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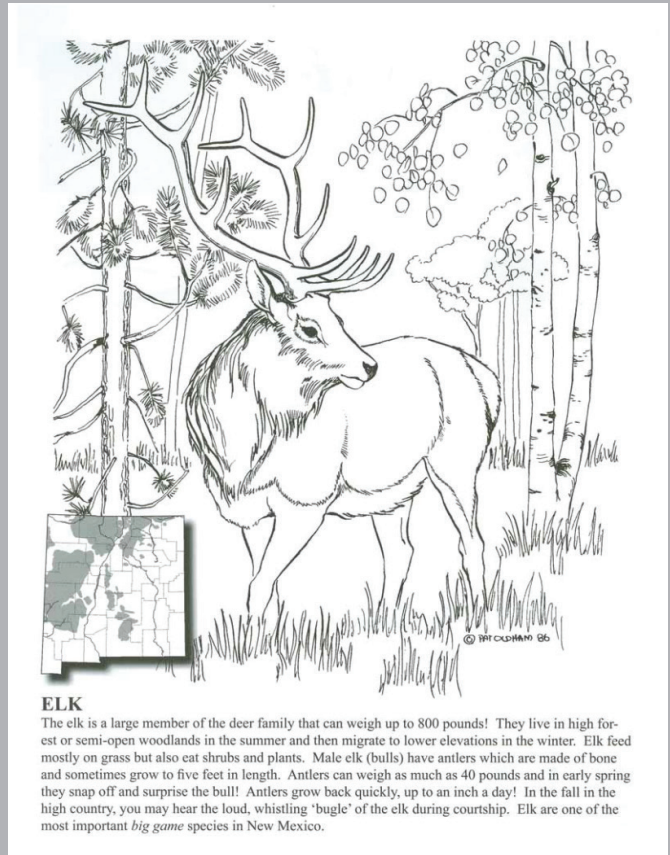
Learning by Coloring - Elk

Grade level:

Pre-K to 4th

Objective:

Learn about elk in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about them. The elk is New Mexico's largest big game animal and lives in all suitable habitats. Yet by the early 20th century elk had vanished from the state completely, following their disappearance from the plains states to the east. Elk were first protected by closing the summer to hunting starting in 1880. As late as 1875, groups of 2,000 elk were seen in the state. Elk were declared game and thus protected by law in 1903, but this could not save the species from extirpation in New Mexico.



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