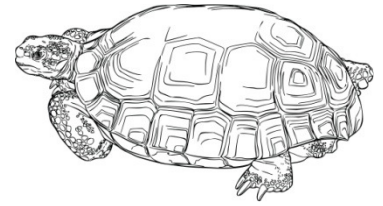


Desert Tortoise Week- October 4-8, 2021

Participate in our Desert Tortoise scavenger hunt and help us celebrate this iconic desert species. Find the following items and follow the instructions for each below:



- **Flowering plant.** Did you know that Desert Tortoise's get most of their water and nutrition from plants, including colorful canyon flowers? Find and take a photograph of a flowering plant in the canyon that a tortoise might enjoy having for a snack this fall. Can you identify your flower?

(FYI, common fall flowers include: Desert Marigolds, Trailing Windmills, Desert Four O-clocks, Chinchweed).

- **Tracks.** Like many desert residents, tortoises may be hard to spot depending when and where you are visiting. Watching for signs of wildlife activity, such as looking for tracks, is a big clue in knowing who has been around. Find a random track, sketch it in the space below and see if you can identify who made it:



- **Wildlife Crossing sign.** One of the main hazards for the desert tortoise and other resident wildlife is crossing the road safely. Locate a wildlife crossing sign in the park and, from a safe location, take a selfie with the sign.
- **Desert holes and burrows.** To escape the heat, tortoises and other resident wildlife seek out underground holes and burrows for shelter. Find a desert hole along a trail and observe its size and shape. On the back of this page, sketch your observations and write your ideas below on who might use this desert hole.
Tip: Watch for tracks, chewed seeds/plants, or other signs around the hole's entrance that might give a hint about who is using this shelter:
