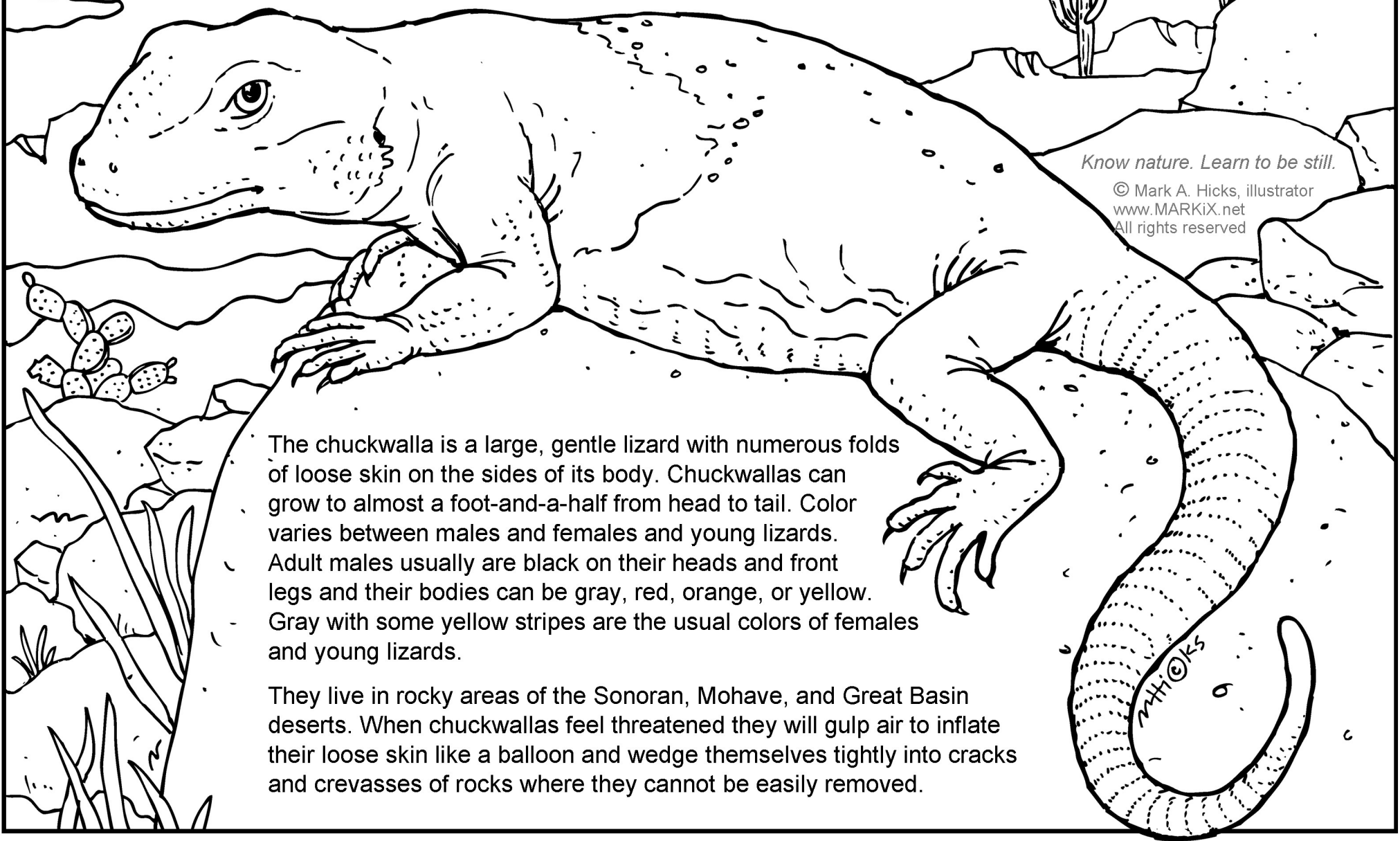


Chuckwalla



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The chuckwalla is a large, gentle lizard with numerous folds of loose skin on the sides of its body. Chuckwallas can grow to almost a foot-and-a-half from head to tail. Color varies between males and females and young lizards. Adult males usually are black on their heads and front legs and their bodies can be gray, red, orange, or yellow. Gray with some yellow stripes are the usual colors of females and young lizards.

They live in rocky areas of the Sonoran, Mohave, and Great Basin deserts. When chuckwallas feel threatened they will gulp air to inflate their loose skin like a balloon and wedge themselves tightly into cracks and crevasses of rocks where they cannot be easily removed.