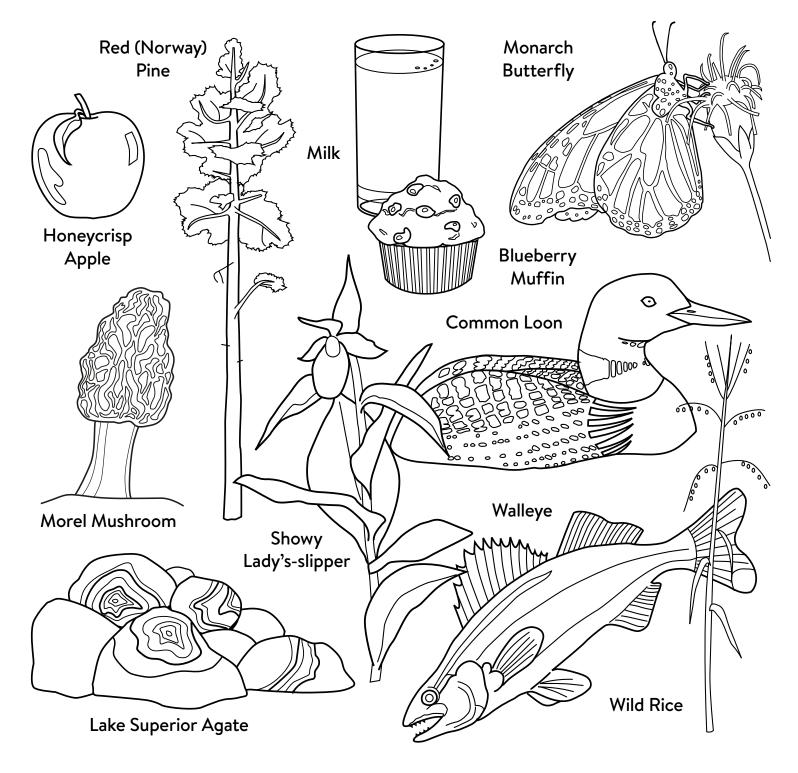
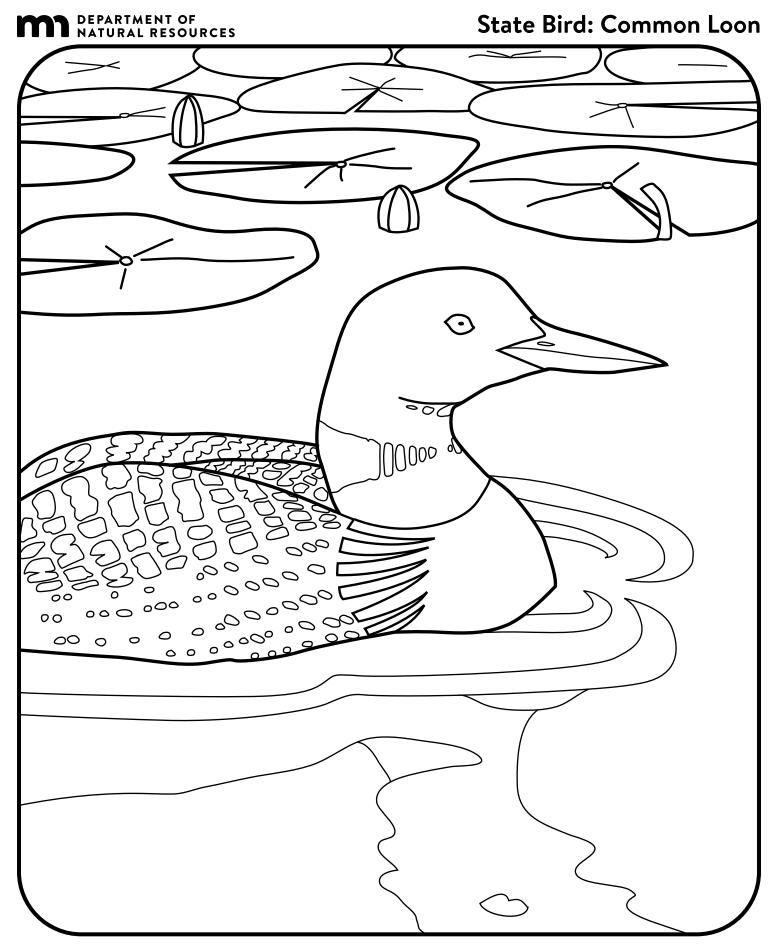


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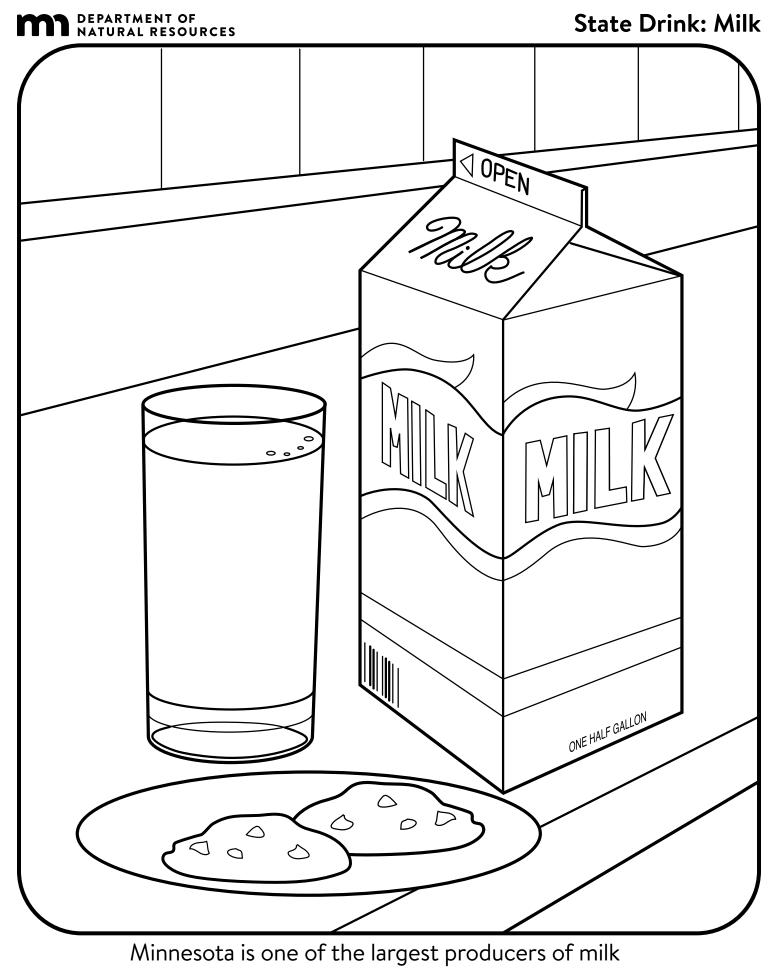
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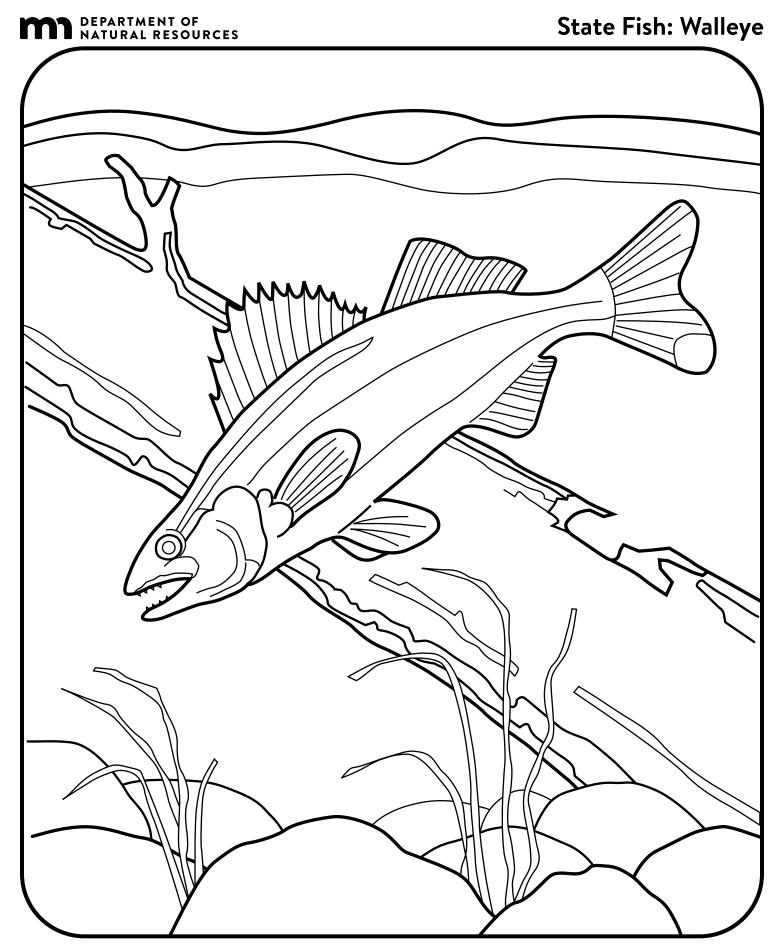
Loons are large black and white birds with deep green-tinted feathers and red eyes. They are excellent divers, swimmers and flyers.



Monarch butterflies are orange and black with white spots. They weigh less than 1 ounce. They love blazing star flowers.



in the United States.



The walleye has big, marble-like eyes and a white spot on the bottom tip of its tail. Anglers love to catch this fish.



This flower is pink and white with a green stem. Showy lady's slippers can live to be 100 years old. This orchid is protected by Minnesota law.



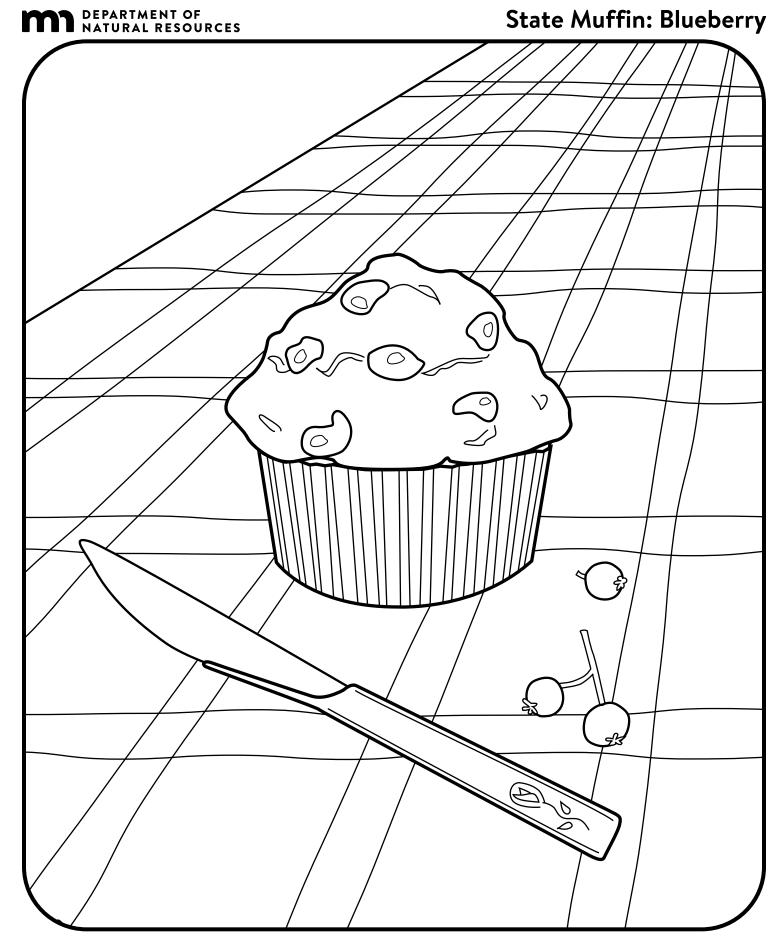
The honeycrisp apple is mostly red with a yellow background. The honeycrisp apple tree is hardy enough to survive normal Minnesota winters.

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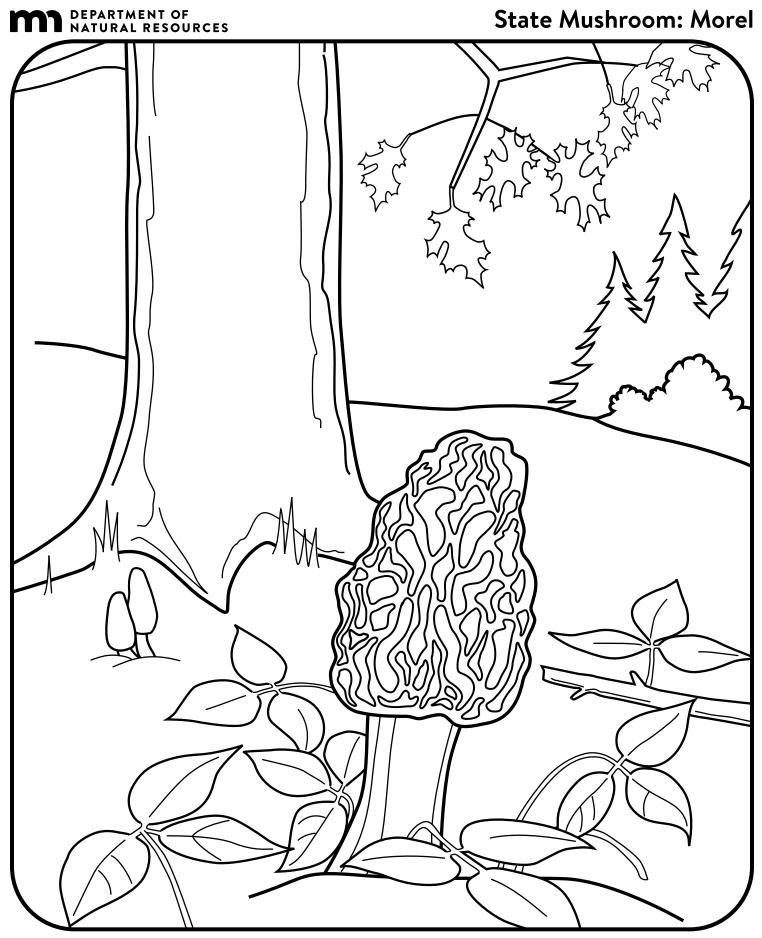
These brown stones have colorful bands of red, yellow, orange, and white. Some agates can weigh up to 20 pounds.



Wild rice looks like grass growing in water. It is green during the growing season. The seeds turn brown when they are ready to be picked.



Blueberries are native to northeastern Minnesota. Look for them in the springtime.



The morel mushroom is tan to brown in color. It can be found growing on slopes in deciduous forests in the springtime.



This tree has reddish brown bark. The tallest red pine in Minnesota is 120 feet high and is located in Itasca County.