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COLORING BOOK

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Have you ever seen a flower that looks like miniature elk antlers?
Idaho has a tiny plant named after it. Do you know what it is?
When was the last time you looked at a flower with a grinning monkey-face?

Southwest Idaho is a great place to learn about native plants and wildflowers.
Many species of wildflowers live here — sometimes as close as in your backyard!
The next time you are out exploring, take a minute to appreciate wildflowers.
Picking wildflowers is not allowed, but this coloring book may
help you remember what the wildflowers in your area look like.
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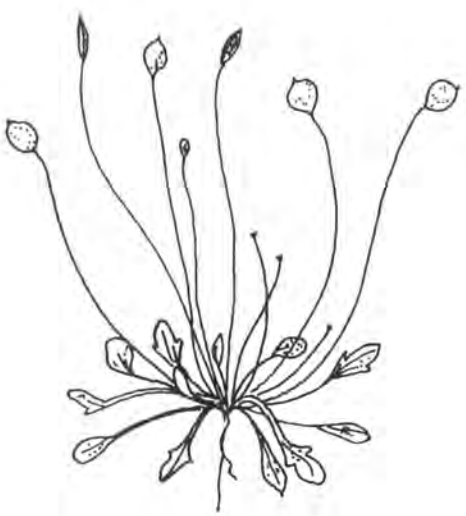
Illustrations with a flower (❀) by the species name were drawn by the late Karl Urban of the Umatilla National Forest. Karl wanted his illustrations to be used for educational activities (such as this coloring book). Wayne Patten of the Boise National Forest drew the other flowers in this coloring bok. You may reproduce their artwork, but please remember to give them credit for their work.

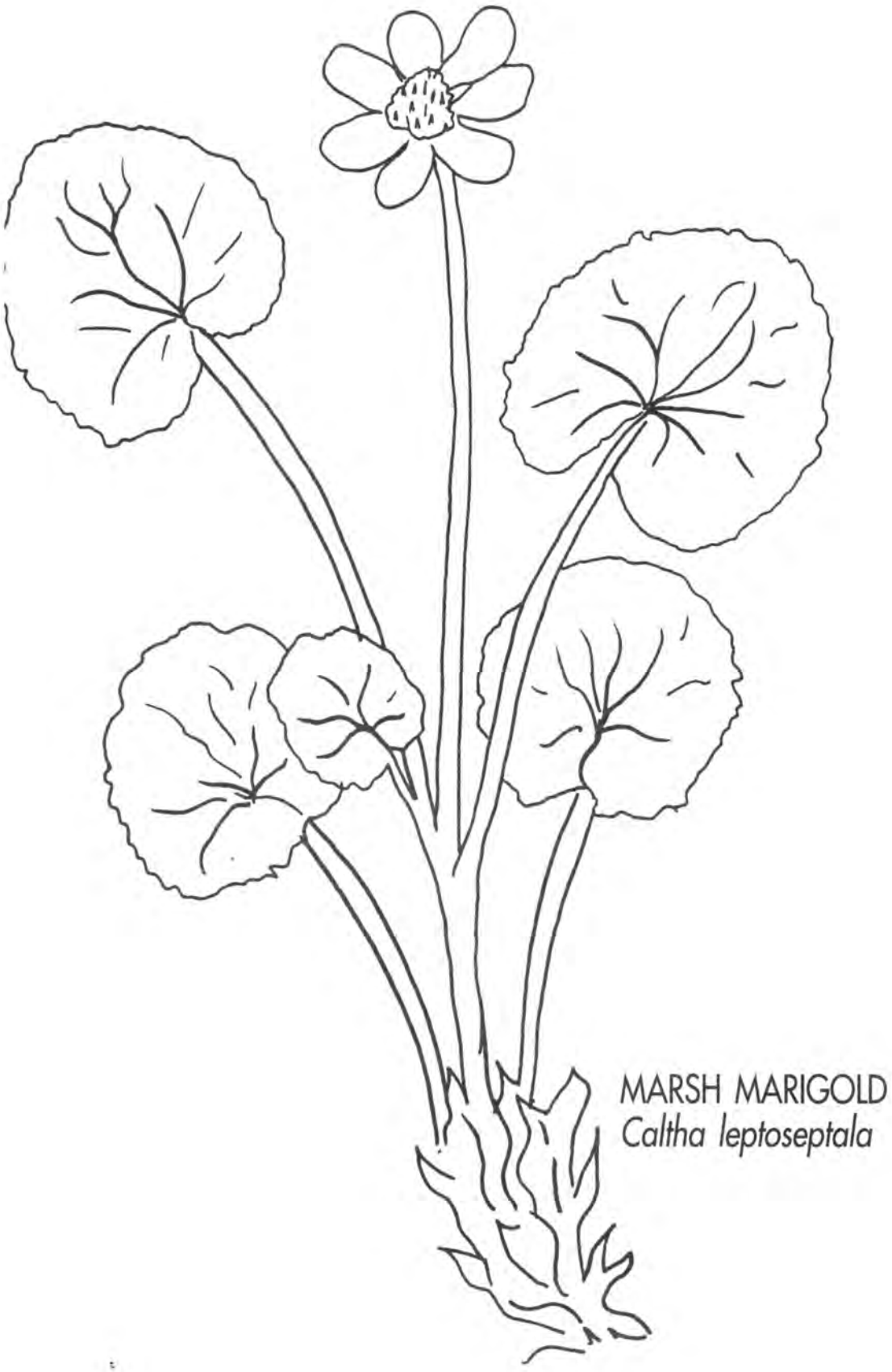


GLACIER OR FAWN LILY
Erythronium grandiflorum

This plant blooms as soon as the snow melts each spring.

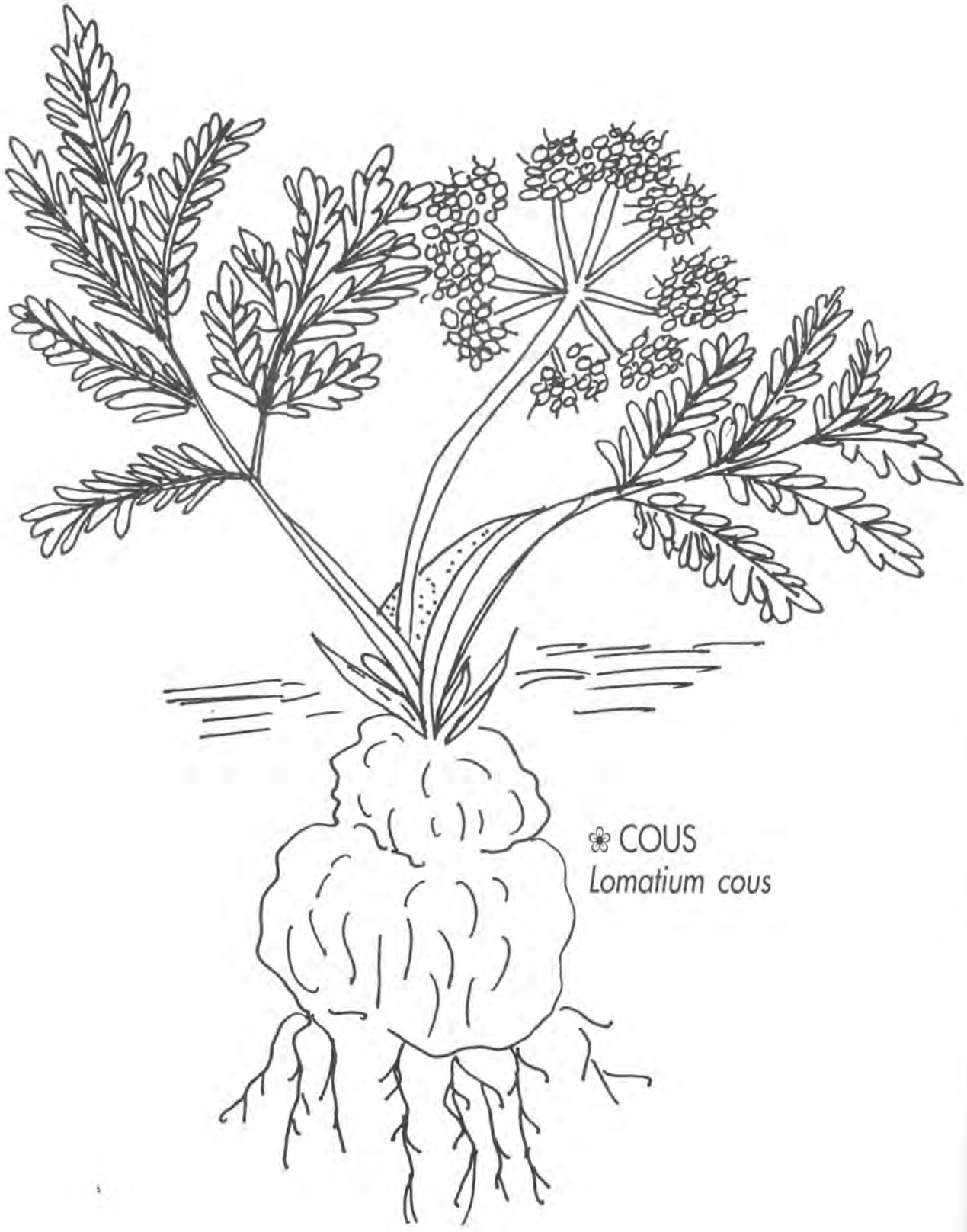
❀ CAMAS OR CAMAS LILY
Camassia quamash

These dark blue flowers form a sea of blue in some Idaho wet meadows.



MARSH MARIGOLD
Caltha leptoseptala

Elk like to eat the tender leaves of this plant.

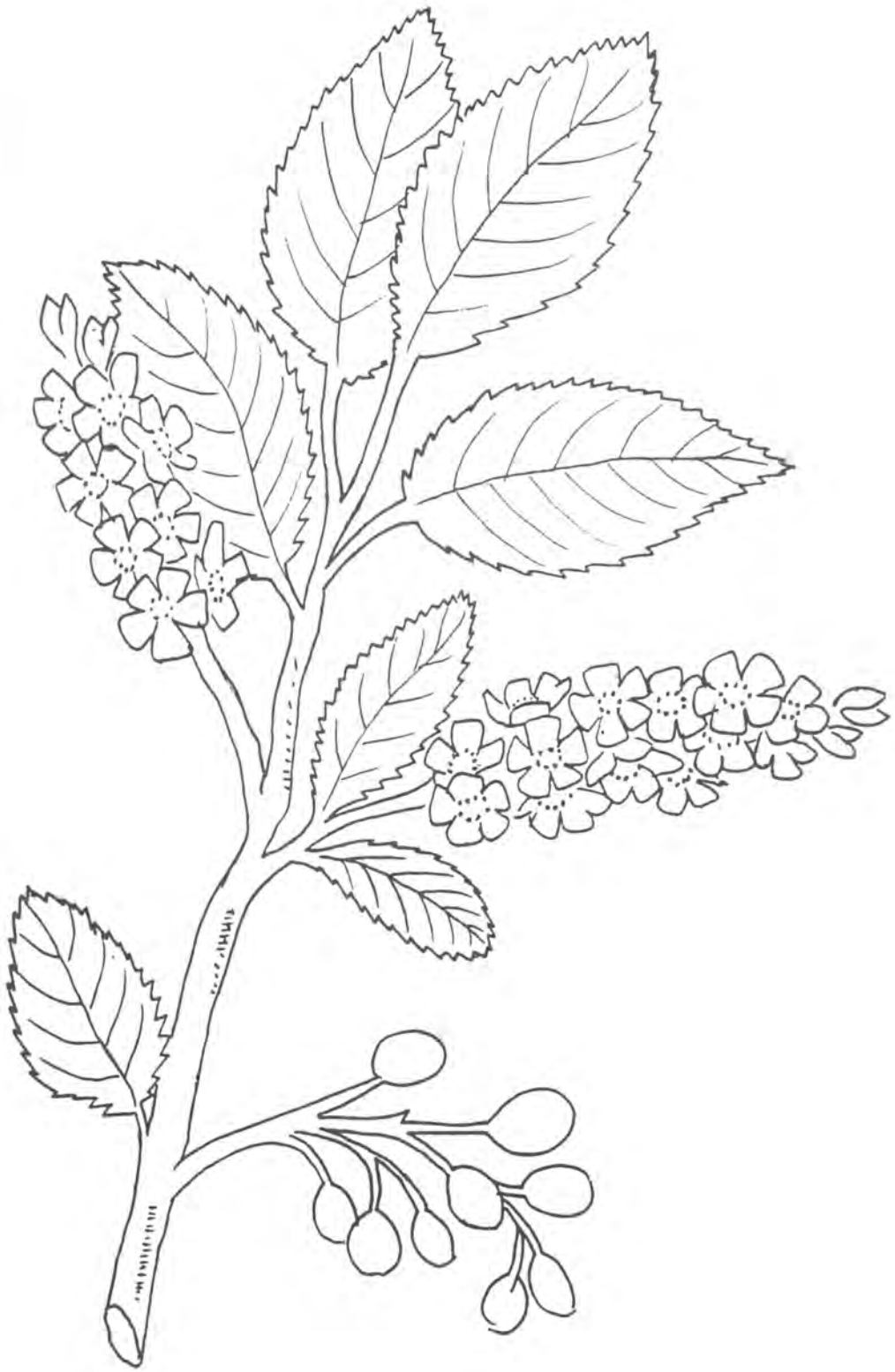


❀ COUS
Lomatium cous

The large root of this little plant was an important food for Native Americans.

COLUMBINE
Aquilegia formosa

Look for this plant in moist, shady places in the forest.



CHOKECHERRY
Prunus virginiana

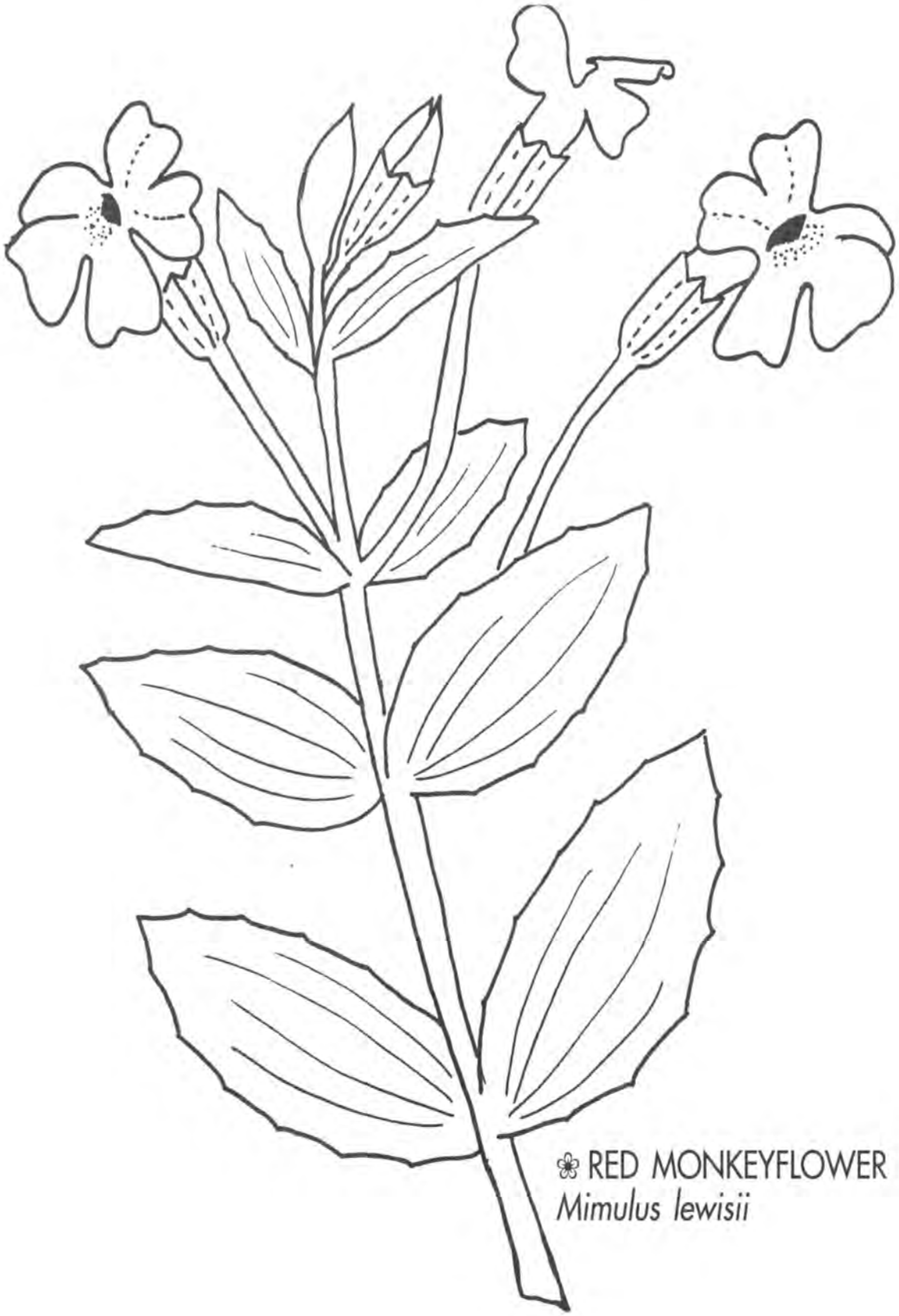
Birds, bears and coyotes enjoy this plant's juicy fruits.

❀ ARROWLEAF BALSAMROOT
Balsamorhiza sagittata

These plants can live as long as humans!

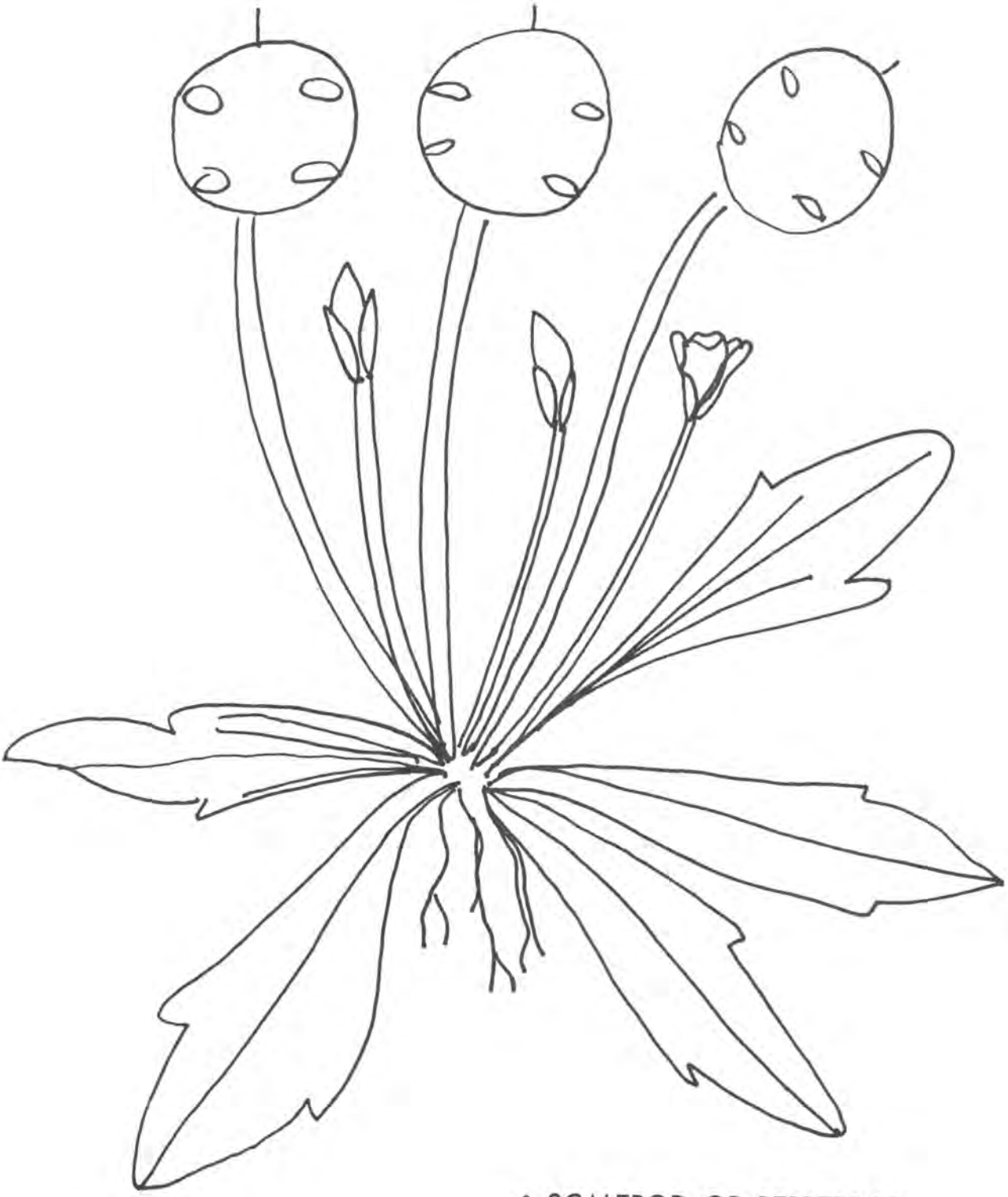
❀ SULFUR BUCKWHEAT
Eriogonum umbellatum

Buckwheat plants form mats from which showy flowers grow.



❀ RED MONKEYFLOWER
Mimulus lewisii

The leaves of the monkeyflower plant are very sticky and the flowers look like a grinning monkey.

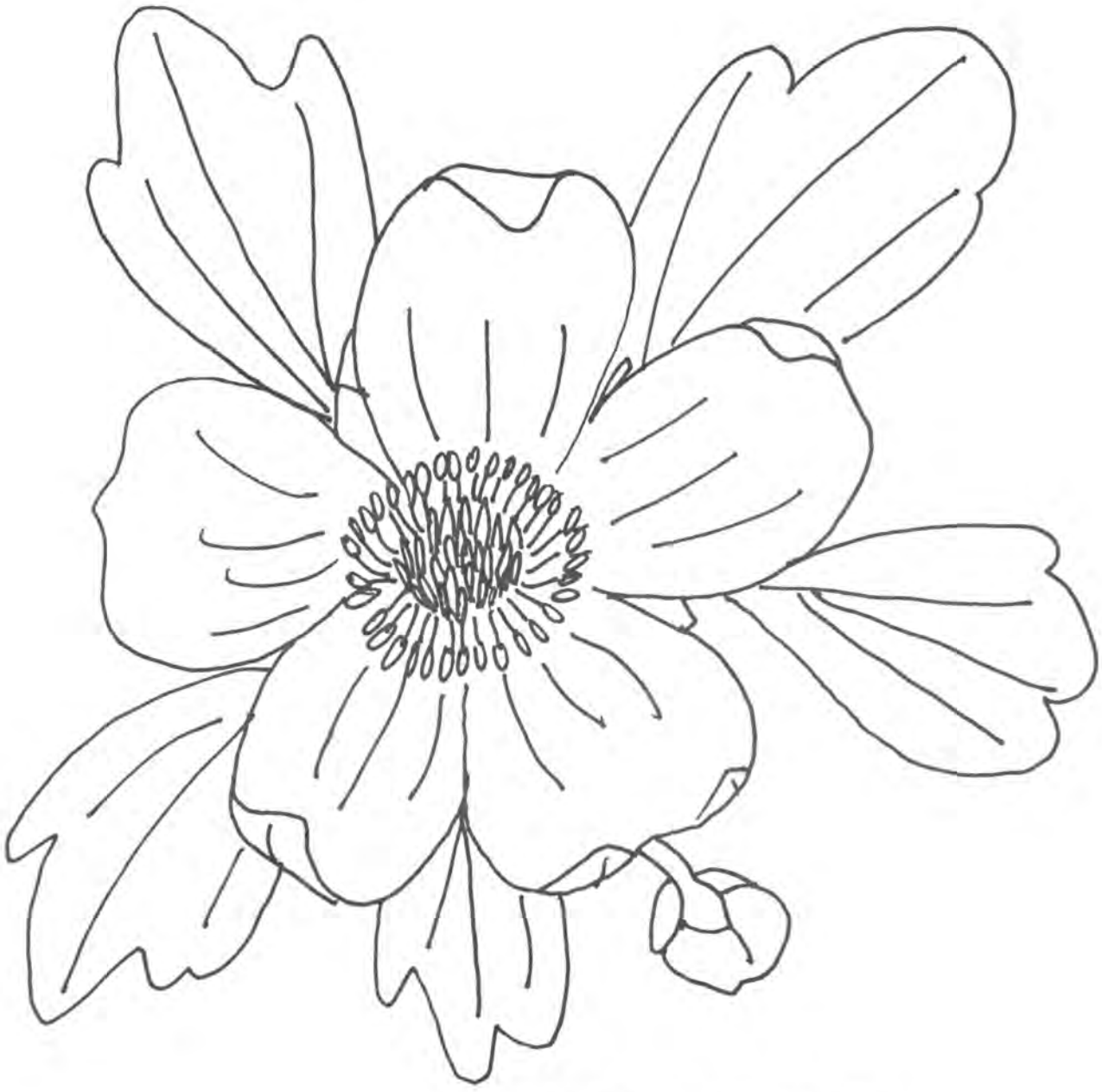


❀ SCALEPOD OR PEPPERPOD
Idahoa scapigera

This tiny (1-to-4-inch tall) plant was named after Idaho!

❀ PRAIRIE LUPINE
Lupinus aridus

Did you know that lupines are related to peas and beans?



❀ SAGEBRUSH BUTTERCUP
Ranunculus glaberrimus

One of our earliest spring wildflowers. The yellow flowers are the size of a quarter.

❀ SYRINGA OR MOCKORANGE
Philadelphus lewisii

This is Idaho's state flower and it smells like orange blossoms!

SMALL BLUEBELLS
Mertensia longiflora

Bees sometimes sleep in the flowers of this plant!

❀ WOOLY SUNFLOWER
Eriophyllum lanatum

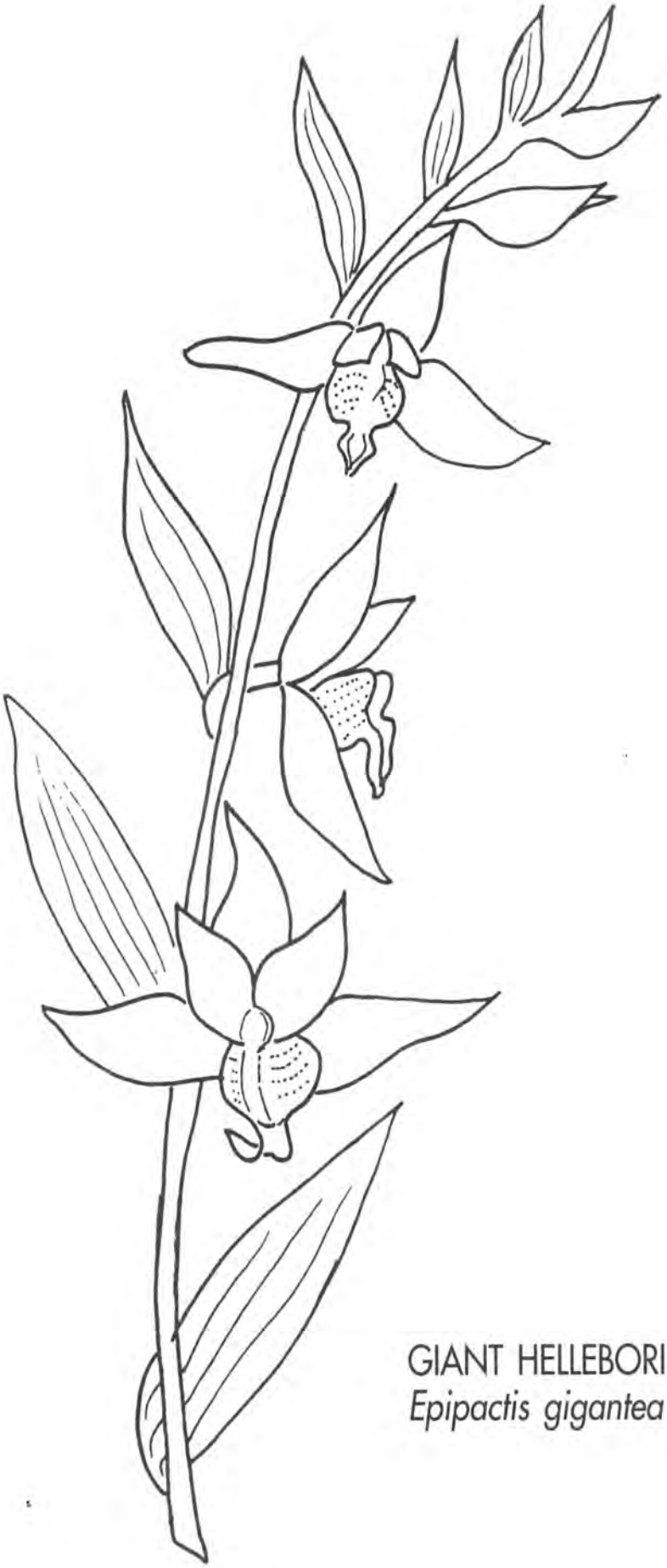
Bright yellow flowers give this plant its other common name — Oregon sunshine.

❀ TUFTED EVENING-PRIMROSE
Oenothera caespitosa

The large, showy white flowers turn pink with age.

❀ MOUNTAIN MARIPOSA
Calochortus eurycarpus

This showy flower grows from a bulb. It is a relative of the common lily.

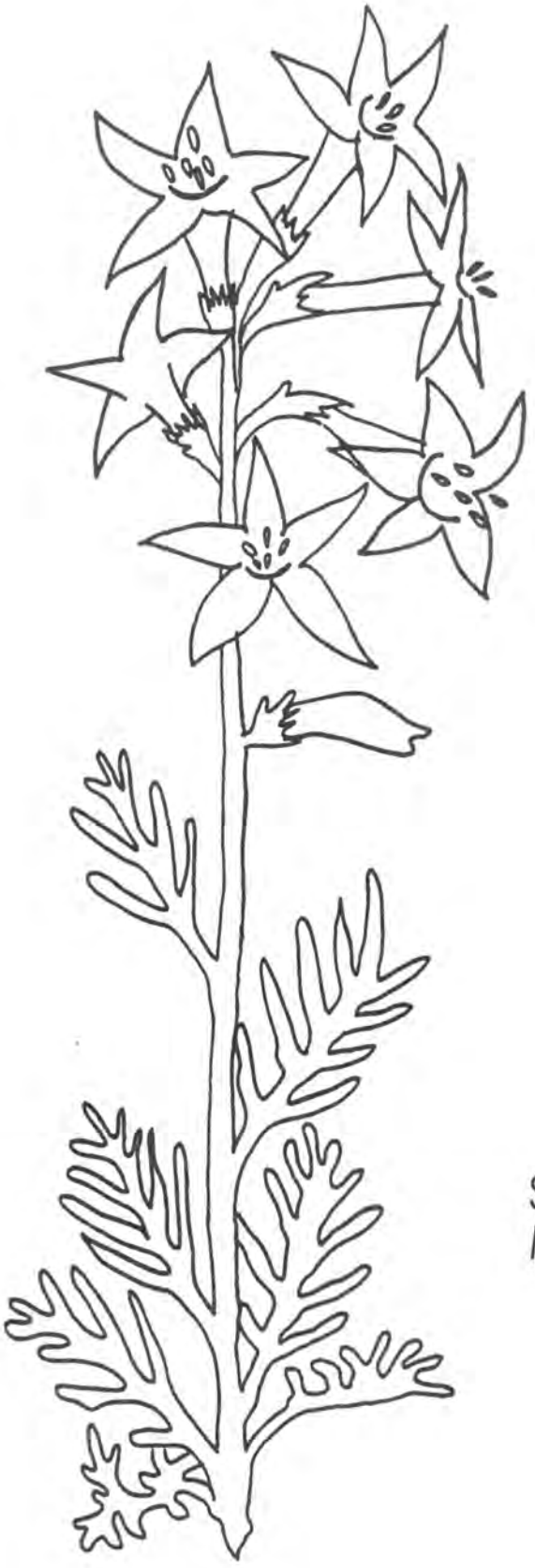


GIANT HELLEBORINE
Epipactis gigantea

This orchid lives near hotsprings. Please don't pick it — it is rare!

❀ BLUE-EYED GRASS
Sisyrinchium angustifolium

This plant likes to grow in moist locations.



SCARLET GILIA
Ipomopsis aggregata

The bright red trumpet-like flowers are favorites of hummingbirds.