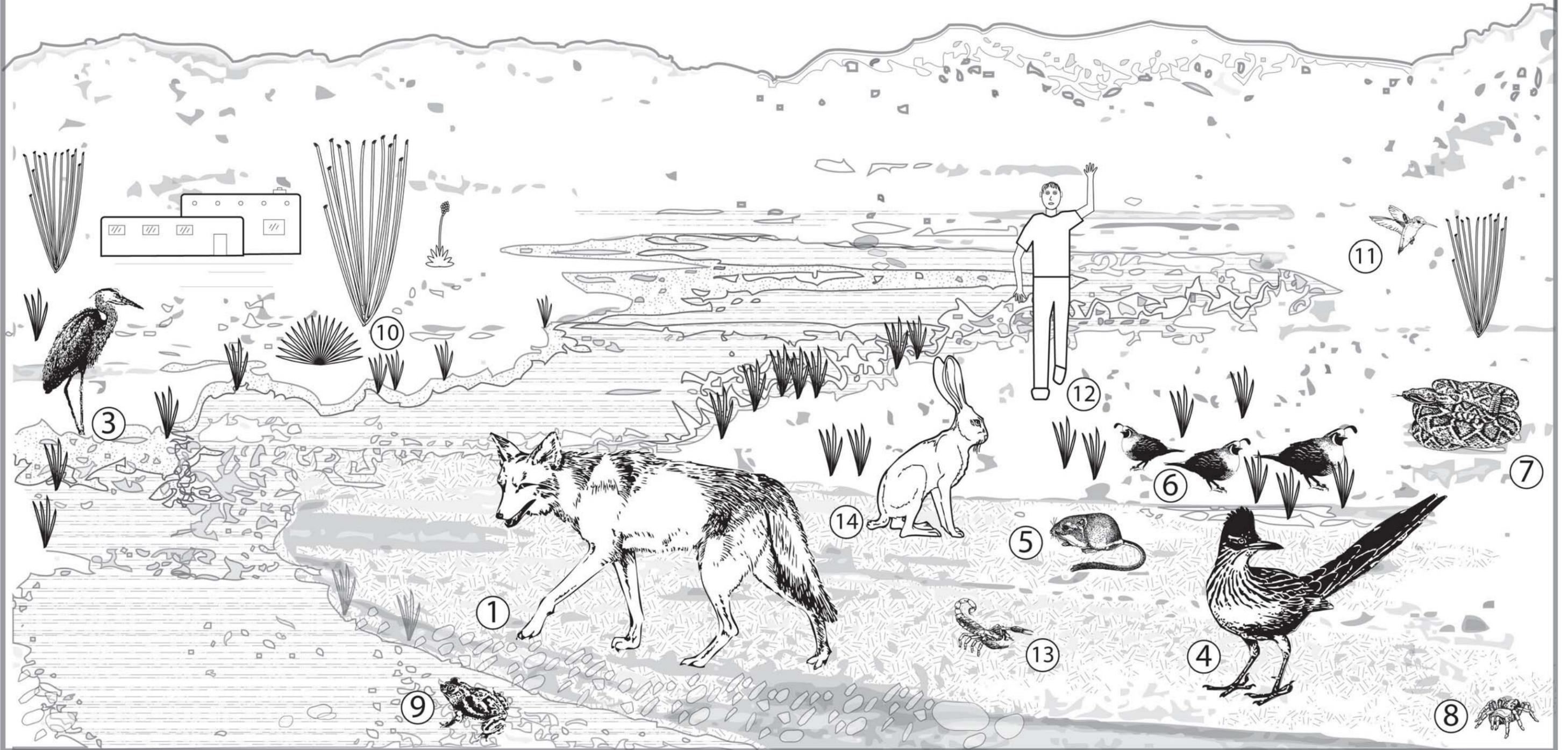
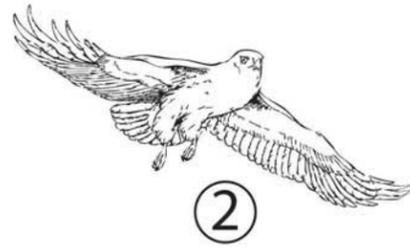


THE RIO GRANDE WATERSHED



WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow and drains or seeps into a marsh, stream, river, lake or groundwater. Everyone lives in a watershed.

Who is effected by pollution entering our watershed? Below are a few common Inhabitants that exist within our watershed.

(Try painting the picture on the reverse side using watercolors)

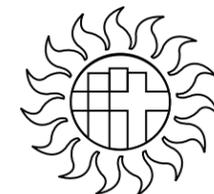
- ① Coyote
- ② Red-Tailed Hawk
- ③ Great Blue Heron
- ④ Roadrunner
- ⑤ Kangaroo Rat
- ⑥ Quail
- ⑦ Rattlesnake
- ⑧ Tarantula
- ⑨ Frog
- ⑩ Plants/Cacti
- ⑪ Hummingbird
- ⑫ Human
- ⑬ Scorpion
- ⑭ Jackrabbit



What Can People Do to Help Keep Our Watershed Clean?

There are several ways you can help prevent pollution from entering our storm drain system. Examples are:

1. Recycle used motor oil. Drain your used motor oil into a clean container and take it to an approved recycling facility. Many full-service gas stations and auto parts stores will accept your used motor oil and filters at no charge.
2. Keep litter or yard waste off the streets and out of the storm drains.
3. Wash your car at a car wash. Using a car wash prevents soaps, wax, polish and other chemicals from entering the storm drain system.
4. Xeriscape your yard to cut down on high water consumption. Xeriscaping is the practice of landscaping with native plants that don't require much water. Xeriscaping your yard will lower your water bill and reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.
5. Don't drain your pool, spa, hot tub, or fountain into the storm drains, streets, yards, or ditches. If a sanitary sewer is not in the vicinity let the chlorine dissipate and pH levels neutralize and slowly drain into a permeable area such as the yard or ponding area.
6. Clean up pet waste



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A healthy environment starts with clean water. Only rain should go in the storm drains.



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