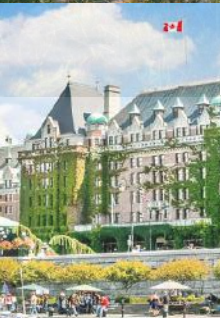




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Fact Sheet

Test your knowledge! See if you can fill in the blanks below.

1. The capital city of British Columbia is _____.

2. The _____ run down the border between British Columbia and Alberta.

3. B.C. is the _____ Canadian province.

4. B.C.'s provincial bird is the _____.

5. B.C.'s provincial flower is the _____.



Pacific

Victoria

Mountains

Westernmost

Jay

Rocky

Dogwood

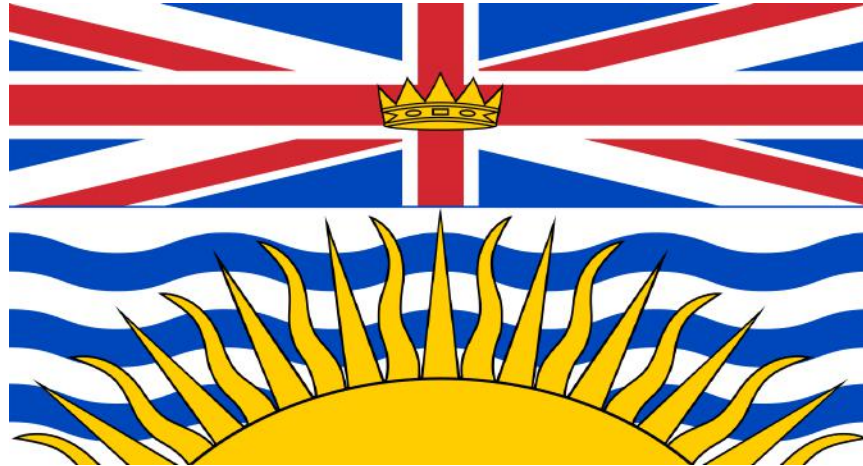
Stellar's

Mapping B.C.

Label the capital city of the province. Next, research British Columbia's topography and colour the map accordingly!



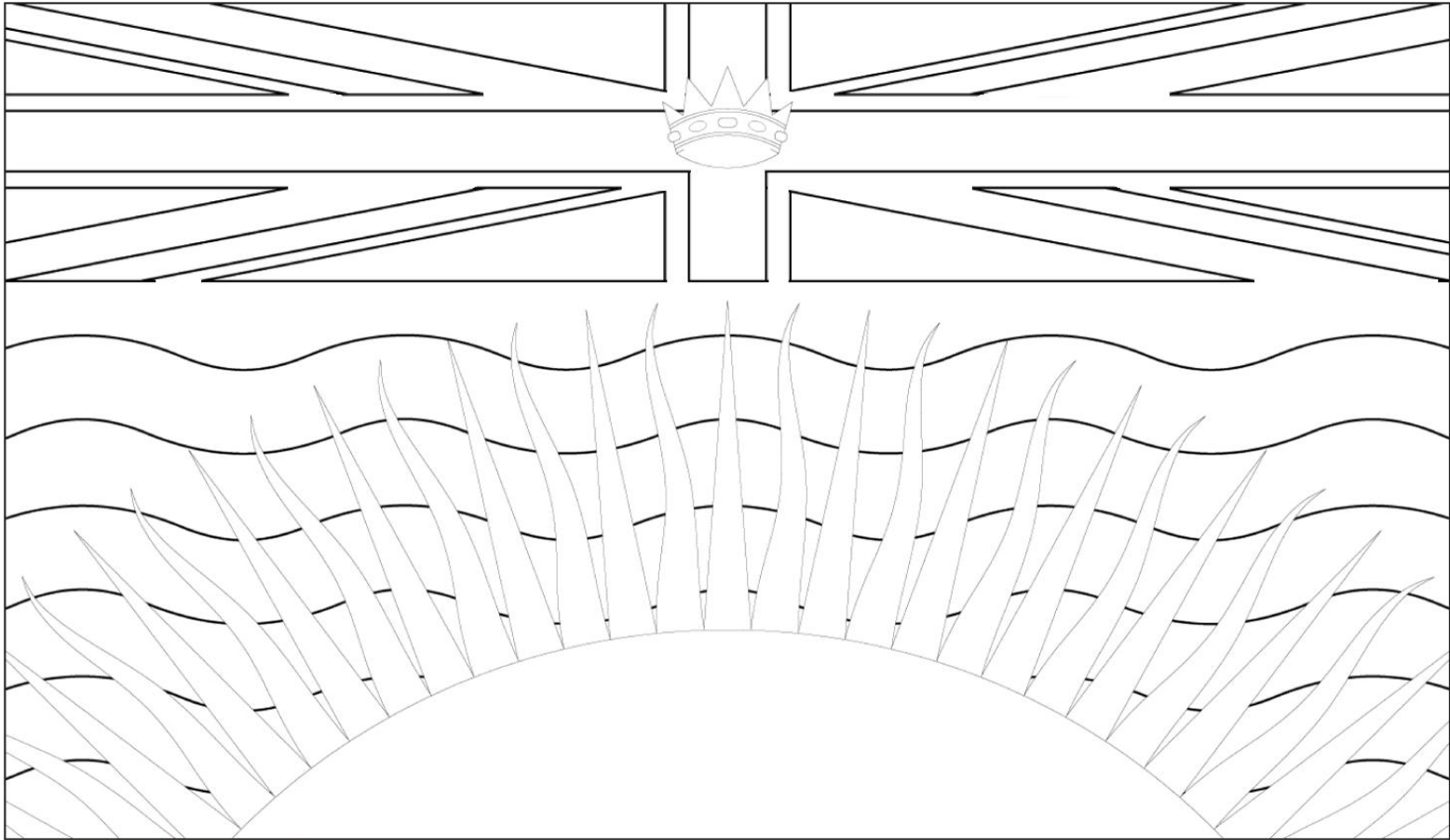
Fly the Flag



The provincial flag of British Columbia was introduced in 1960, by Premier W. A. C. Bennett. The flag's key features include:

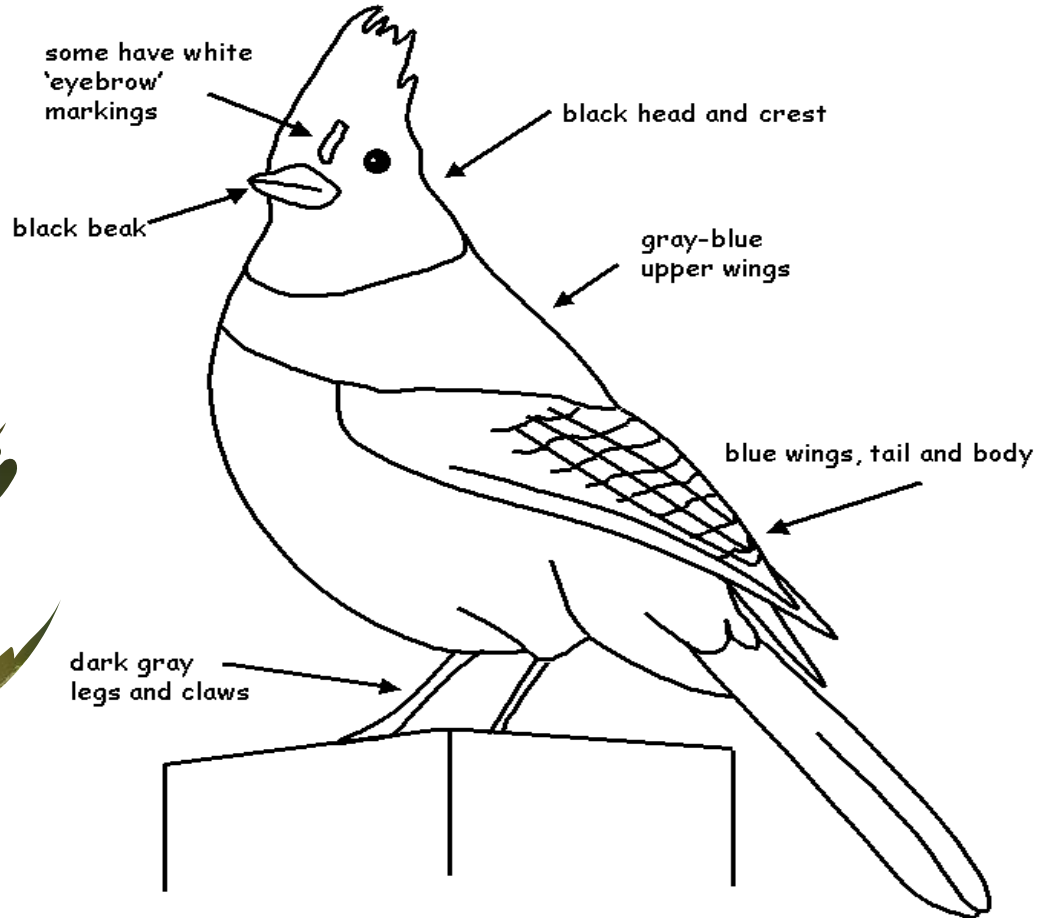
- Union Jack (*top*)
- Wavy, white & blue lines: *symbolize BC's location between the Pacific Ocean and the Rocky Mountains.*
- Setting sun: *represents westernmost location in Canada, as well as the province's motto "splendor sine occasu" (beauty that never diminishes).*

Your turn! Recreate British Columbia's provincial flag, using the flag above to guide you.



Provincial Fauna

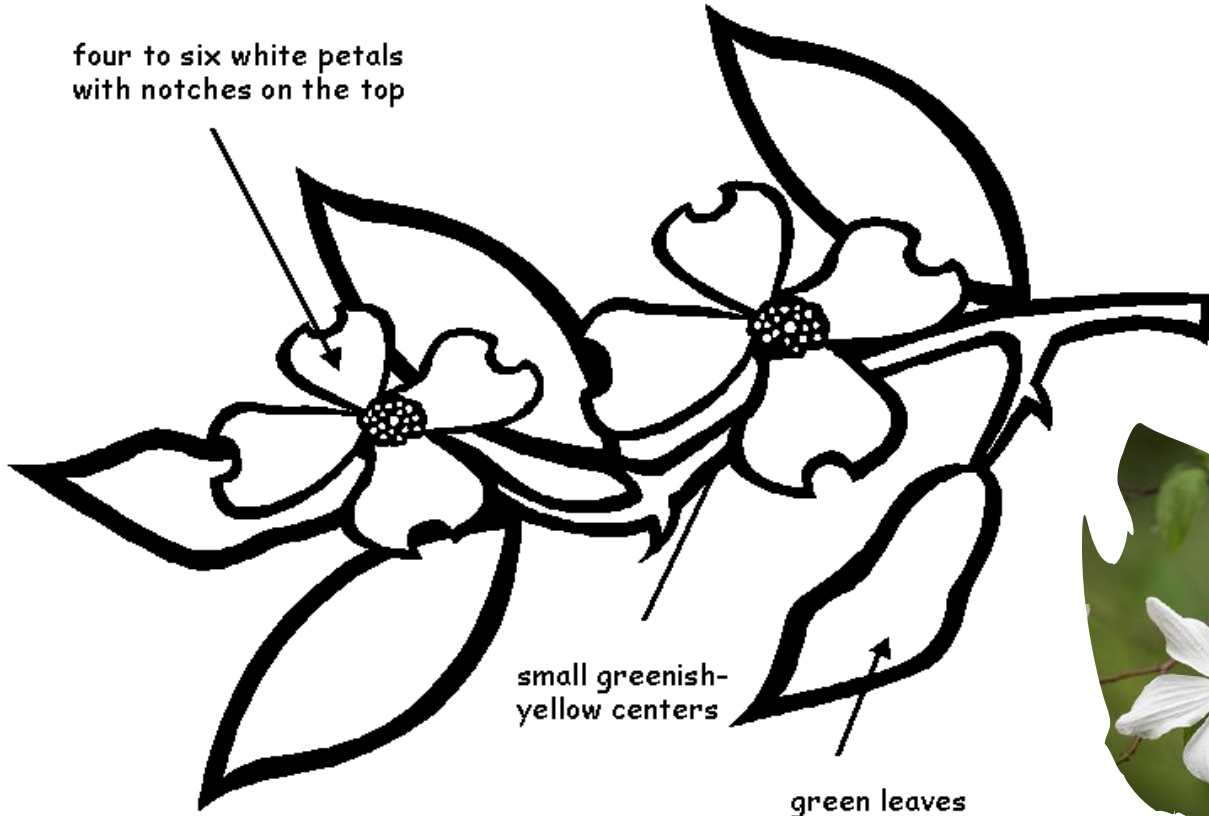
The provincial bird of British Columbia is the Stellar's Jay.
Colour the image below!



Provincial Flora

The provincial flower of British Columbia is Pacific Dogwood.
Colour the image below!

four to six white petals
with notches on the top



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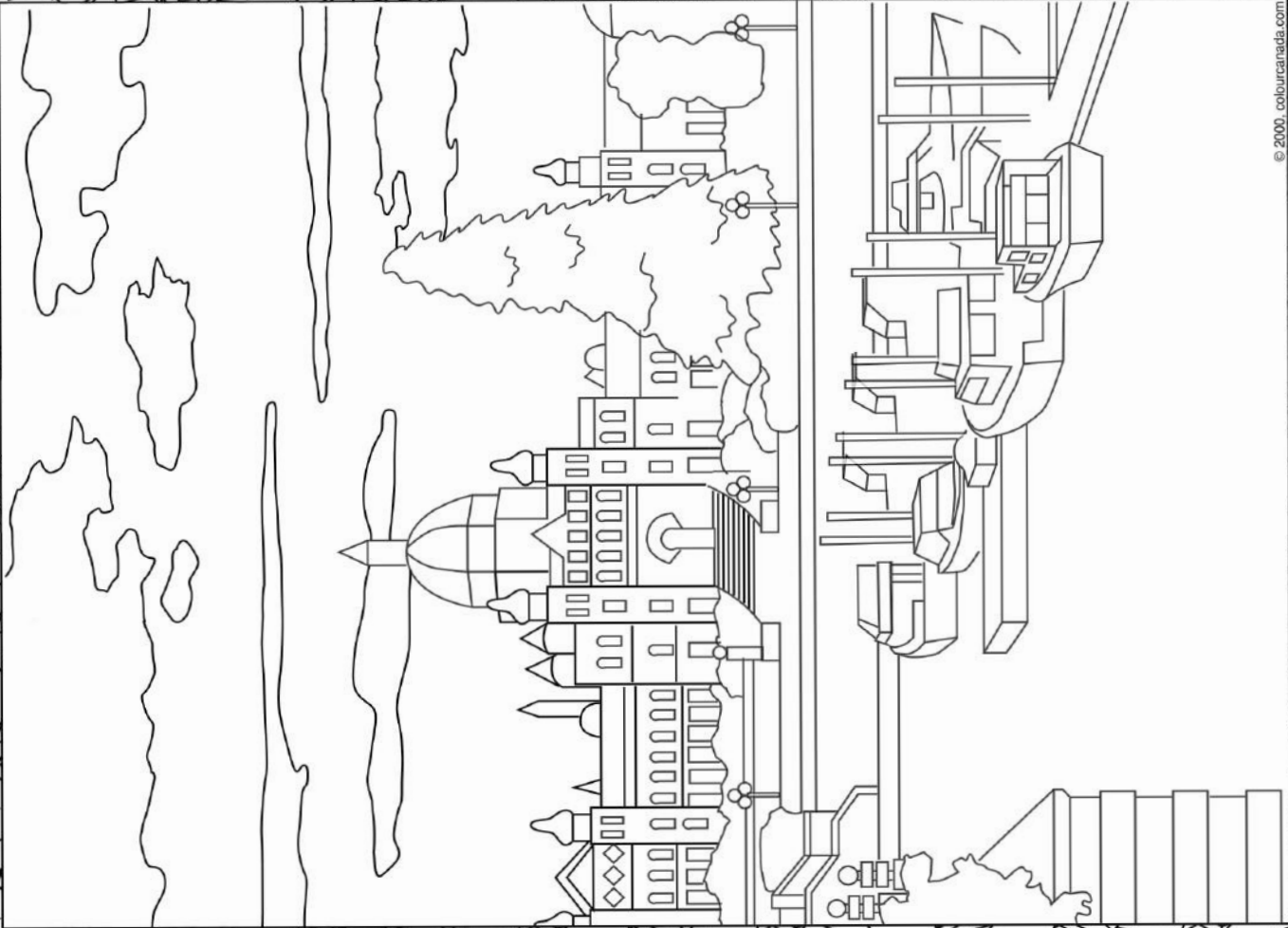
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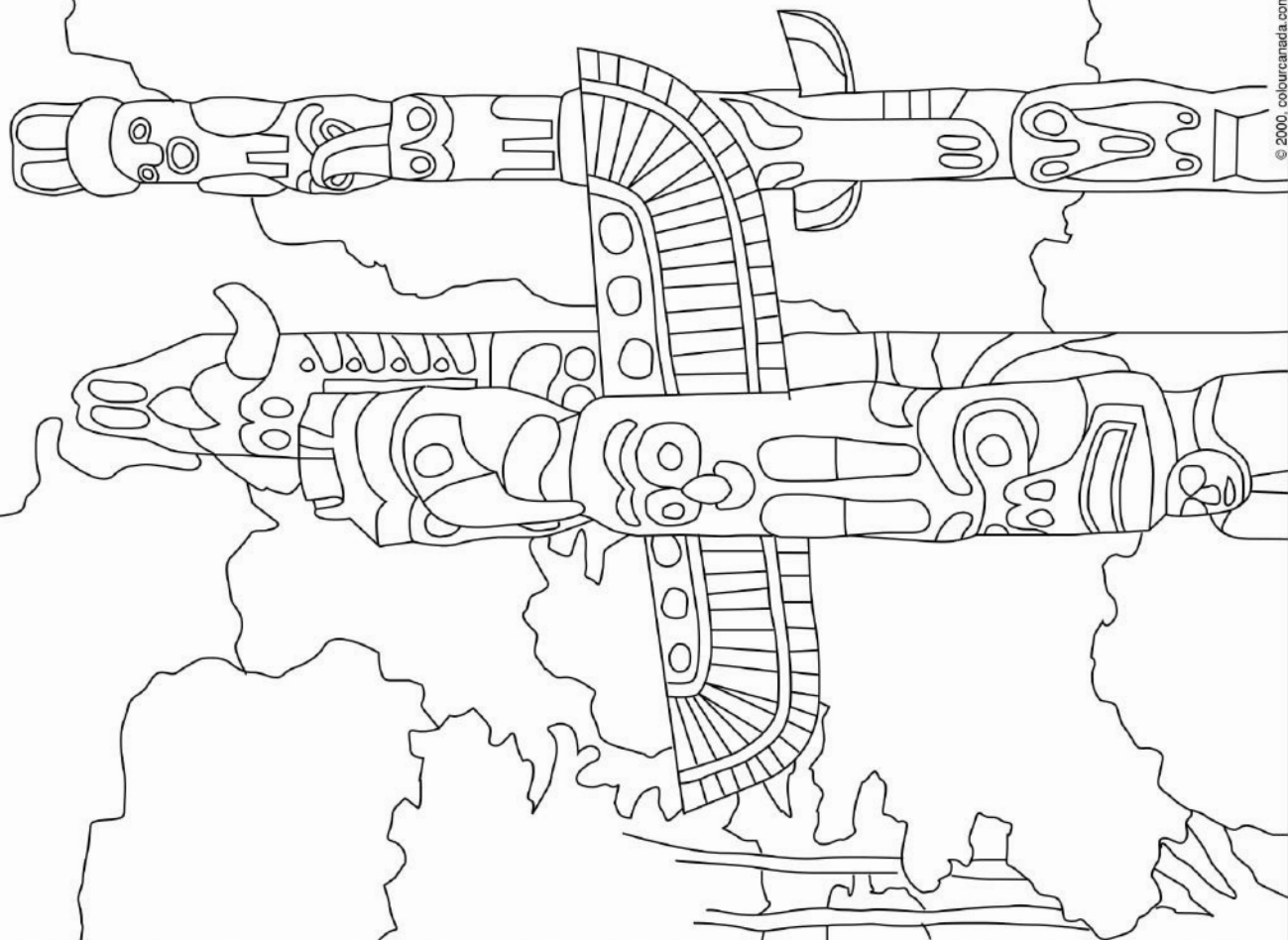


Parliament, Victoria: Victoria is the capital of British Columbia. Located on Vancouver Island, Victoria is known as the City of Gardens. Being on the Pacific coast means that Victoria has a much milder climate than most of the country. The Parliament Buildings pictured here were built in 1860, and were called the Bird Cages.



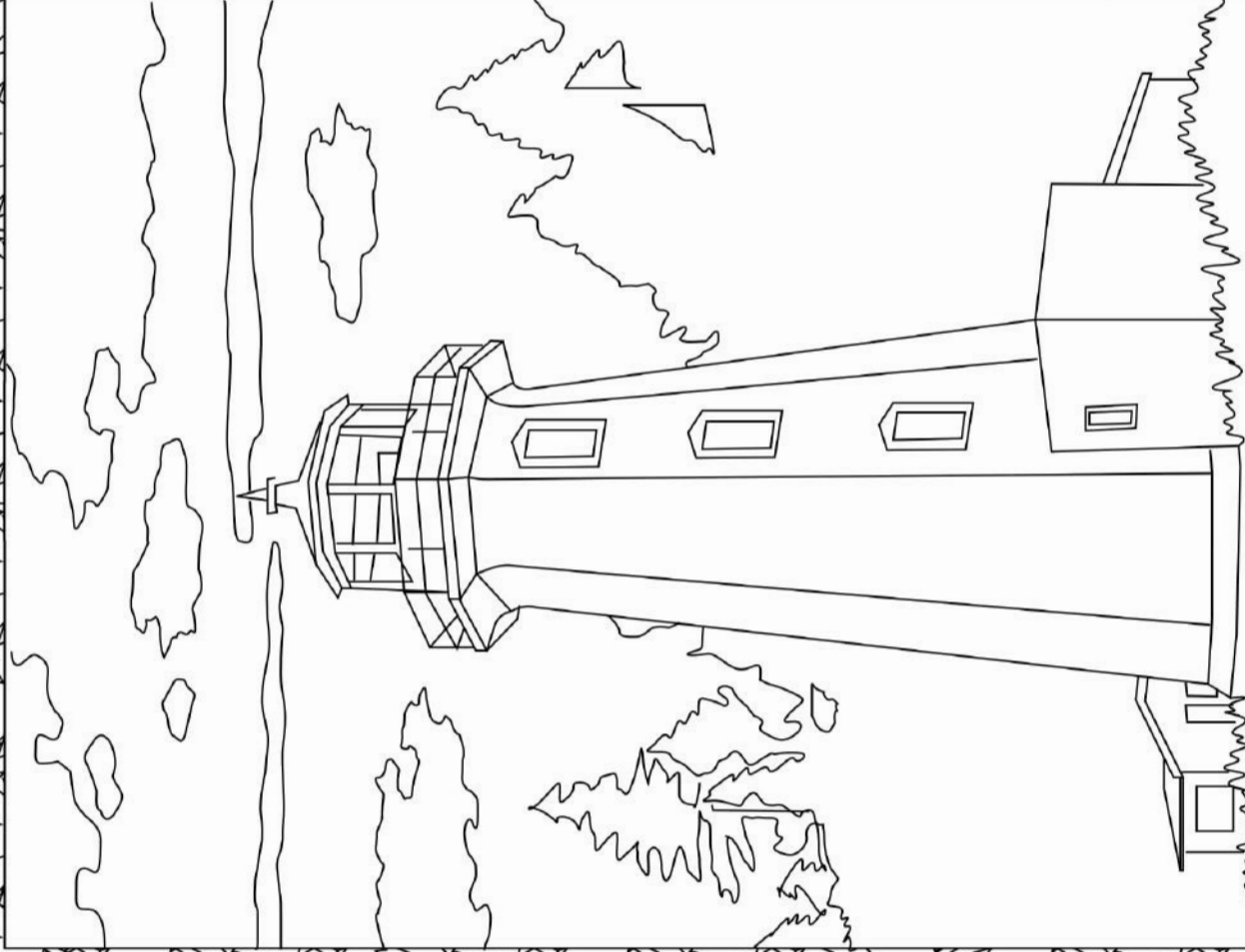


Totems: A sign of the success and wealth of the native cultures that evolved along the coast, whether Haida, Kwakiutl, Tlingit, or Tsimshian. Sheltered by a benevolent forest, blessed with a food filled sea, the tribes could afford the luxury of permanent village sites and ornamental art.



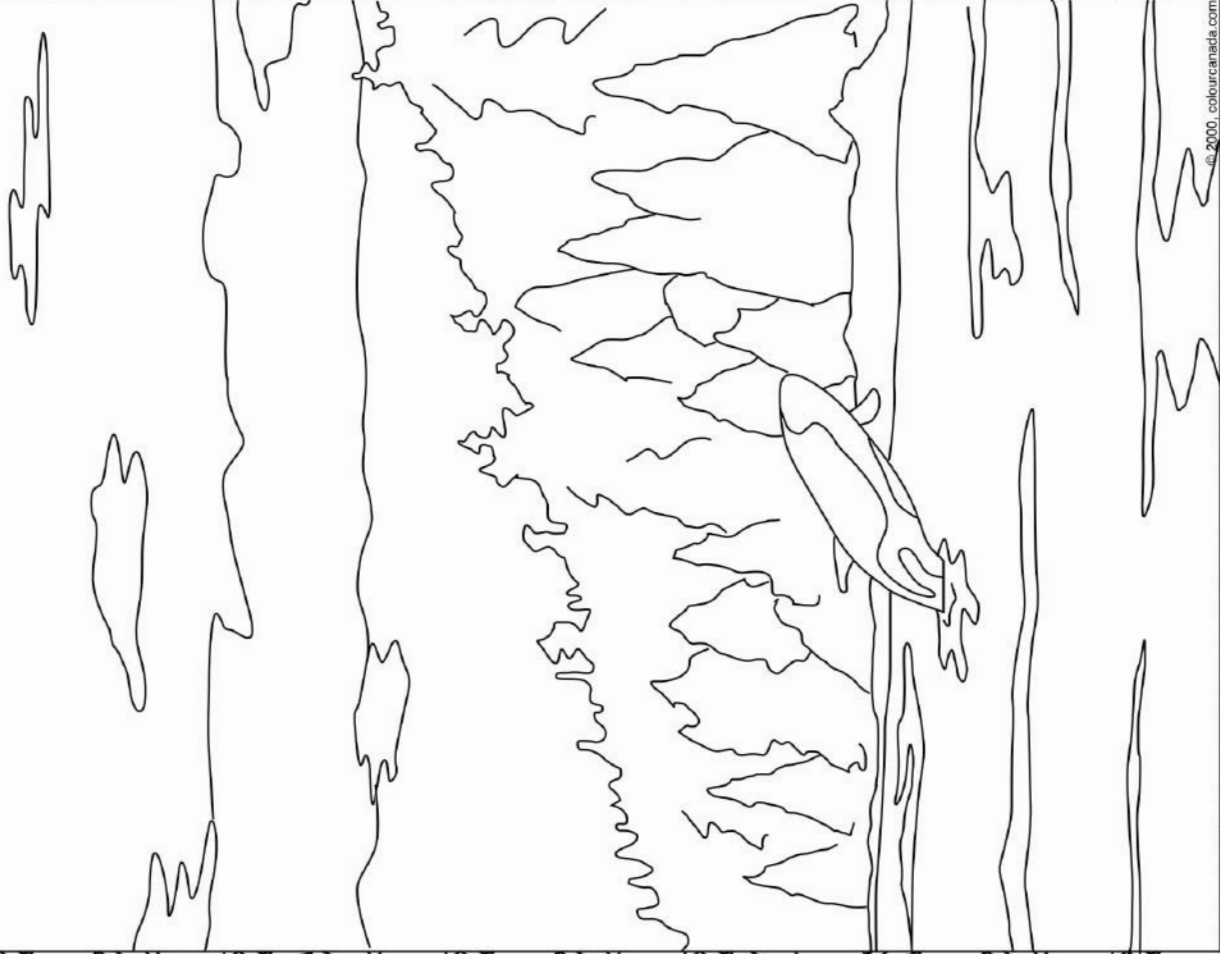


Mudge Island Lighthouse: As with any maritime province, lighthouses have played and still do play an important role. This light house is one of 27 manned lighthouses operated in British Columbia. The lights and their operators ensure that marine travel, both commercial and pleasure, remains safe.



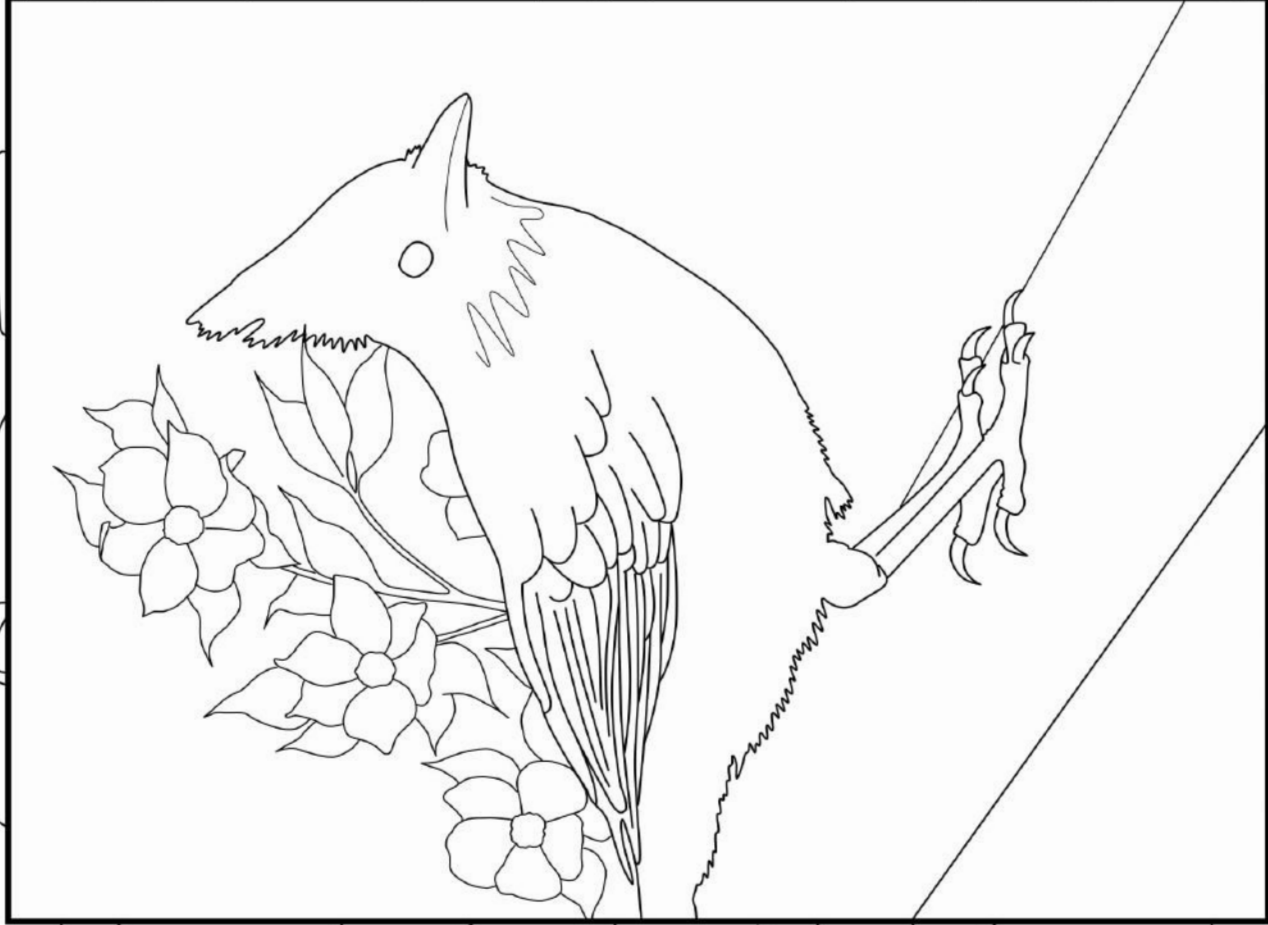


Orca: Also called the killer whale, the orca is a fixture in British Columbia's Pacific waters. Featured in native art and the destination of the ever expanding eco-tourism visitors, the orca is a beautiful creature and fierce predator. You can see these huge whales at Stanley Park or off British Columbia's coast.





Stellar Jay is related to the Blue Jay and can be found all across North America, but with a black head and upper body. They are also known as the Long-crested Jay, Mountain Jay, and Pine Jay. As the only crested jay west of the Rocky Mountains it makes sense to be B.C.'s provincial bird.



British Columbia's Flag: The Union Jack occupies the top third of the flag, the crown represents the court of King Edward VIII. The three blue on white stripes represents the Pacific ocean. The sun signifies that British Columbia's location is the most westerly province of Canada. The shield was designed by Rev. Arthur John Beanlands.

