

NEVADA ACTIVITY PACKET



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NEVADA



Capital: Carson City

Area: 110,345 sq. miles (5th)

Population: 3,115,000 (37th)

Date of Union Entry: 10/31/1864 (32nd state)

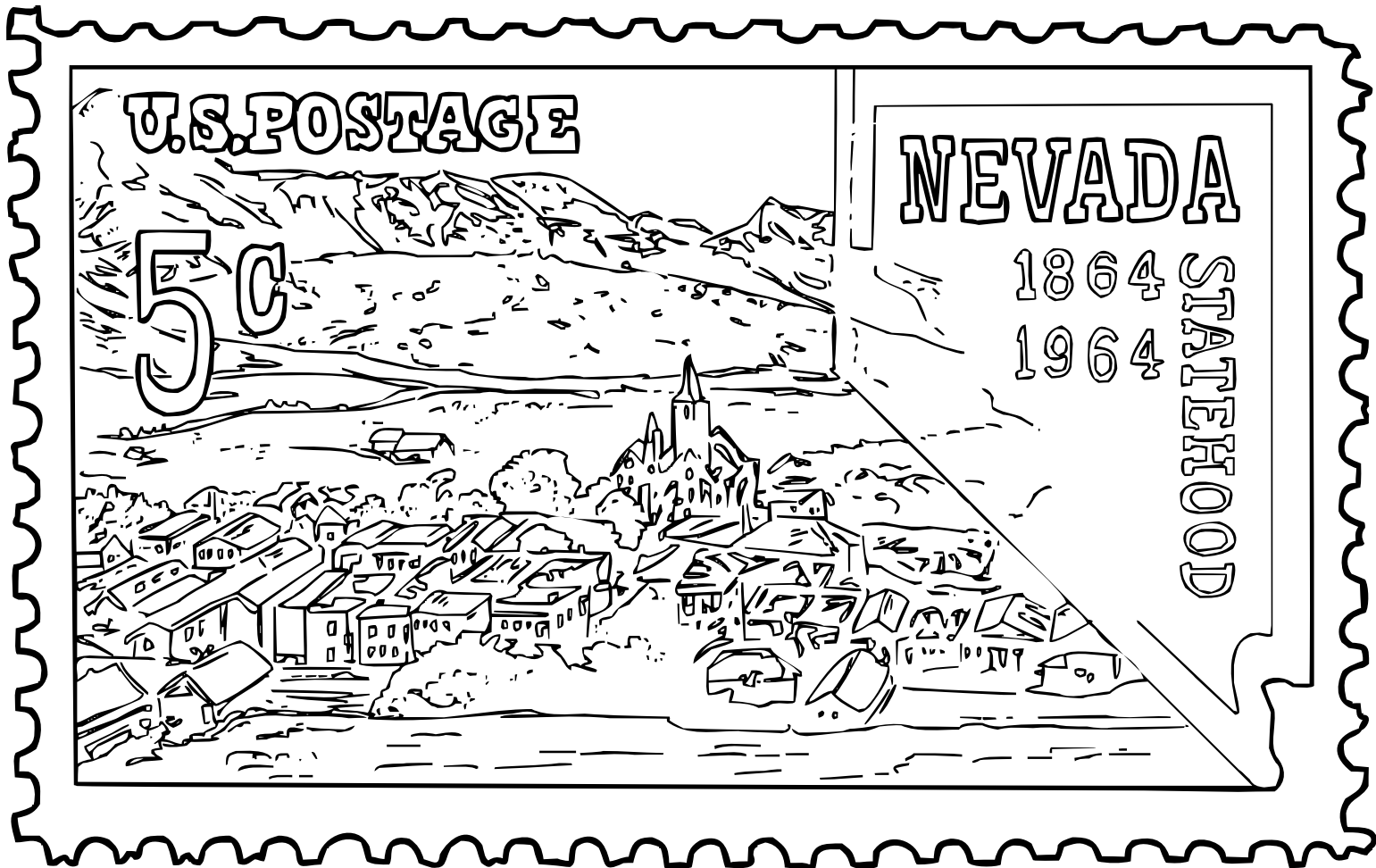
State Bird: Mountain Bluebird

State Flower: Sagebrush

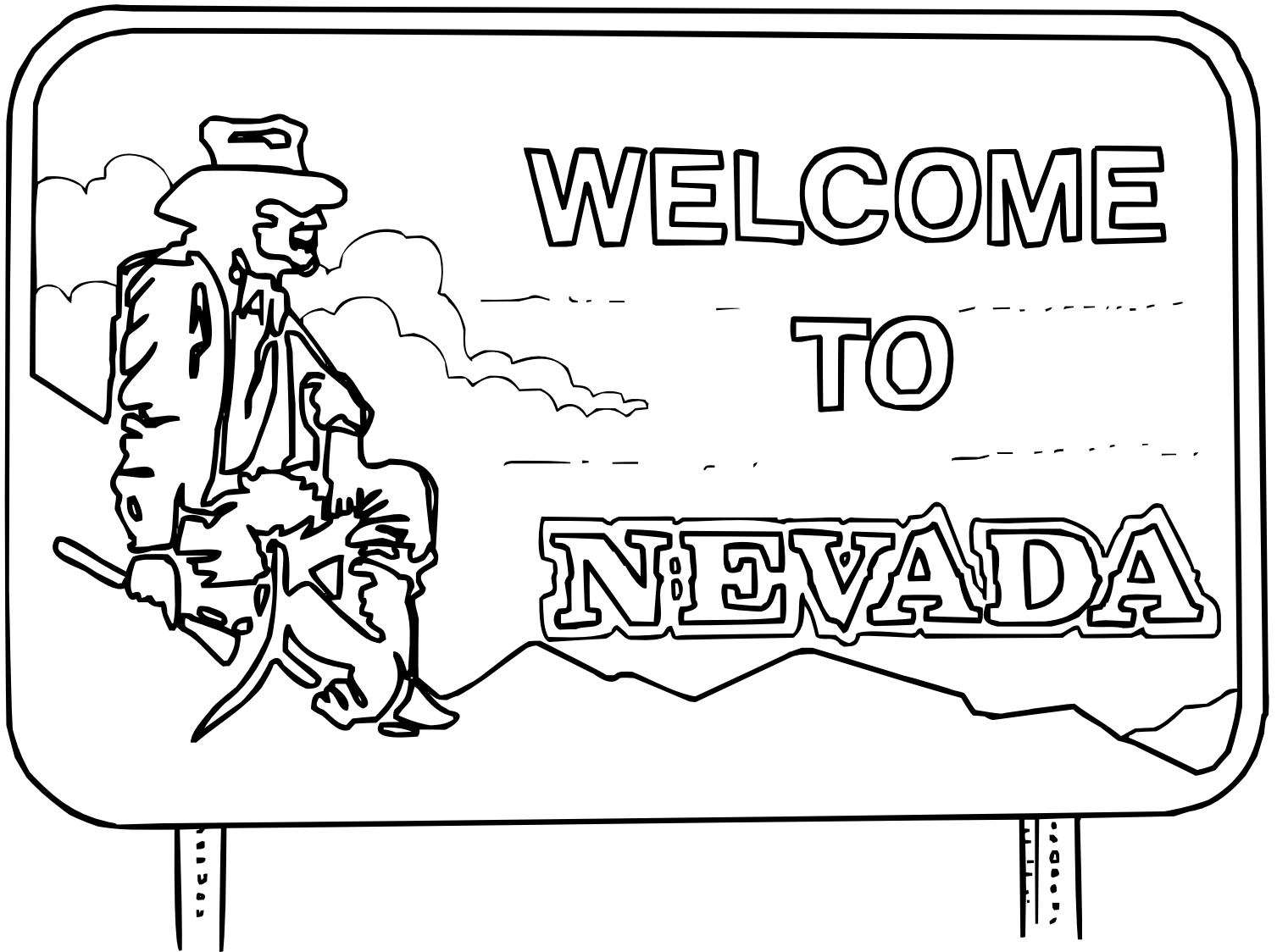
State Tree: Single Leaf Pinon and Bristlecone Pine.

Highest Point: Boundary Peak – 13,143 feet

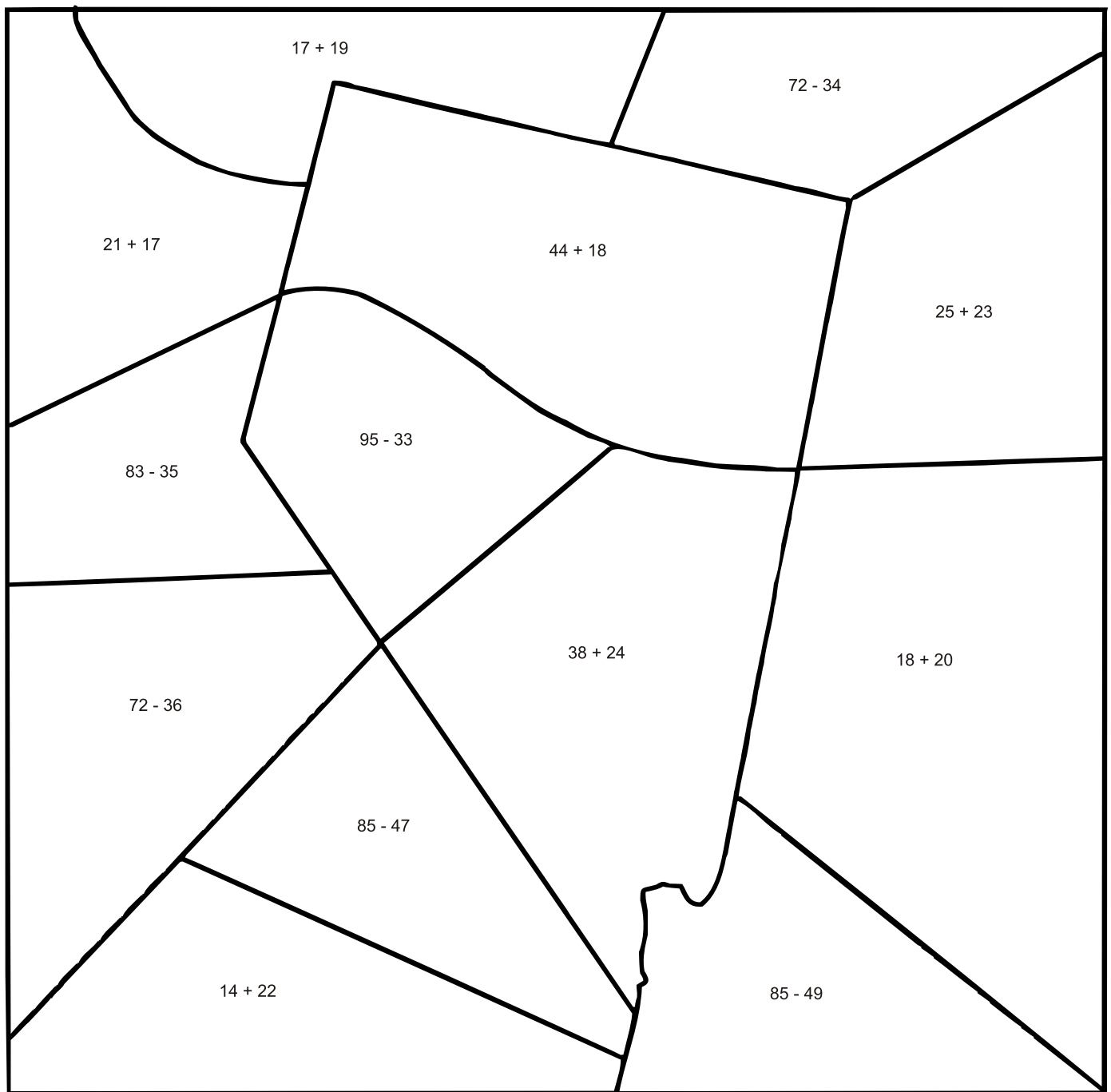
Motto: All for Our Country



Nevada stamp - 5 cents



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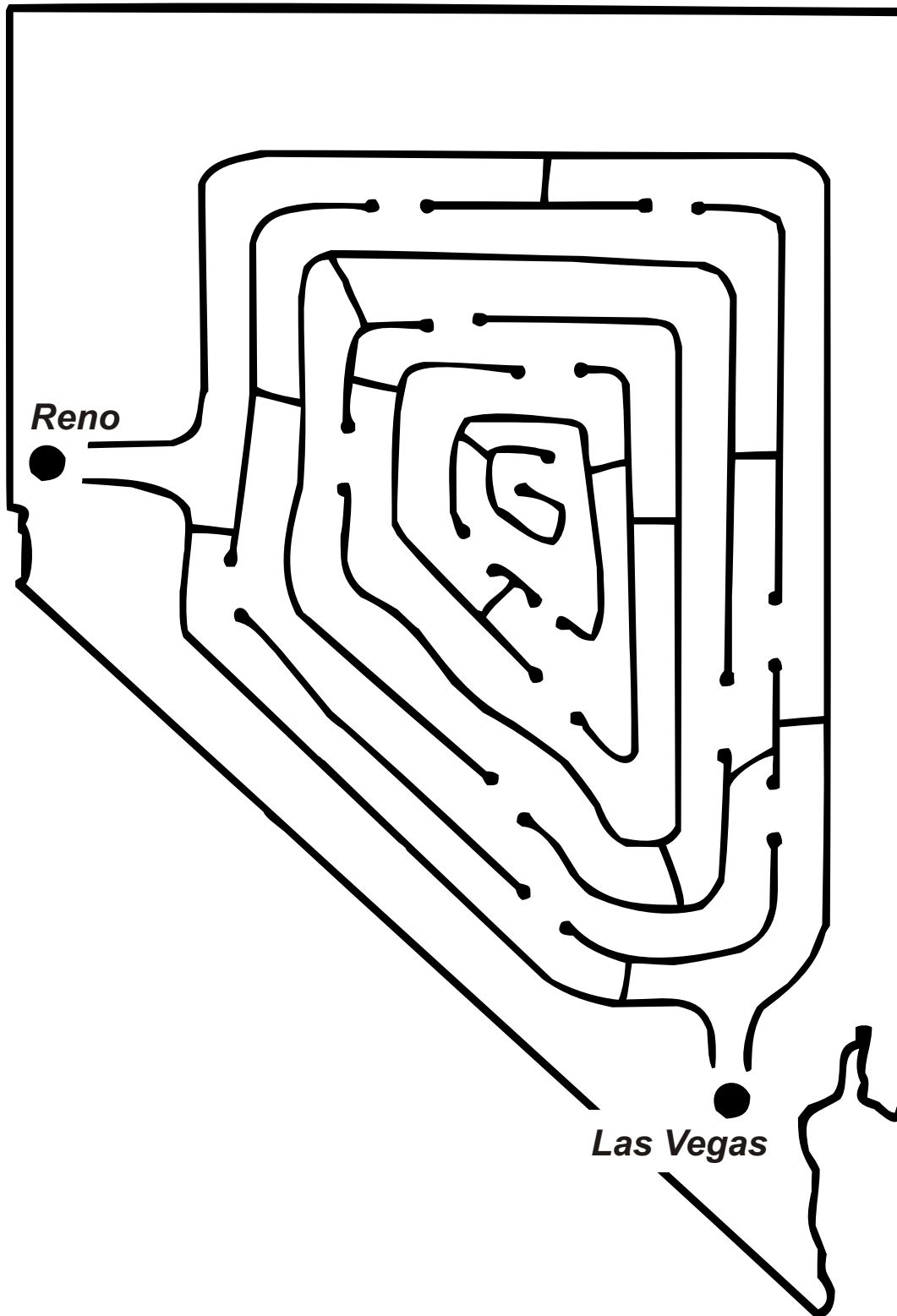


Do you know what state is pictured?

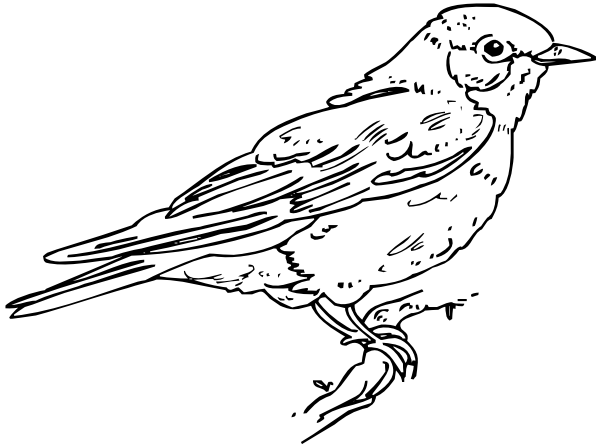
36 = Blue
38 = Red
48 = White
62 = Pink

Nevada Quarter

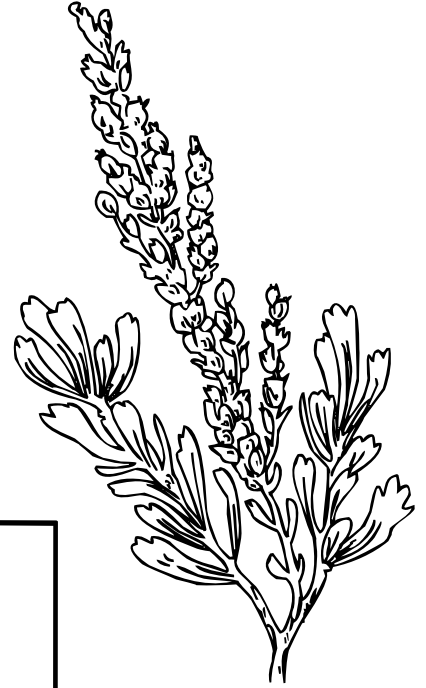




Nevada - The Silver State



Mountain Bluebird



Sagebrush



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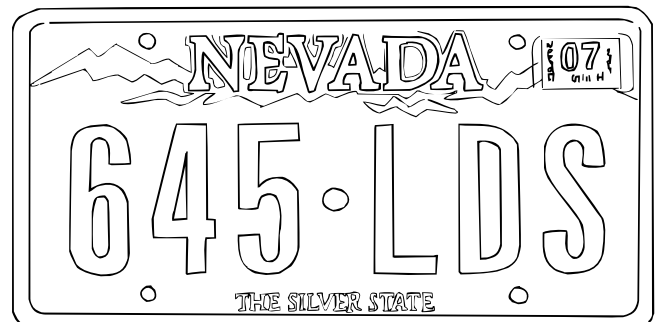
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Bristlecone Pine

State license plate



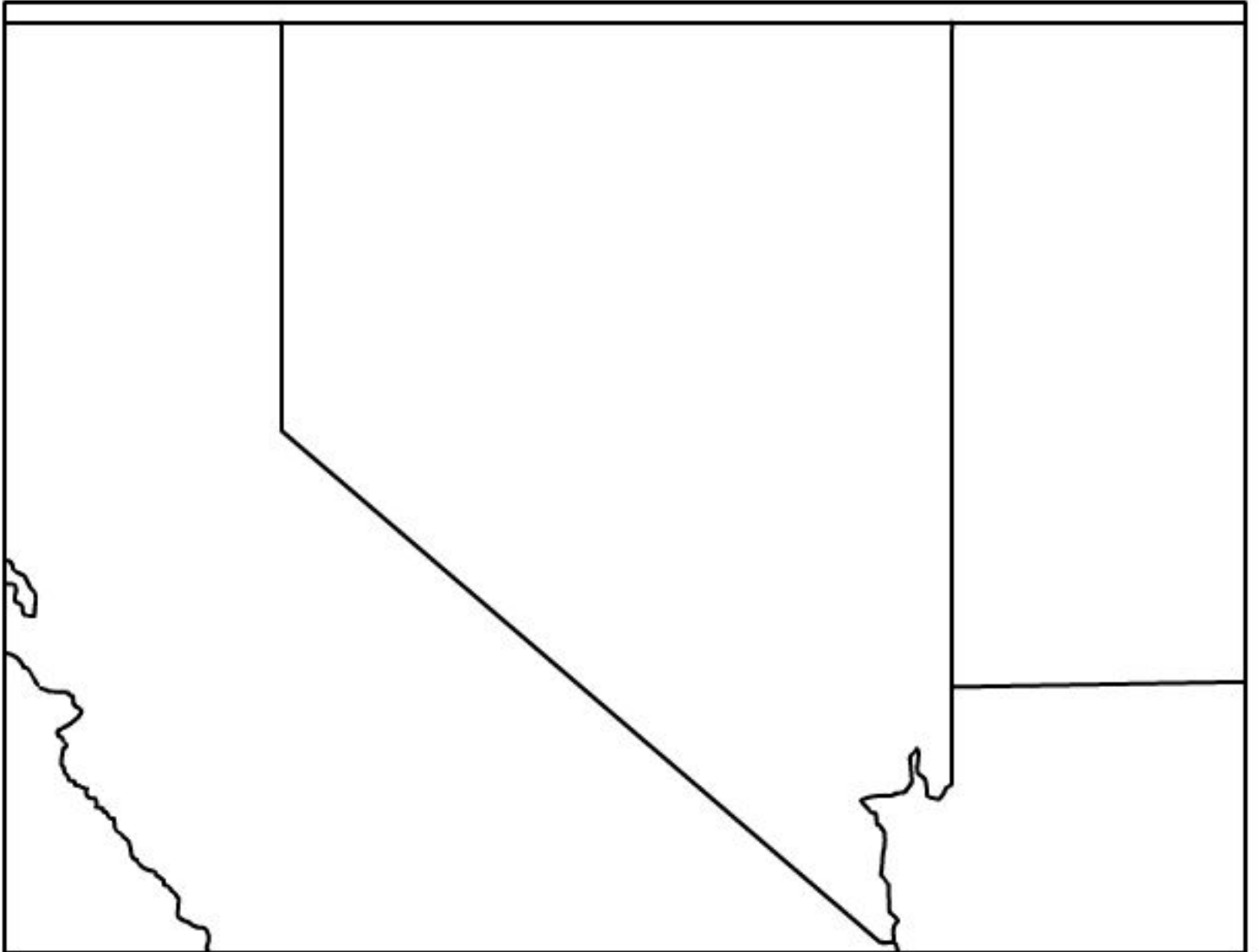


Nevada Flag Outline

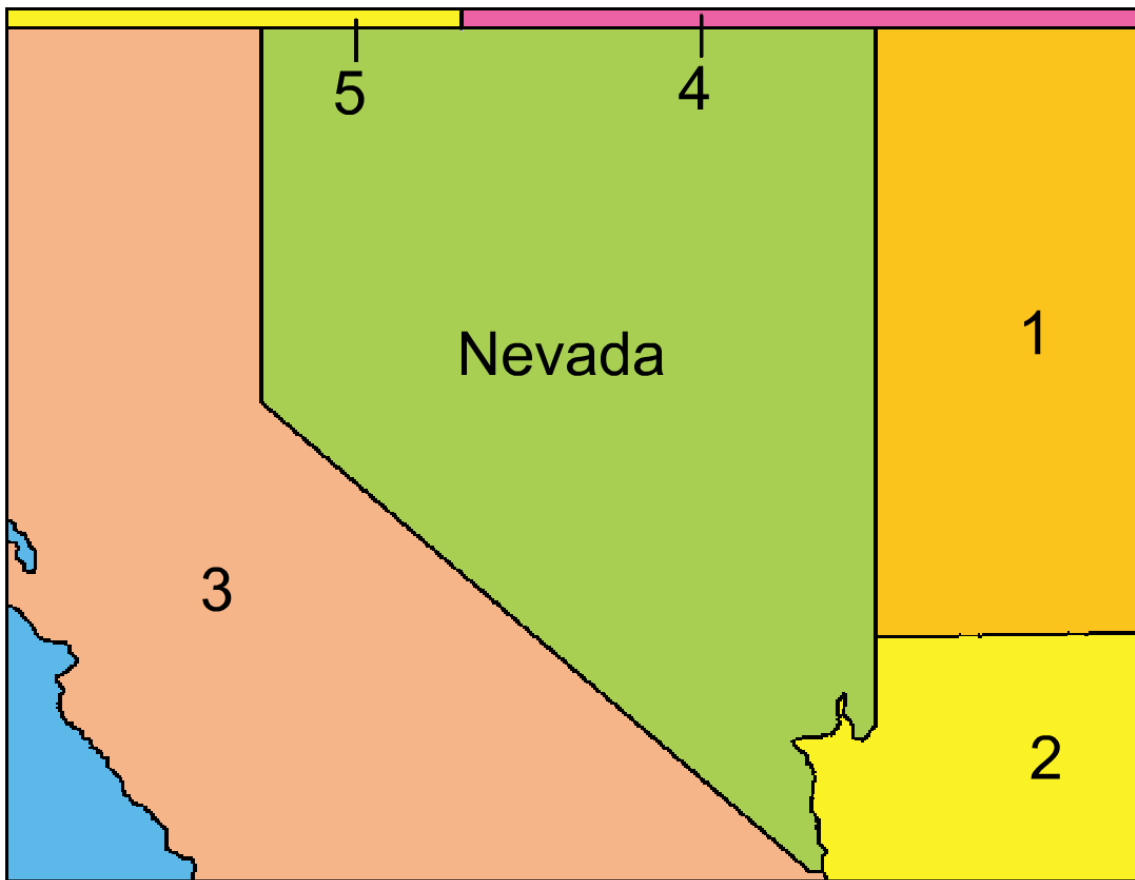




Nevada Map Outline



Nevada Label-me Map – Bordering States and Bodies of water



Nevada Labels

Arizona

California

Oregon

Utah

Idaho

Labels:

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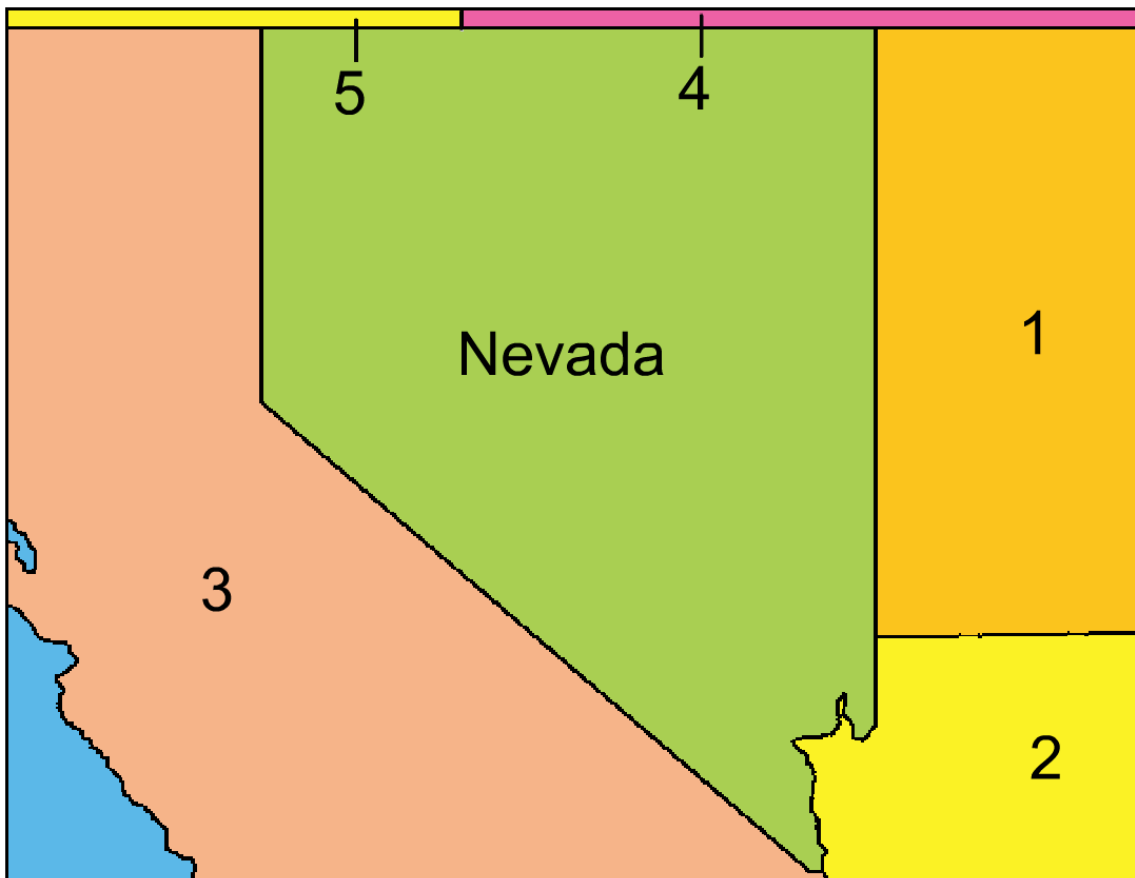
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Labels:

1. Utah
2. Arizona
3. California
4. Idaho
5. Oregon

Roadrunner

If you live in the southwestern United States, you've likely seen a roadrunner. These common birds are ground-dwelling members of the cuckoo family. They are found in the American southwest and Mexico. Roadrunners are starting to spread to the central United States as well.

A roadrunner can grow to two feet in length. It is mostly brown with white markings. The roadrunner has a large crest and a very long tail. In addition, it has long legs for chasing its favorite prey - lizards, scorpions, and rodents. Roadrunners can reach speeds of more than 20 miles per hour and would rather run away from threats than fly. Roadrunner sometimes show up in backyards and gardens!

1. How would a roadrunner most likely escape from a predator?

- A. It was run away
- B. It would fly away
- C. It would hide in the bushes
- D. It would try to attack

2. Which is not true about the roadrunner?

- A. They are cuckoos
- B. You can find them in Mexico
- C. They eat scorpions
- D. They live in the southeastern United States

3. What could be a title for this story?

- A. The Roadrunner's Diet
- B. The Basics About Roadrunners
- C. Birds of America
- D. Cuckoos

4. Why do Roadrunners have long legs?

- A. To chase their prey
- B. To stay cool in the desert
- C. To blend in to their environment
- D. Because they don't like to fly.



Eastern Bluebird



Western Bluebird



Mountain Bluebird

Bluebirds are among the most well-known and popular groups of birds in North America. They are members of the thrush family and are thus related to robins. There are three species of bluebirds: the eastern bluebird, the western bluebird, and the mountain bluebird. Bluebirds can grow to lengths of about seven inches. They weigh a couple of ounces.

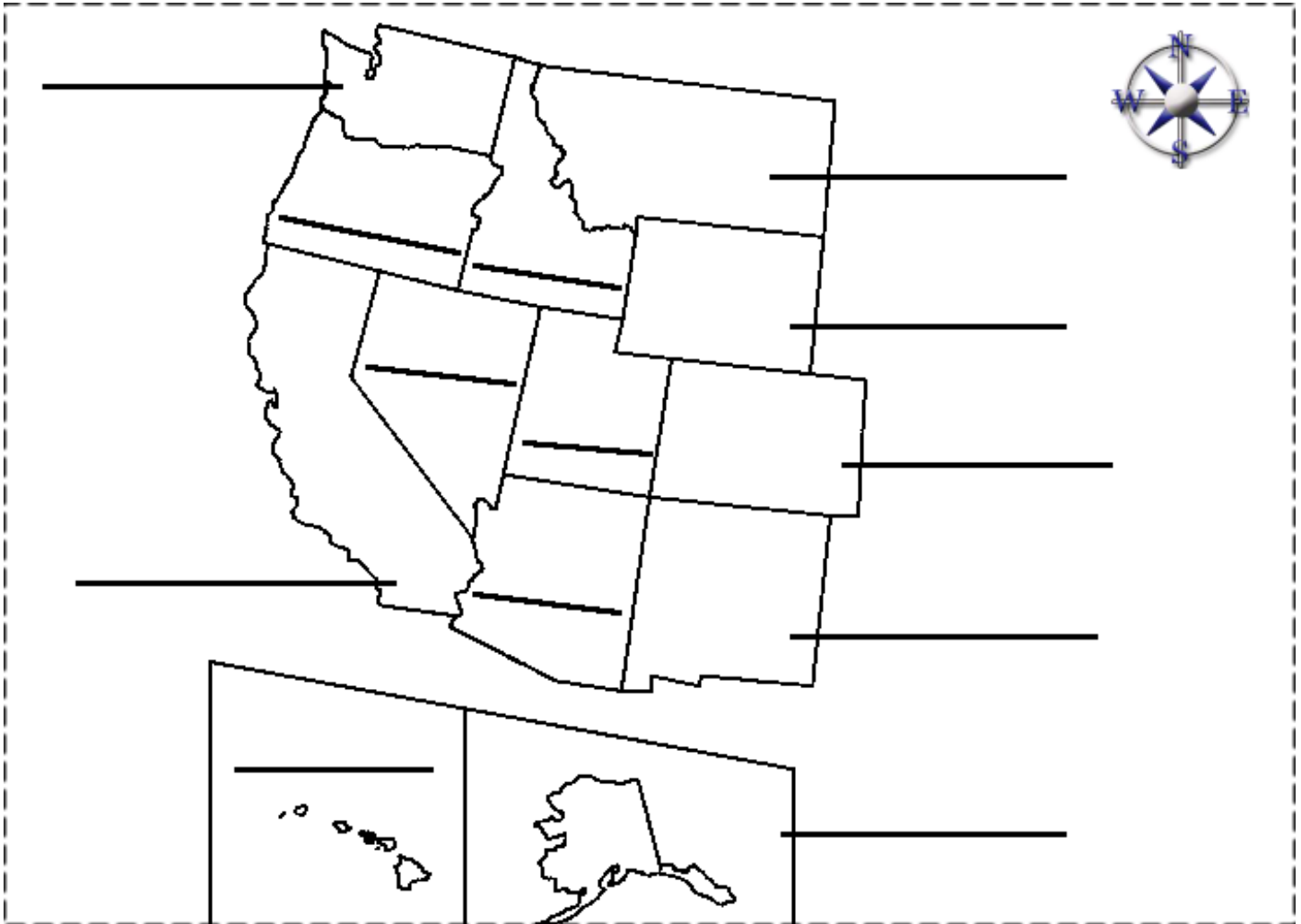
The Eastern Bluebird – This bird is common in southeastern Canada, the eastern United States, and northern Mexico. It eats insects and berries and can be attracted to feeders with mealworms. Males are sky blue above and orange below. Females are similar to males but paler in coloration. Eastern bluebirds nest in tree cavities but can be attracted to man-made nest boxes. They are usually found in open areas with scattered trees, including suburban neighborhoods. The eastern bluebird is the state bird of New York and Missouri.

The Western Bluebird – The western bluebird is similar to the eastern bluebird. It is found mostly in the western United States and northern Mexico. Like the other bluebirds, the western bluebird nests in tree cavities or man-made nest boxes. Unlike the other bluebirds, however, western bluebirds prefer forests rather than open areas. Males look like male eastern bluebirds except they have orange on their backs. Females are more grayish than males.

The Mountain Bluebird – The mountain bluebird is found in western North America. Unlike the western bluebird however, it can be found as far north as Alaska and northern Canada. The mountain bluebird is found in alpine meadows and open areas. It often feeds by catching insects in mid-air. Males are dazzling blue above and lighter blue below. Males are told from other bluebirds by a lack of orange on the underparts. Female mountain bluebirds are largely gray with hints of blue. Mountain bluebirds nest in tree cavities and man-made nest boxes. The mountain bluebird is the state bird of Idaho and Nevada.

- 1. Which is NOT something all three bluebirds have in common?**
 - A. Females have duller colorations than males
 - B. All are state birds of at least one state
 - C. All bluebirds are related to robins
 - D. All will nest in man-made boxes
- 2. How is the mountain bluebird dissimilar to the other bluebirds?**
 - A. It lacks orange on its underparts
 - B. It prefers open area habitats
 - C. It nests in tree cavities
 - D. It is about seven inches in length
- 3. What do the mountain bluebird and eastern bluebird have in common?**
 - A. They are both found in the same parts of the United States.
 - B. They both hunt insects in mid-air
 - C. They both prefer open area habitats
 - D. They both have similar colorations
- 4. Which is NOT true?**
 - A. Two of the three bluebirds live in the same kinds of habitats
 - B. Two of the three bluebirds live primarily in the western part of North America
 - C. All three sometimes nest in tree cavities
 - D. All three will catch insects in flight
- 5. Which could be a title for this passage?**
 - A. Bluebirds of the Western United States
 - B. Comparing and Contrasting the Three Bluebirds Species
 - C. Bluebird Conservation
 - D. Attracting Bluebirds to Your Yard

Western States Label Map



Comparing and Contrasting Arizona and Nevada

Name: _____

Arizona

Arizona, located in the southwestern portion of the United States, became a state on February 14, 1912. It was America's 48th state! It is one of the four corner states, and shares borders with California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. It shares its southern border with Mexico. Arizona's capital and largest city is Phoenix, which has more than two million people. Arizona is home to the Grand Canyon, which is one of the nation's most popular natural attractions. The Grand Canyon was carved by the ancient Colorado River, which flows through the northern part of Arizona. Much of southern Arizona is covered by the Sonoran Desert, which includes groves of giant Saguaro cacti!

Nevada

Nevada is located in the western part of the United States. It became America's 36th state on Halloween of 1864, just before the Civil War. Located entirely within the Great Basin, Nevada is full of deserts and isolated mountain ranges. It borders California, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, and Idaho. It shares the famous Hoover Dam with Arizona, on the border of the two states. Nevada's capital is Carson City, but its largest city is Las Vegas. Las Vegas is one of America's top tourist attractions and features famous casinos, theater productions, and restaurants.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Mexico
Located with the Great Basin
Is one of the four corner states
Has giant saguaro cacti
Its capital and largest city are different
Has deserts
Borders Utah
Hoover Dam
Is located farther north

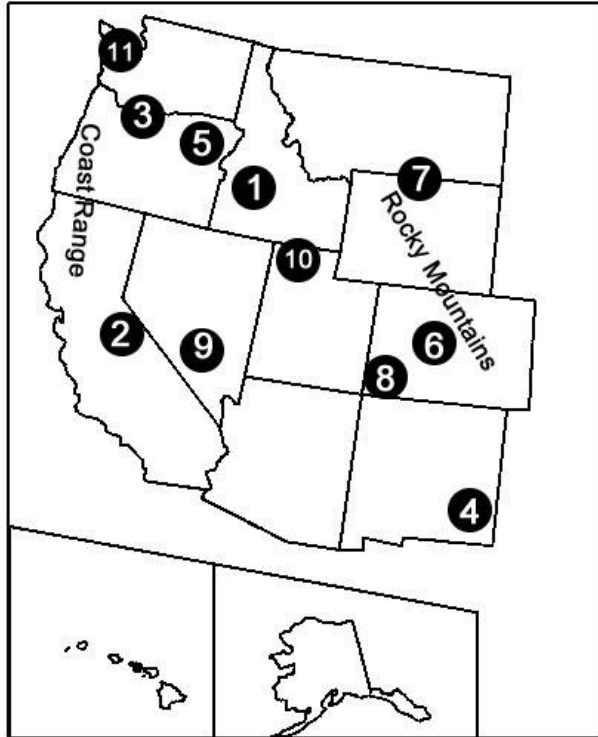
Arizona	Both	Nevada

Answers:

Arizona	Both	Nevada
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Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers that correspond to the various ranges.

Western Ranges



- 1.) The Cascades Range is located in Washington state and Oregon. It is represented by number _____.
- 2.) The Monitor Range is entirely within in the state of Nevada. It is represented by number _____.
- 3.) The Sacramento Range is located in eastern New Mexico. It is represented by number _____.
- 4.) The Bitterroot Range is located in southern Idaho. It is represented by number _____.
- 5.) The Wasatch Range is located in northern Utah. It is represented by number _____.
- 6.) The Blue Mountains are located in northeastern Oregon. These mountains are represented by number _____.
- 7.) The Olympic Range is located in western Washington. These mountains are represented by number _____.
- 8.) The Bighorn Range is located on the Montana/Wyoming border. It is represented by number _____.
- 9.) The Sierra Nevada Range is located in eastern California. It is represented by number _____.
- 10.) The San Juan Mountains are located in southwestern Colorado. These mountains are represented by number _____.
- 11.) The Sangre de Cristo Range is located in central Colorado. It is represented by number _____.

Answers:

1.) 3

2.) 9

3.) 4

4.) 1

5.) 10

6.) 5

7.) 11

8.) 7

9.) 2

10.) 6

11.) 8