

# Saplings Colouring Package #4



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# Did You Know?

## Ten Fun Facts About Groundhogs

1. Groundhogs are also called whistle pigs, because they produce a high-pitched, whistle-like sound to warn other groundhogs of danger.
2. Groundhogs are rodents and belong to the marmot genus, making them part of the same family as squirrels, chipmunks, and prairie dogs.
3. Groundhogs are among the few animals that go into true hibernation, with their body temperature dropping from 99°F to as low as 37°F and their heart rate slowing from 80 to 5 beats per minute.
4. Groundhogs can live up to three months without eating.
5. Despite their stocky build and preference for burrows, groundhogs are capable of climbing trees and swimming to escape predators.
6. Groundhogs' teeth never stop growing: Their incisors grow about a sixteenth of an inch each week, requiring them to constantly chew on wood and vegetation to keep them filed down.
7. They eat a massive amount in summer: To prepare for hibernation, they can consume over a pound of vegetation at one sitting, essentially doubling their body weight.
8. When groundhogs abandon their dens, these underground homes provide shelter for other animals, including foxes, skunks, and raccoons.
9. When diving into water to escape danger, groundhogs can hold their breath for up to 5 minutes.
10. Their underground homes can be up to 700 feet long and 20 feet deep, featuring distinct chambers for sleeping, food storage, and a dedicated bathroom.

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**Draw your own groundhog here**

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