seeds and slice horizontally into thin strips.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine the cabbage, peppers, scallions, cilantro, basil, chiles, and ¾ of the dressing. Toss until combined. Add the remaining dressing, if desired, and season to taste with a few pinches of sea salt.
- 4. Serve topped with the toasted nuts, seeds, and sliced peaches.

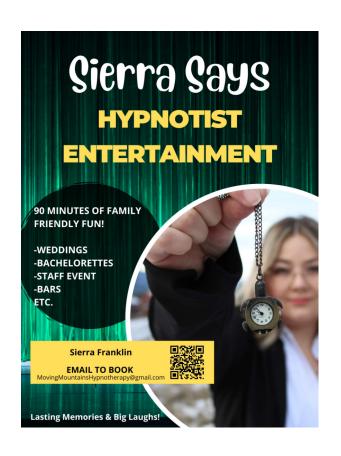
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The sun beats down upon your face As you explore this wondrous place Hiking trails that wind and bend A journey that never seems to end

And when the day draws to a close The sunset paints the sky with rose The stars come out, the night grows cold A perfect end to a day so bold

Oh, Columbia Valley, how you shine In the summertime, so divine A treasure that we all should seek And memories that we'll forever keep.

THE GRIZZLY

Amidst the towering pines and rushing streams Where nature's beauty reigns supreme Lurks a creature fierce and strong A symbol of the wild and untamed for so long

The grizzly bear, a sight to behold With its massive size and fur of gold A predator of the highest order Its power and majesty hard to ignore

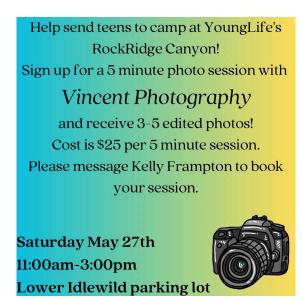
Through rugged terrain and snowy peaks The grizzly roams, a king it seeks Of all the creatures in the land None can match its might or stand

Yet, with such strength and ferocity Comes a gentle side, a rarity For the grizzly cares for its young And protects them with a love so strong

So let us respect this wondrous beast And give it the space and freedom it needs For the grizzly is a symbol of the wild A reminder of nature's majesty, so mild.

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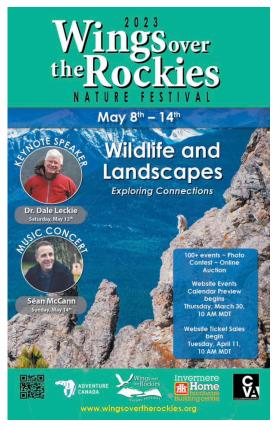
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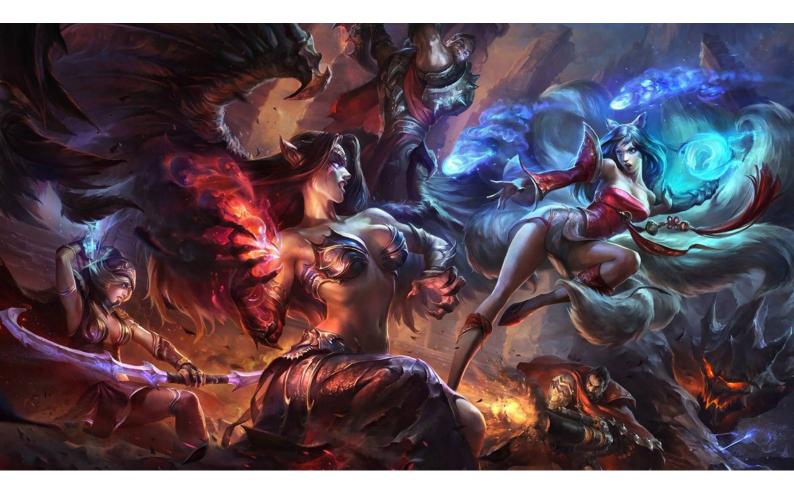
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Gamer's Corner

Game Review: League of Legends



League of Legends is a multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) game developed and published by Riot Games.

It is one of the most popular esports games in the world, with millions of active players and fans around the globe.

The game features a 5v5 gameplay where two teams of players compete against each other on a map called Summoner's Rift. Each player takes control of a champion with unique abilities, strengths, and weaknesses, and the objective is to destroy the

enemy team's Nexus, which is located in their base.

League of Legends has a steep learning curve, and mastering the game requires a combination of skill, strategy, and teamwork. Players need to work together to secure objectives, control the map, and defeat their opponents.

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The game has a diverse roster of over 150 champions, each with its own unique playstyle, abilities, backstory. Players can choose their champions based on their preferred role and playstyle, such as damage dealers, tanks, or support.

In addition to the traditional 5v5 gameplay, League of Legends also has several game modes, including ARAM (All Random All Mid) and TFT (Teamfight Tactics), which offer different gameplay experiences and challenges.

Overall, League of Legends is an

excellent game that provides endless hours of fun and excitement for players of all skill levels. With its diverse gameplay, engaging champions, and thriving esports scene, it is no wonder why it has become one of the most popular games in the world. Whether you are a seasoned MOBA player or a newcomer to the genre, League of Legends is definitely worth checking



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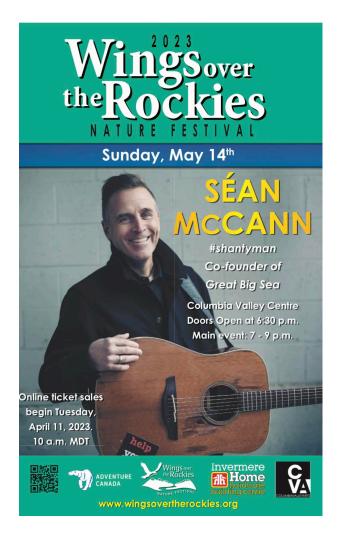
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Mansion of Evil Ghost Adventures



Ghost Adventures is a popular television show that follows a team of paranormal investigators as they explore haunted locations around the world. The show has gained a massive following over the years and is known for its intense investigations, spine-tingling encounters, and use of high-tech equipment.

Led by lead investigator Zak Bagans, the Ghost Adventures team includes Aaron Goodwin, Billy Tolley, and Jay Wasley. Together, they travel to some of the most haunted places on earth, seeking to uncover the truth about the paranormal.

Zak Bagans, the show's host and lead investigator, was born on April 5, 1977, in Washington D.C. He became interested in the paranormal at a young age and started investigating haunted locations in his hometown. Zak has always been fascinated by the unexplained and has dedicated

his life to uncovering the truth about ghosts and hauntings.

After graduating from film school, Zak started his career as a documentary filmmaker, creating films that explored paranormal phenomena. In 2008, he created Ghost Adventures and has been the show's host and lead investigator ever since. Zak is known for his bold approach to investigating, often putting himself in dangerous situations to capture evidence of the paranormal.

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Aaron Goodwin, the show's camera operator, was born on April 1, 1976, in Portland, Oregon. He met Zak while working as a camera operator for a local news station and was soon brought on board as part of the Ghost Adventures team.

Aaron is known for his comedic personality and his willingness to confront the unknown. He has been a part of the show since its inception and has become a fan favorite for his bravery and his ability to make even the scariest situations seem less intimidating.

Together, Zak and Aaron make up the heart and soul of Ghost Adventures, with their unique personalities and their dedication to uncovering the truth about the paranormal. Their passion for their work and their unwavering commitment to their fans have made them one of the most beloved teams in the world of paranormal investigation.

Over the years, the Ghost Adventures crew has explored some of the most haunted locations in the world. From prisons abandoned to historic mansions, they have encountered of the most terrifying paranormal activity imaginable. Here are just a few of the most haunted locations the Ghost Adventures crew has gone:

- 1. The Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum Located in West Virginia, this former mental institution is known for its violent past and is believed to be haunted by the spirits of former patients. The Ghost Adventures crew has visited this location multiple times and has captured some of their most terrifying evidence here.
- 2. The Winchester Mystery House This sprawling mansion in San Jose, California, was built by Sarah Winchester, the widow of the founder of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. It is believed to be haunted by the spirits of those killed by Winchester rifles, and the house's bizarre design only adds to its eerie atmosphere.
- 3. Bobby Mackey's Music World This

- country music club in Wilder, Kentucky, is believed to be built on top of an old slaughterhouse and is said to be haunted by the ghost of a murdered woman. The Ghost Adventures crew has captured some of their most compelling evidence at this location, including EVPs and full-body apparitions.
- 4. The Stanley Hotel This historic hotel in Estes Park, Colorado, is famous for inspiring Stephen King's novel "The Shining." It is believed to be haunted by several ghosts, including the former owner, F.O. Stanley. The Ghost Adventures crew has visited this location multiple times and has captured some of their most disturbing evidence here.
- 5. The Old Charleston Jail This former prison in Charleston, South Carolina, is believed to be haunted by the spirits of former inmates and the victims of the prison's notorious hangman, who operated on the premises. The Ghost Adventures crew has captured some of their most shocking evidence at this location, including the sound of ghostly footsteps and disembodied voices.

These are just a few of the many haunted locations that the Ghost Adventures crew has explored over the years. Whether you believe in the paranormal or not, their investigations are sure to leave you with chills down your spine.



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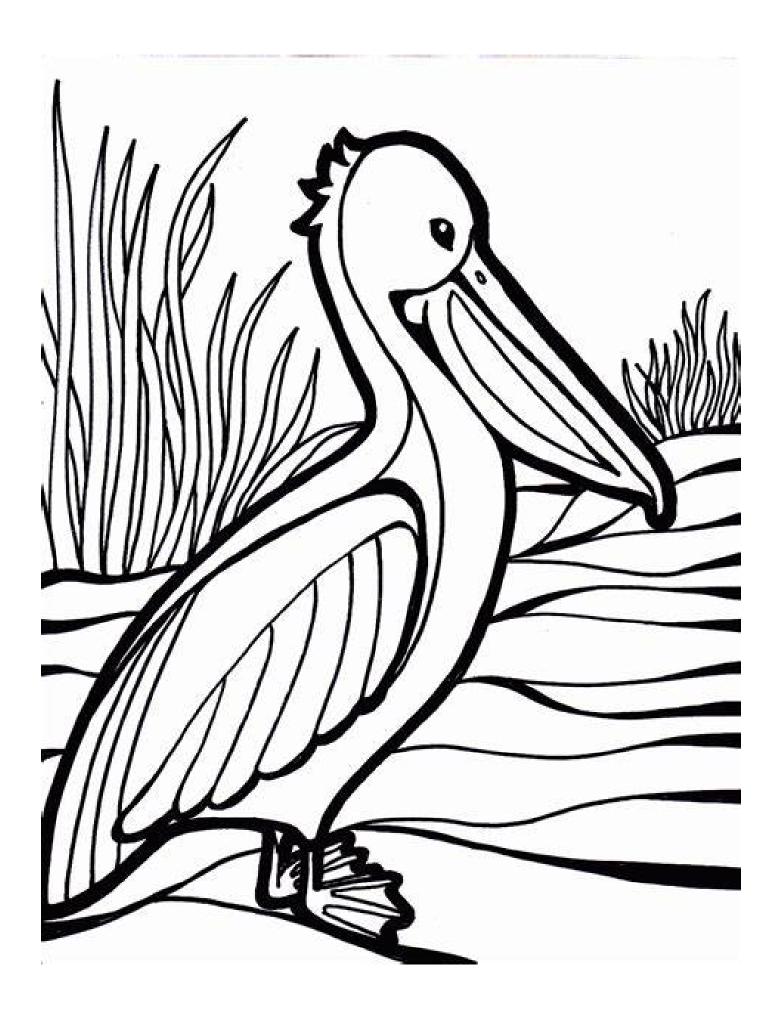
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