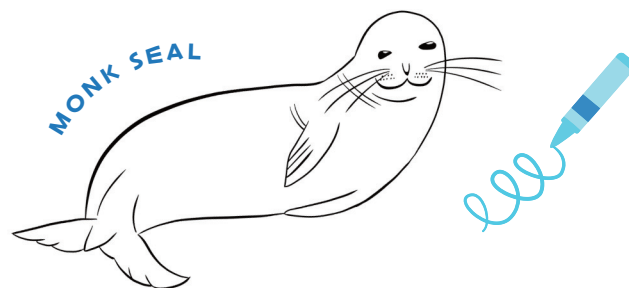




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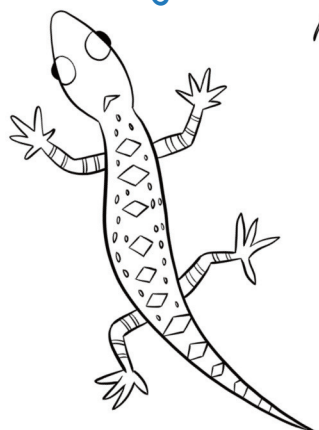
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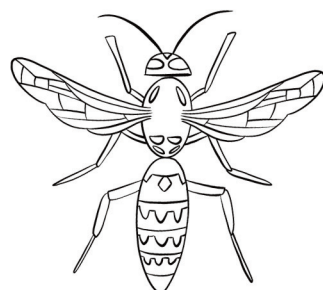
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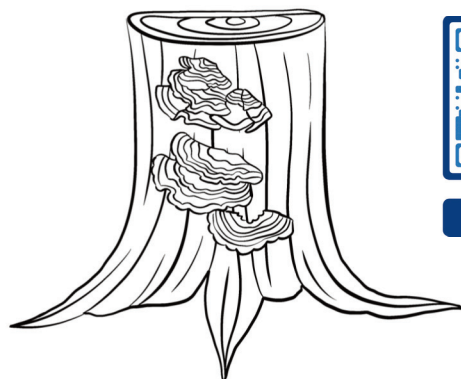
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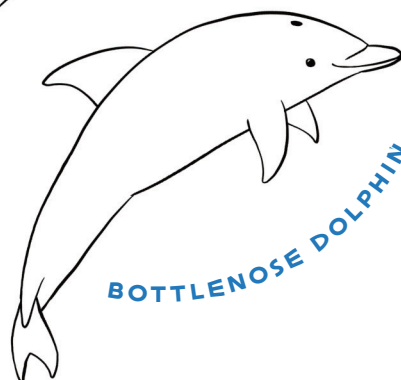
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# WILD WONDERS OF THE IONIAN

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## PROTECTING THE IONIAN TOGETHER

At Scott Williams, we care deeply about the Ionian Islands and are proud to be the first villa company to partner with the Ionian Environment Foundation (IEF) – a pioneering charity dedicated to conserving the region's land and sea.

Founded by friends of the Ionian in 2019, the IEF is part of the global Conservation Collective and has already supported a growing number of impactful, grassroots environmental projects across the islands.

We invite our guests to support this vital work through an optional donation with each Ionian booking. Every contribution goes directly to local conservation initiatives, helping to preserve the natural beauty that makes the Ionian so special.

### GRASSHOPPER SYMBOL OF IMMORTALITY

In Ancient Greece, grasshoppers were seen as symbols of eternal youth. Some Athenians even wore golden grasshopper brooches to show noble heritage. Their "singing" inspired poets and was admired by philosophers like Aristotle.



### PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLIES EPIC MIGRATORS

These butterflies fly thousands of kilometers from Africa to Greece every spring! Along the way, they help pollinate wildflowers like lavender and thistles.



### PLANTAGO MAJOR MEDICINAL MARVEL

Plantain leaves, praised by Hippocrates, have been used for centuries to treat wounds, bites, and inflammation.

### WASPS ANCIENT PEST CONTROL

Wasps act as natural pest controllers, helping farmers protect their crops from harmful insects while using fewer chemicals.



### GECKO INSECT-EATING ACROBATS

Geckos are harmless lizards with the amazing ability to stick to walls and ceilings – a skill that even inspired NASA's climbing tech! They also help control bugs in and around homes.



### MONK SEALS CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

With fewer than 1000 left, Mediterranean monk seals are among the rarest sea mammals. Instead of beaches, they hide in sea caves to rest and raise their pups – most likely to stay safe from people and predators.



### CICADAS MUSICAL MASTERS

Cicadas are summer's soundtrack in Greece! They make their loud music by vibrating parts of their bodies. They spend most of their lives underground as nymphs, sometimes for 5 years, before emerging to sing and mate.



### BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS PLAYFUL INTELLIGENCE

Bottlenose dolphins are playful and intelligent, living in close-knit groups called pods. In Greek waters, they hunt and communicate using clicks and whistles, forming strong social bonds like human communities.



### TRAMETES FUNGI LOG MUNCHERS & IMMUNE PUNCHERS

Found on fallen wood in forests, Trametes fungi break down dead trees and return nutrients to the soil. Better known in Eastern medicine, some species can even help boost the immune system!

