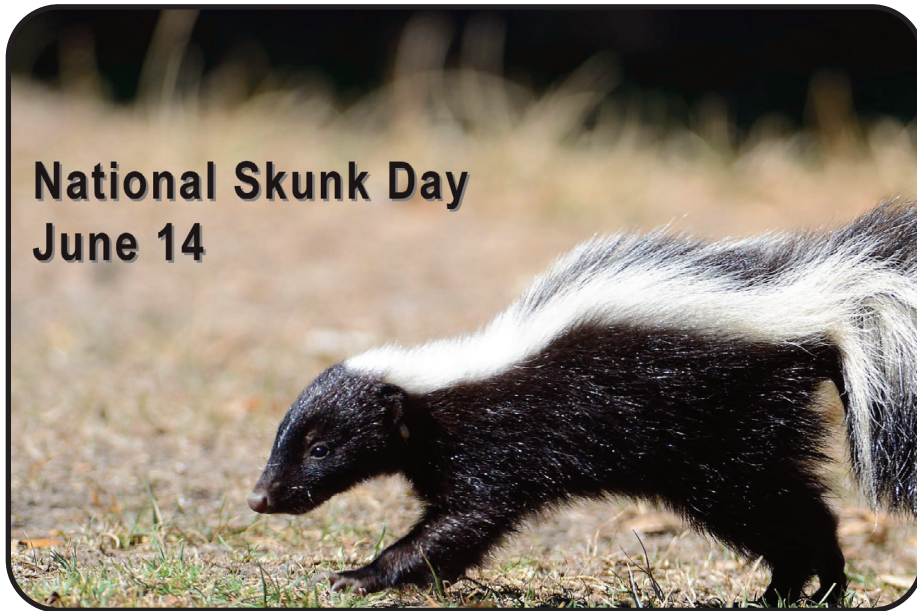




Saplings Colouring Package #29



**National Skunk Day
June 14**





Did You Know? (10 fun facts about skunks)

1. Skunks are best known for their foul-smelling spray, called musk. It is a defense mechanism used to protect themselves from predators.
2. A skunk usually does not want to waste its precious spray. Before using it, they will hiss, stomp their front feet, and raise their tails.
3. The acrobatic spotted skunk will literally walk on its front paws and do a handstand with its tail pointing straight up to scare away enemies!
4. A skunk can accurately aim and spray its stinky musk up to 12 feet away.
5. Skunks are nocturnal. This means they spend the daytime sleeping in cozy, hidden dens and come out at night to search for food.
6. Skunks are omnivores that love to eat garden pests like grubs, beetles, and even mice. This makes them wonderful natural pest control for nature.
7. Even though they have a fantastic sense of smell and hearing, skunks cannot see very well.
8. Skunks have sharp claws and strong legs, which they use to dig through the dirt to find yummy insects and roots.
9. Their bright stripes help warn other animals to stay away. However, the pattern can look a little different depending on the species; some are striped, while others are spotted.
10. While they like to live alone during most of the year, multiple skunks sometimes share an underground den in the winter to stay warm.

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