

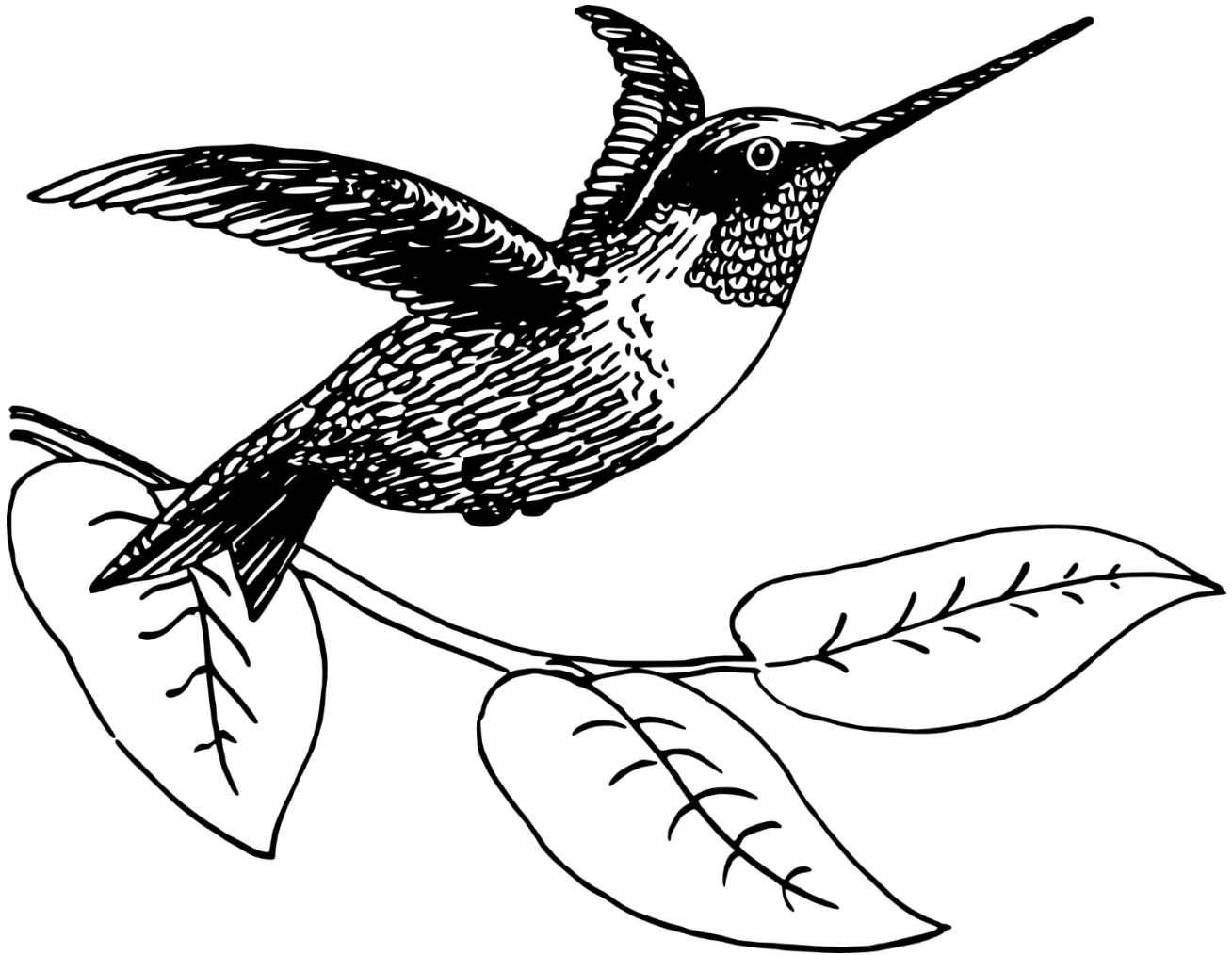


# **Alberta Birds**

## **Colouring Sheets & Fun Facts**

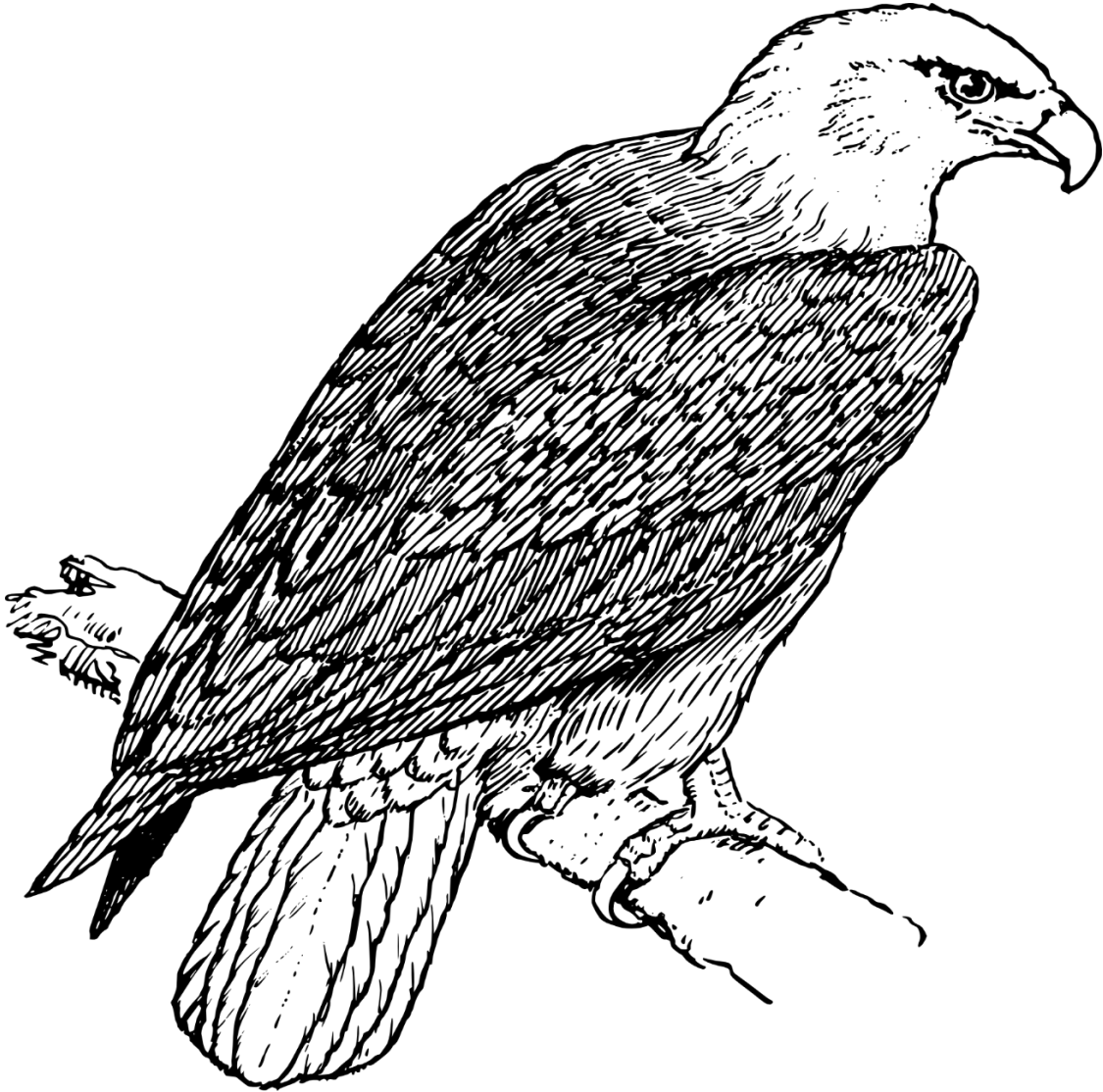


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## Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

- These tiny birds can't walk or hop because their legs are too short.
- Hummingbird eggs are about the size of a jelly bean!
- Ruby-Throated hummingbirds beat their wings over 50 times per second.
- Attract hummingbirds to your backyard by creating a sugar-water feeder!  
Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of sugar to 1 cup of water and hang feeder in a shaded area.



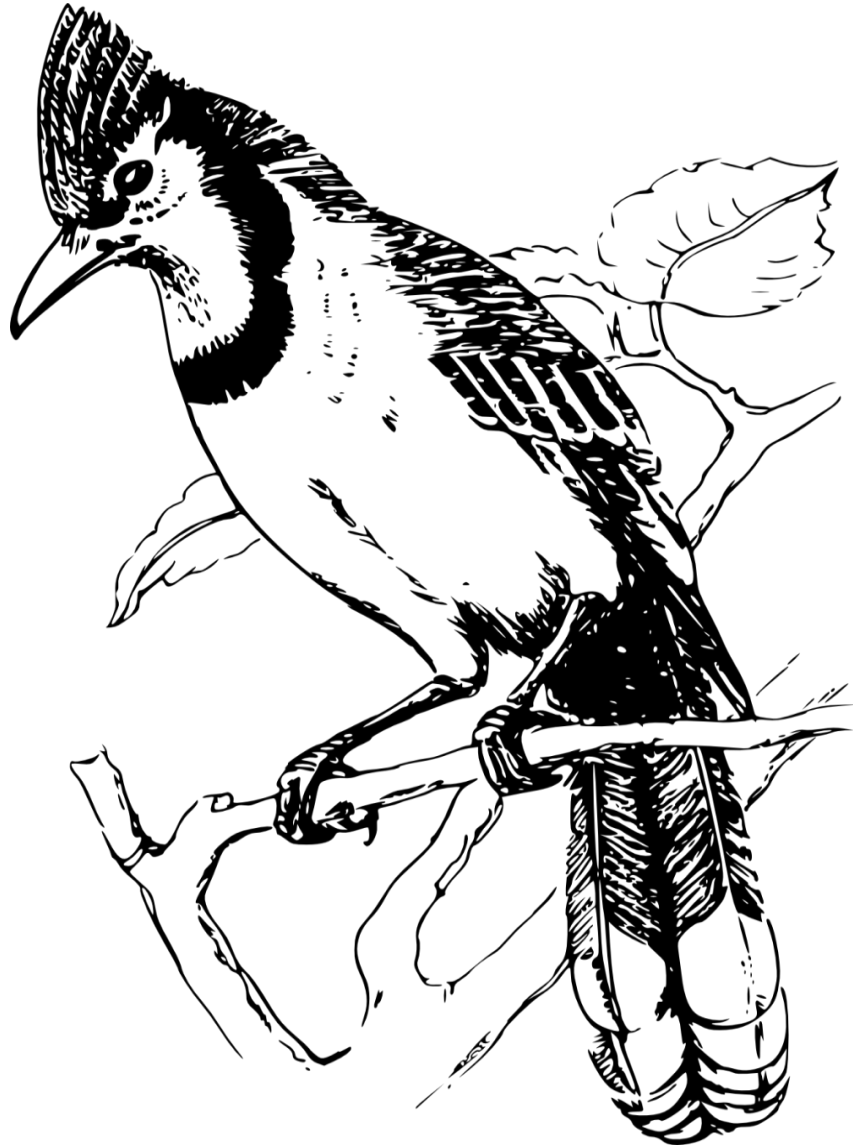
## Bald Eagle

- Bald Eagles aren't actually bald! They just have a bright white head.
- These birds mostly eat fish and small mammals, and sometimes they even try to steal food from ospreys.
- Bald Eagles are big birds so they need big nests. The nest of a Bald Eagle is around 5 to 6 feet wide – that's the height of an average adult!



## Burrowing Owl

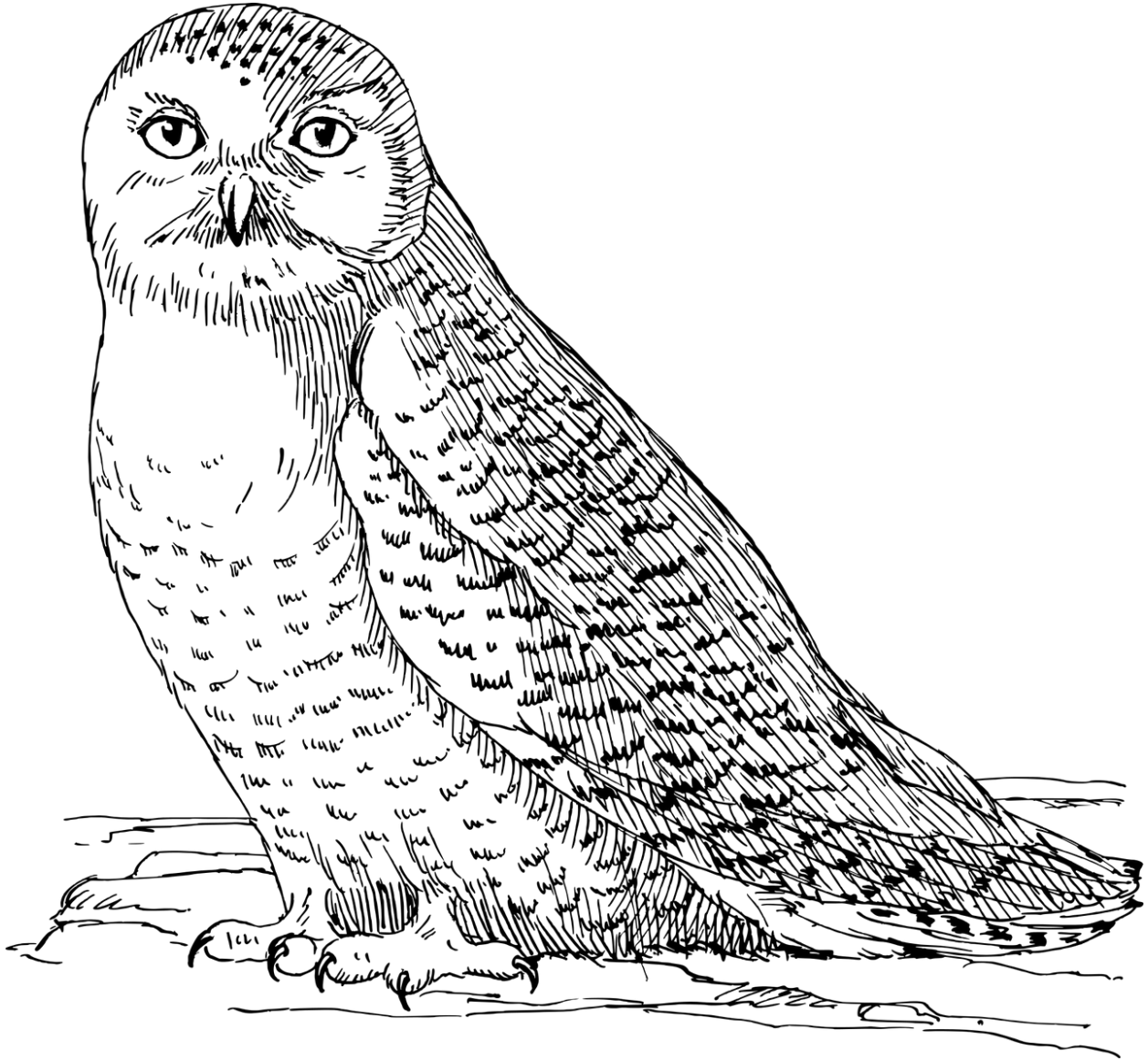
- Burrowing Owls are about the size of a can of soup!
- They are very unique birds that live underground in squirrel burrows.
- Burrowing Owls are one of the most threatened birds in Alberta – we need to help them by protecting their habitat!



## Blue Jay

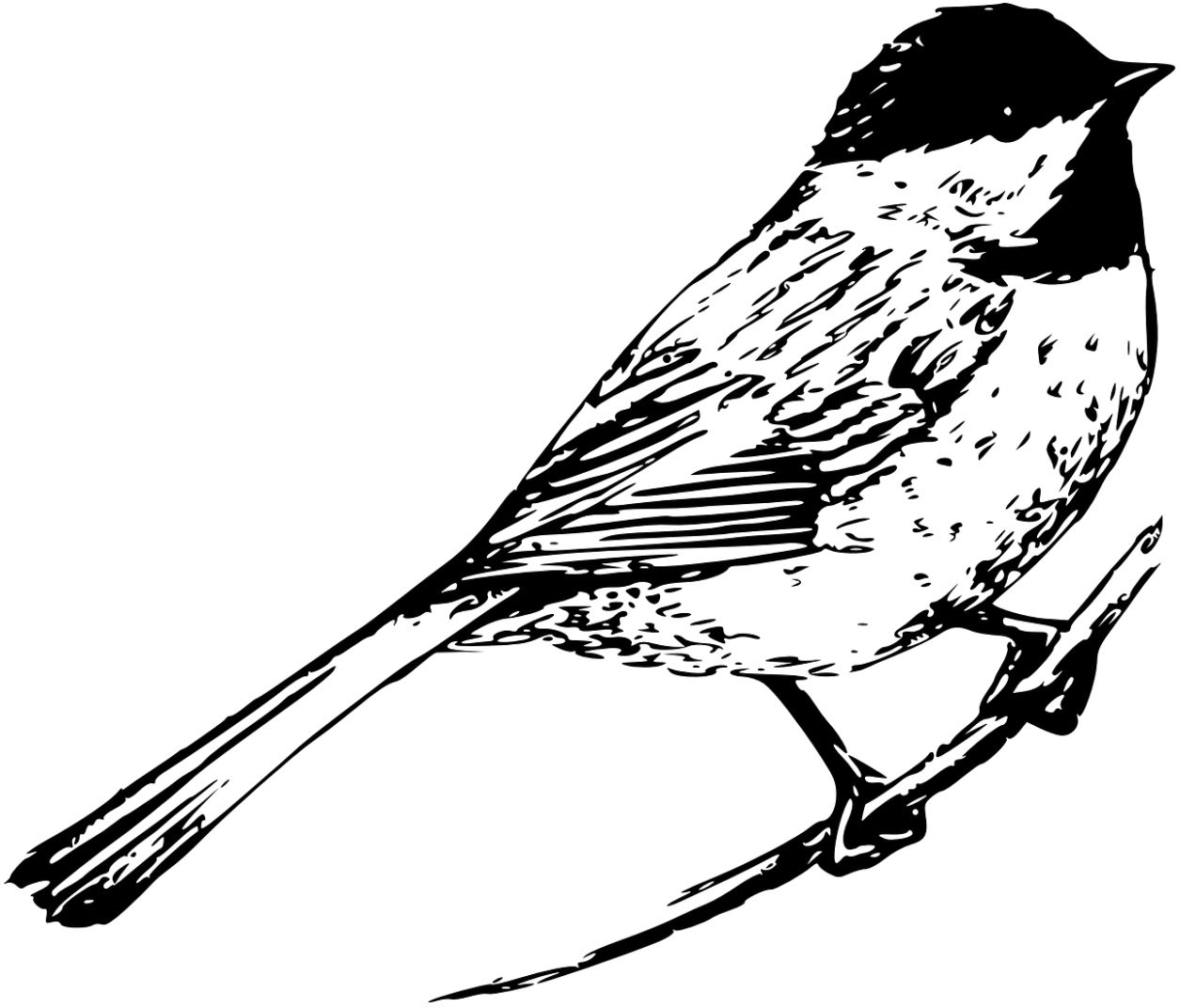
- Blue Jays are very noisy birds! They can make a variety of different noises, from the sound of car horns to loud screeching noises.
- You can see Blue Jays all throughout the year, even in the winter!
- Blue Jays are in the same family as ravens and crows.





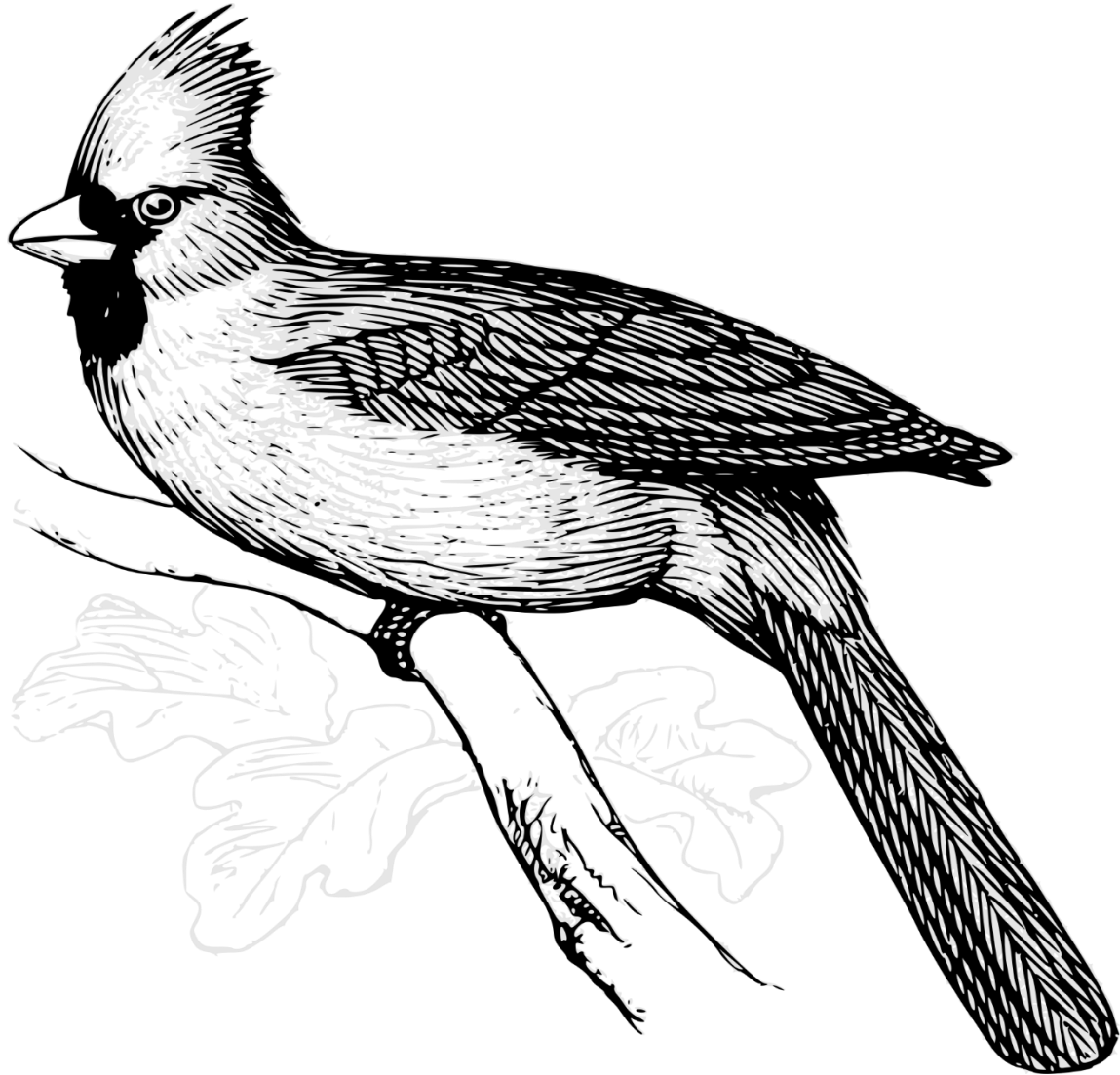
## Snowy Owl

- Snowy Owls are adapted for cold weather – they even have feathers in between their toes to help them keep warm!
- Female Snowy Owls are larger than male Snowy Owls.
- As Snowy Owls get older, their feathers get more and more white.



## Black-Capped Chickadee

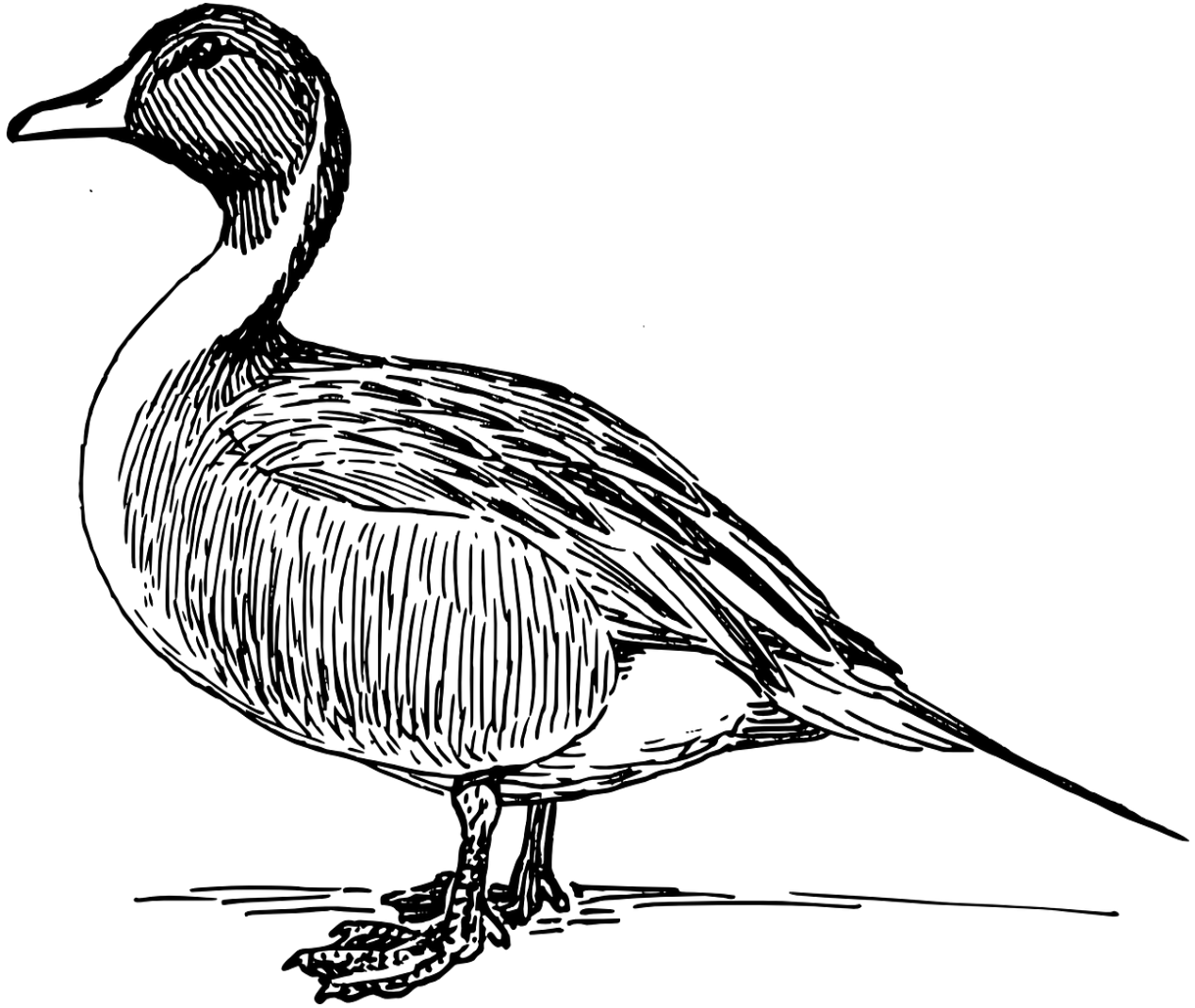
- These small birds live in Alberta all year long, and can often be seen at bird feeders in the winter months.
- Black-Capped Chickadees make two different sounds, one is their “hey, sweetie” song and the other is their classic “chick-a-dee-dee-dee” call.
- Chickadees live in holes in trees – sometimes in old woodpecker cavities!



## Northern Cardinal

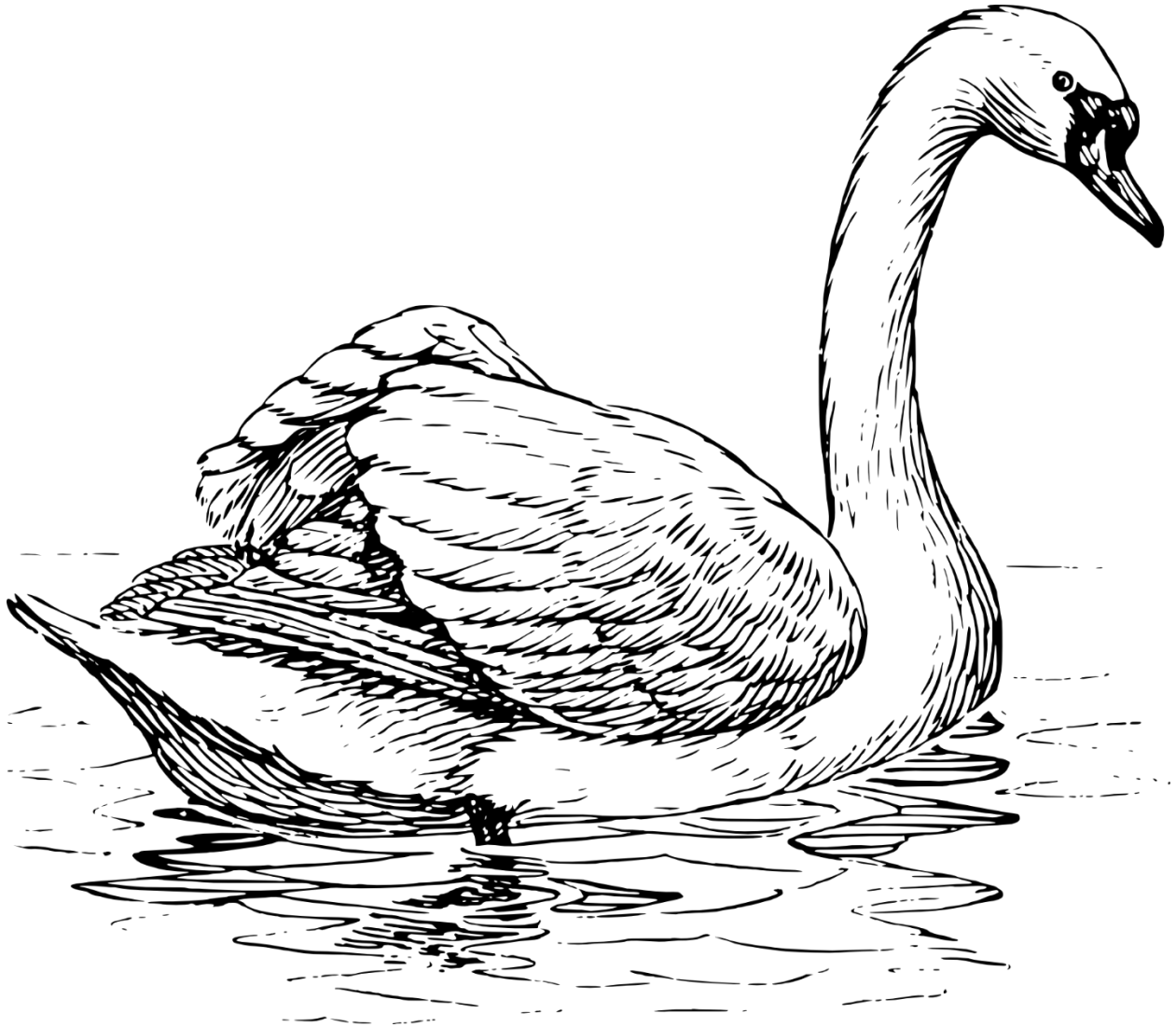
- Northern Cardinals are not very common in Alberta, so if you see one of these beautiful red birds, you are very lucky!
- These songbirds look like they have a cool, spikey hairdo – these soft head feathers are called the crest.
- Northern Cardinals eat seeds and berries they find on the ground.





## Northern Pintail

- Northern Pintails can be found all across Alberta in wetlands, open fields, and along the edges of lakes!
- As their name suggests, these ducks have very long and pointy tail feathers.
- When Northern Pintails migrate, they are usually seen in small groups, but can sometimes be seen in flocks of thousands.



## Trumpeter Swan

- They are called Trumpeter Swans because their call sounds like a loud trumpet being played!
- Sometimes Trumpeter Swans will build their nest on top of beaver lodges.
- Trumpeter Swans almost went extinct in the early 1900s, but are now starting to recover and are now considered Threatened species in Alberta.