

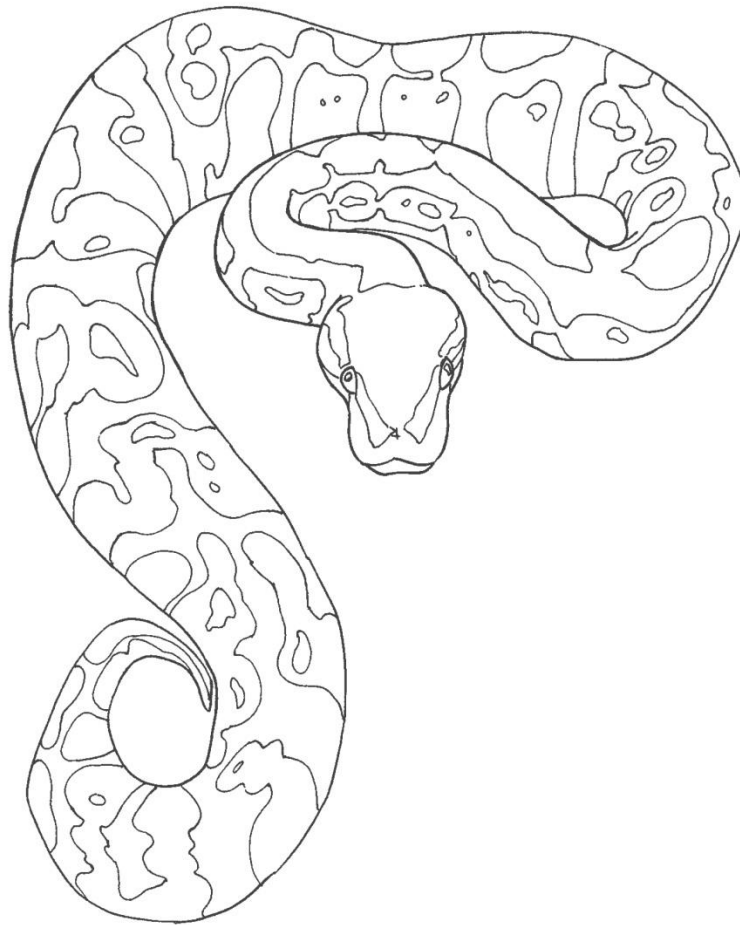
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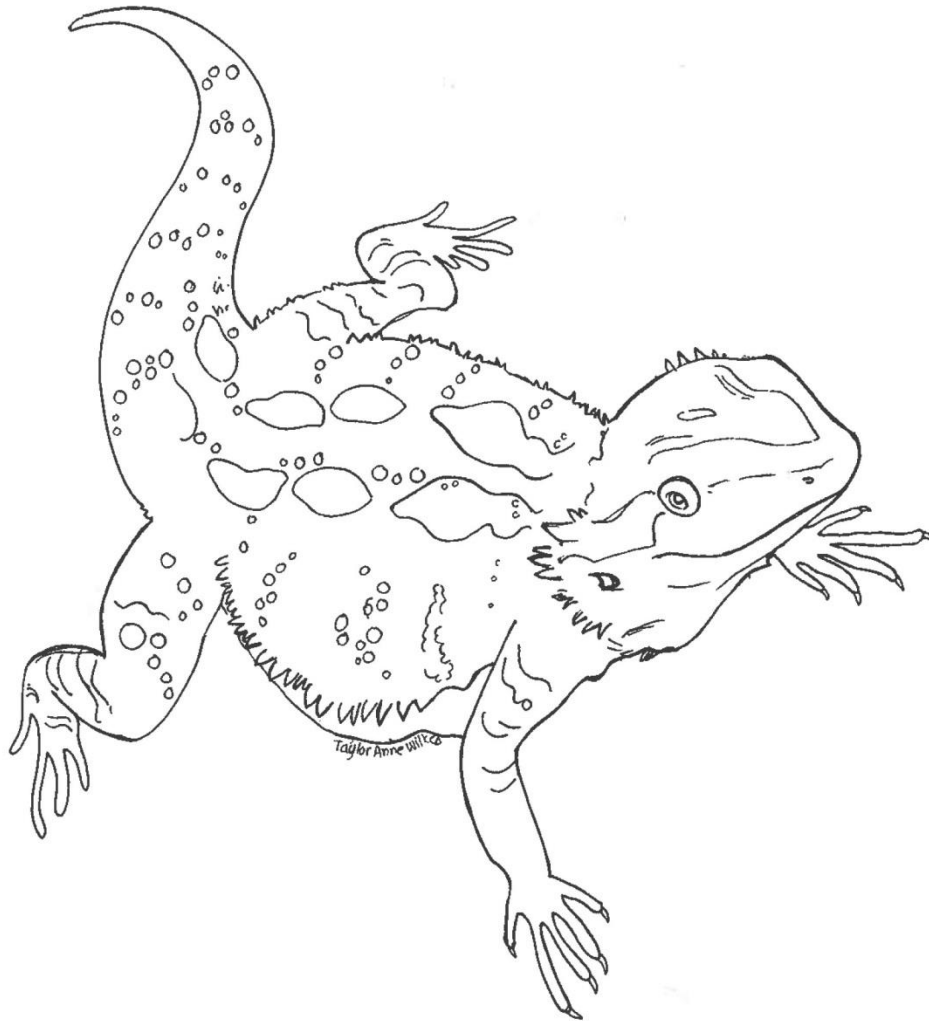
Ball Python



Ball pythons are very friendly and shy creatures. These snakes can be found in parts of Africa. Ball pythons get their name from the “ball” shape they coil into when feeling scared or threatened by predators. They think that if they cannot see you, you cannot see them (like a game of “peek-a-boo”)!

Fun Fact: Ball pythons have long life spans. The average life span of these snakes range between 20-30 years.

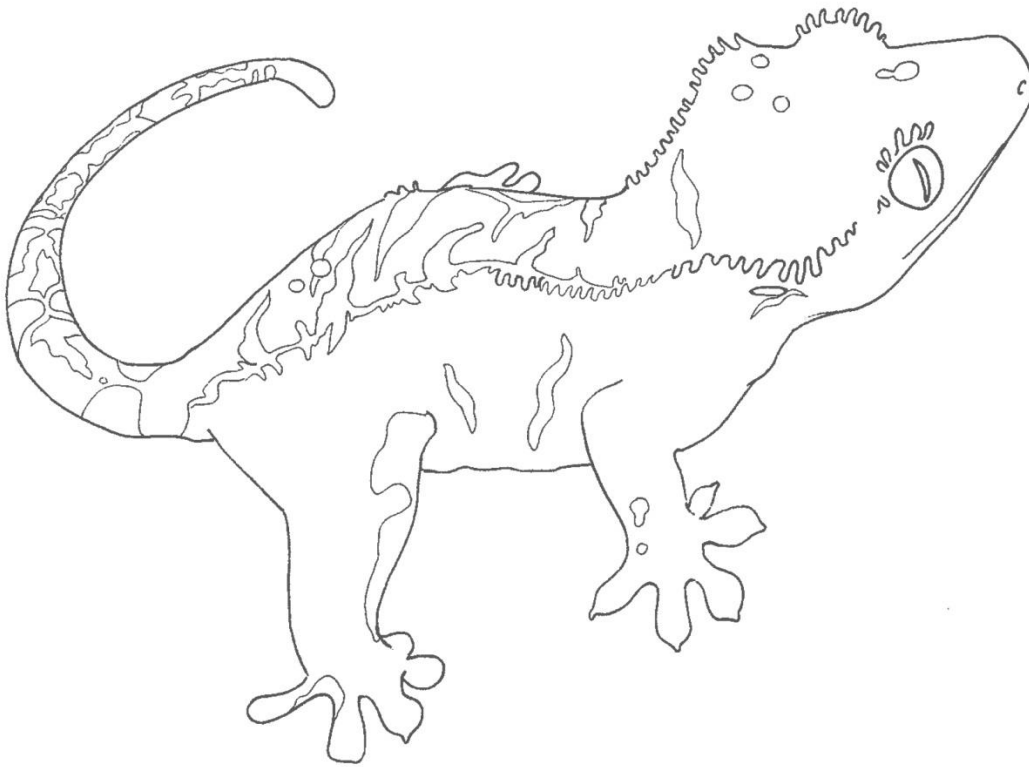
Bearded Dragon



Bearded dragons are native to Australia. In Australia, all lizards are called “dragons.” You will often find these creatures basking in the sunlight. They get their name from the black beard that shows under their necks when they are showing dominance or feel threatened by predators.

Fun Fact: In the 2003 Disney movie, *Holes*, several bearded dragons were cast as the feared and venomous “yellow-spotted lizards.” However, bearded dragons are not venomous at all, and make great pets!

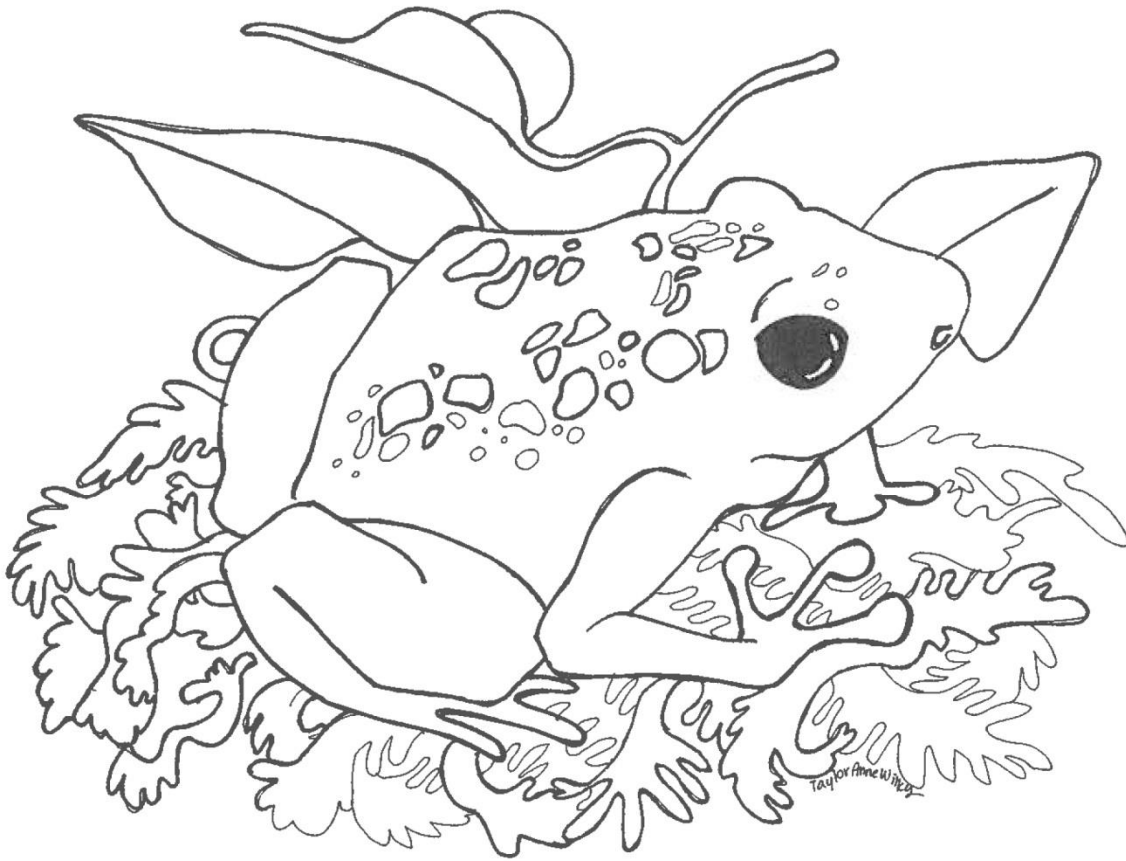
Crested Gecko



Crested geckos can be found on the small island of New Caledonia (near Australia). These geckos get their name from the crest that runs from their eyes, all the way down their body. Crested geckos love to jump and are mainly active during the night. Their favorite foods are various fruits and insects, such as crickets.

Fun Fact: Crested geckos, as well as many other species of gecko, do not have eyelids. If dirt or water lands on their eyes, they use their tongues to lick them clean.

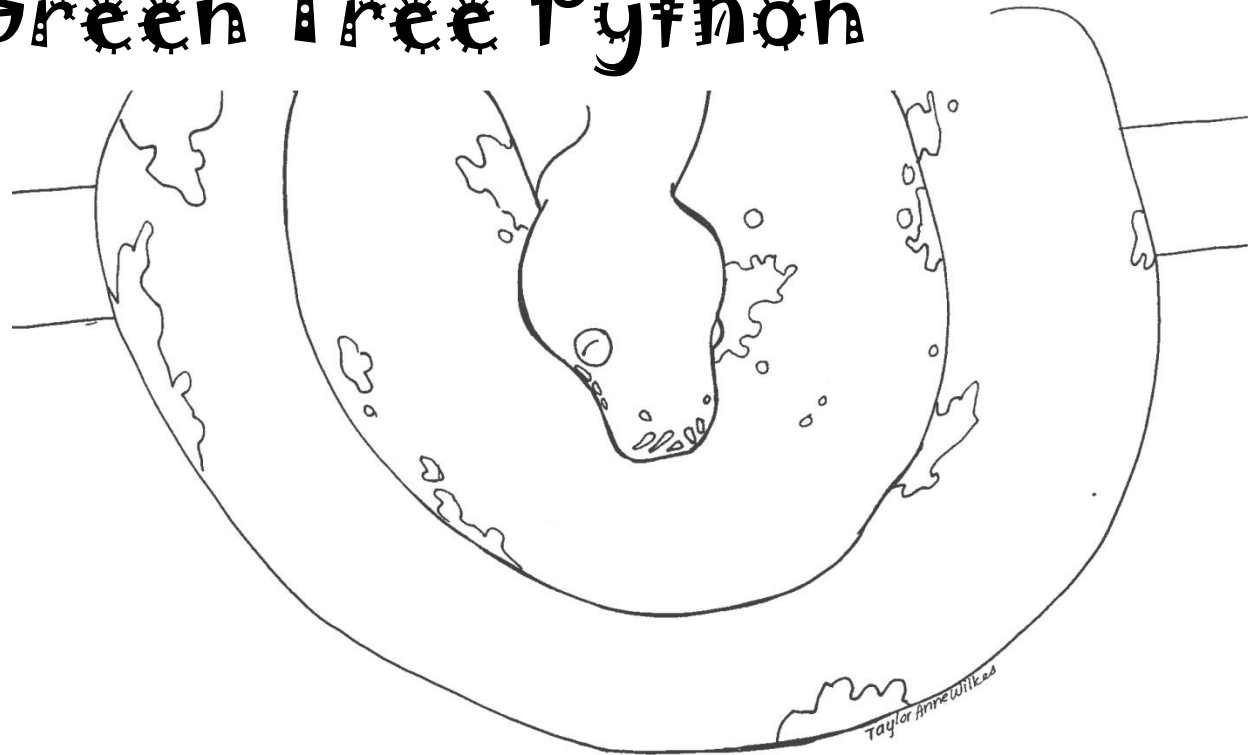
Poison Dart Frog



Poison dart frogs are very bright in color. They use this coloration to tell predators, “Hey, I’m poisonous and can make you very sick!” Dart frogs get their poison from the food they eat in the wild. Frogs that are raised in captivity, like the ones in the BGSU Herpetarium, are not poisonous because they do not eat the food that allows them to make poison.

Fun Fact: Did you know there is a difference between poisonous and venomous? Venomous animals must bite their predator or prey in order to and affect them with the venom (toxin goes into the bloodstream). Poisonous animals, on the other hand, must have contact through ingestion, or being swallowed.

Green Tree Python

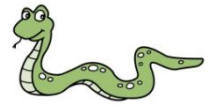
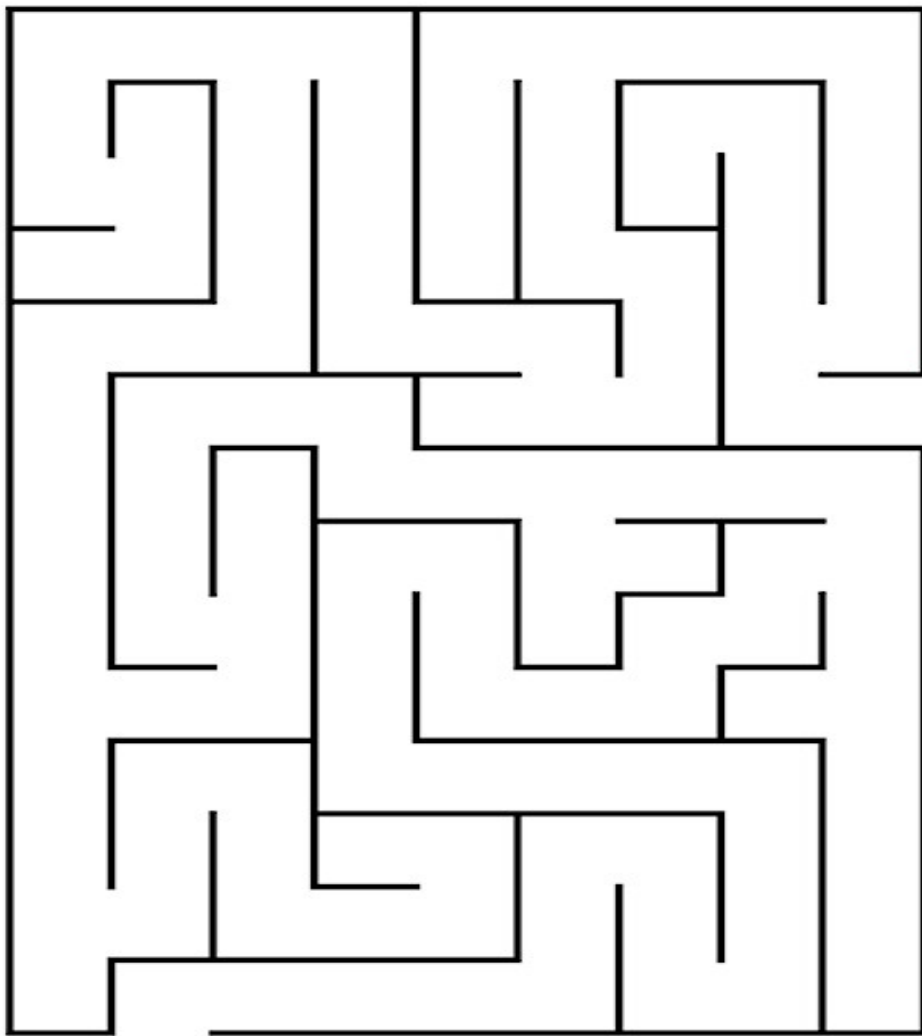


Green Tree Pythons are very beautiful creatures. These pythons get their name from the bright green color of their skin. They are often found on tree branches in tight coils, where they live, hunt, eat, and sleep. The BGSU Herpetarium has four Green Tree Pythons, two of which are on loan from the Toledo Zoo!

Fun Fact: When Green Tree Pythons hatch, their scales are not green, but shades of yellow, or brick red. As the snake becomes more mature, the green becomes the prominent color.

Snake Maze

This little snake went on an adventure and became lost. Follow the maze to help the snake find its way home!



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Reptile Word Search

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