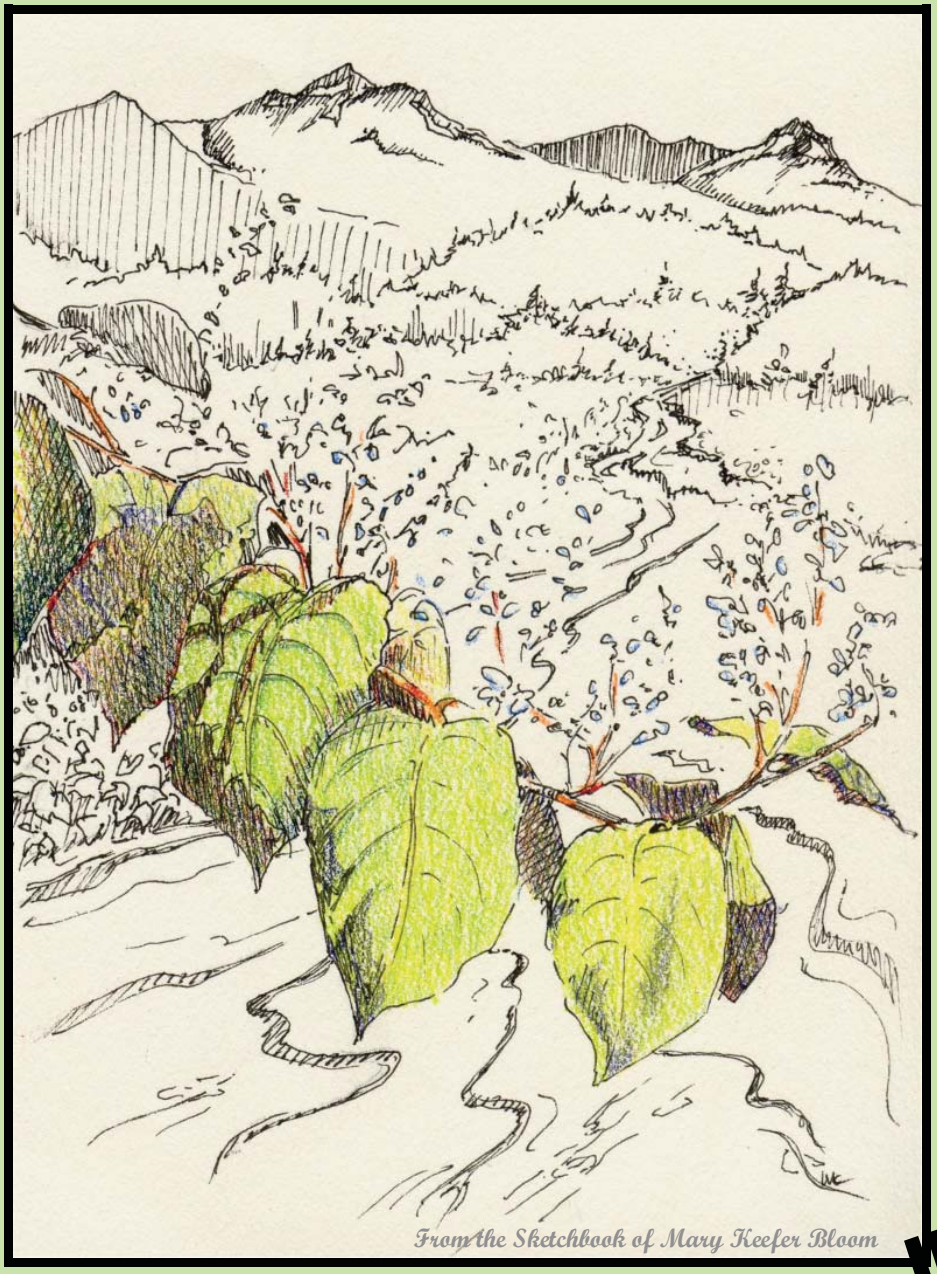
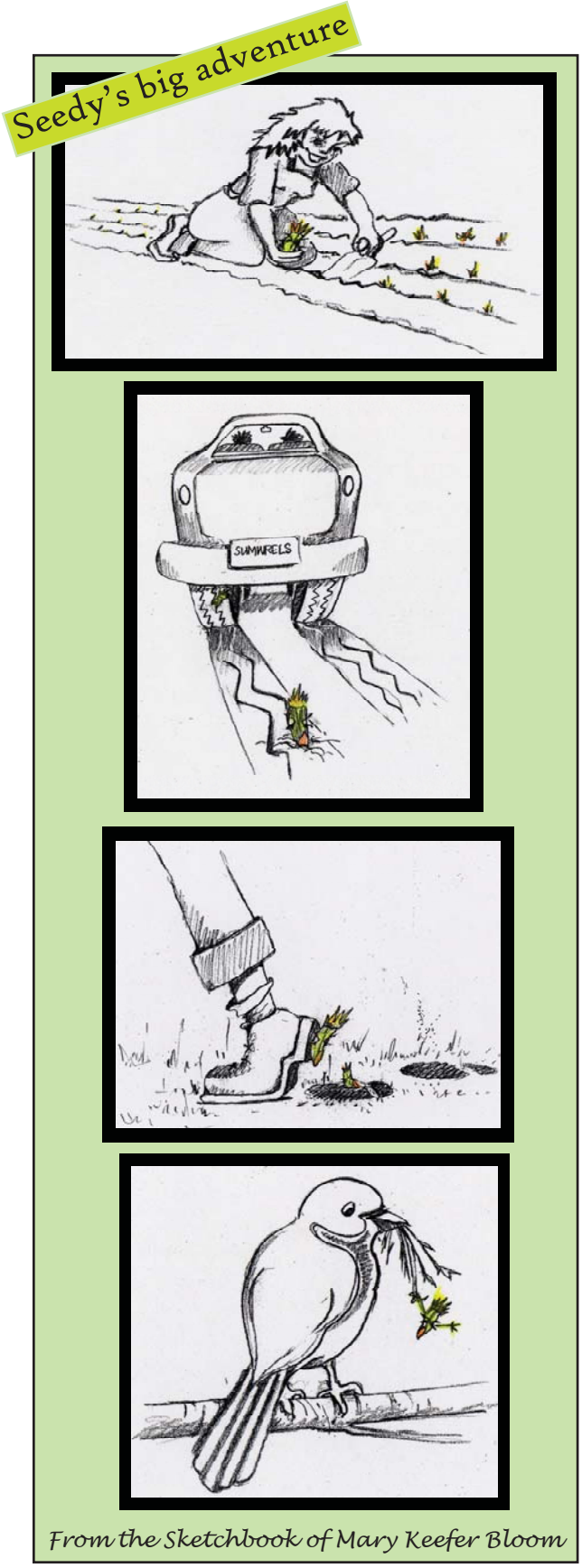
Invasive Plants
Coloring Book



Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum)*

Chugach National Forest

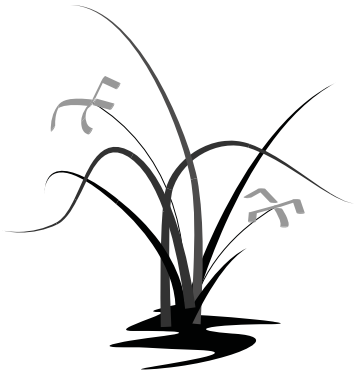
Invasive Plants In Alaska:
A Growing Problem



Recently, Alaska has witnessed something the rest of the nation has struggled with for decades, an influx of invasive plants. Invasives are plants that have been introduced to locations beyond their historic range. They typically have special adaptations that allow them to grow aggressively in their new environment and displace native species.

There are many ways in which invasive plants can spread. Any location where there has been a major disturbance, such as road building or clearing for agriculture, is prone to infestation. Other ways in which invasives spread include: seed mixes and roadside seeding, planting by gardeners, ingestion by birds and wildlife, boat hulls, grazing by livestock, and shoes and clothing.

It is difficult to get rid of invasives, and the best way to manage them is to protect land that is not presently infested. This can be done by educating others, minimizing disturbances, making sure a plant is not invasive before planting it, and cleaning all equipment (tires, boat hulls) before leaving a site.



Coloring Guide and Scientific Names

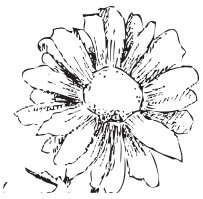
Bird Vetch
(*Vicia cracca*):
Blue to reddish purple flower

Narrowleaf Hawksbeard
(*Crepis tectorum*):
Bright Yellow Ray Florets

Brittlestem Hempnettle
(*Galeopsis tetrahit*):
white, pink or purple flowers

Orange Hawkweed
(*Hieracium aurantiacum*):
Burnt Orange Flowers

Butter and Eggs
(*Linaria vulgaris*):
Flowers are Yellow with an Orange Throat



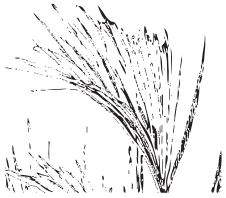
Oxeye Daisy
(*Leucanthemum vulgare*):
White Ray Florets, Yellow Disc Florets

Canada Thistle
(*Cirsium arvense*):
Purplish-Pink Flowers

Perennial Sowthistle
(*Sonchus arvensis*):
Bright Yellow Ray Florets

Common Tansy
(*Tanacetum vulgare*):
Bright Yellow Disk Florets

Spotted knapweed
(*Centaurea biebersteinii*):
Pinkish-Purple Flowers



Foxtail Barley
(*Hordeum jubatum*):
Purplish-Green Awns

White Sweetclover
(*Melilotus alba*):
Small White Flowers

Bird Vetch

Brittlestem Hempnettle

Butter and Eggs

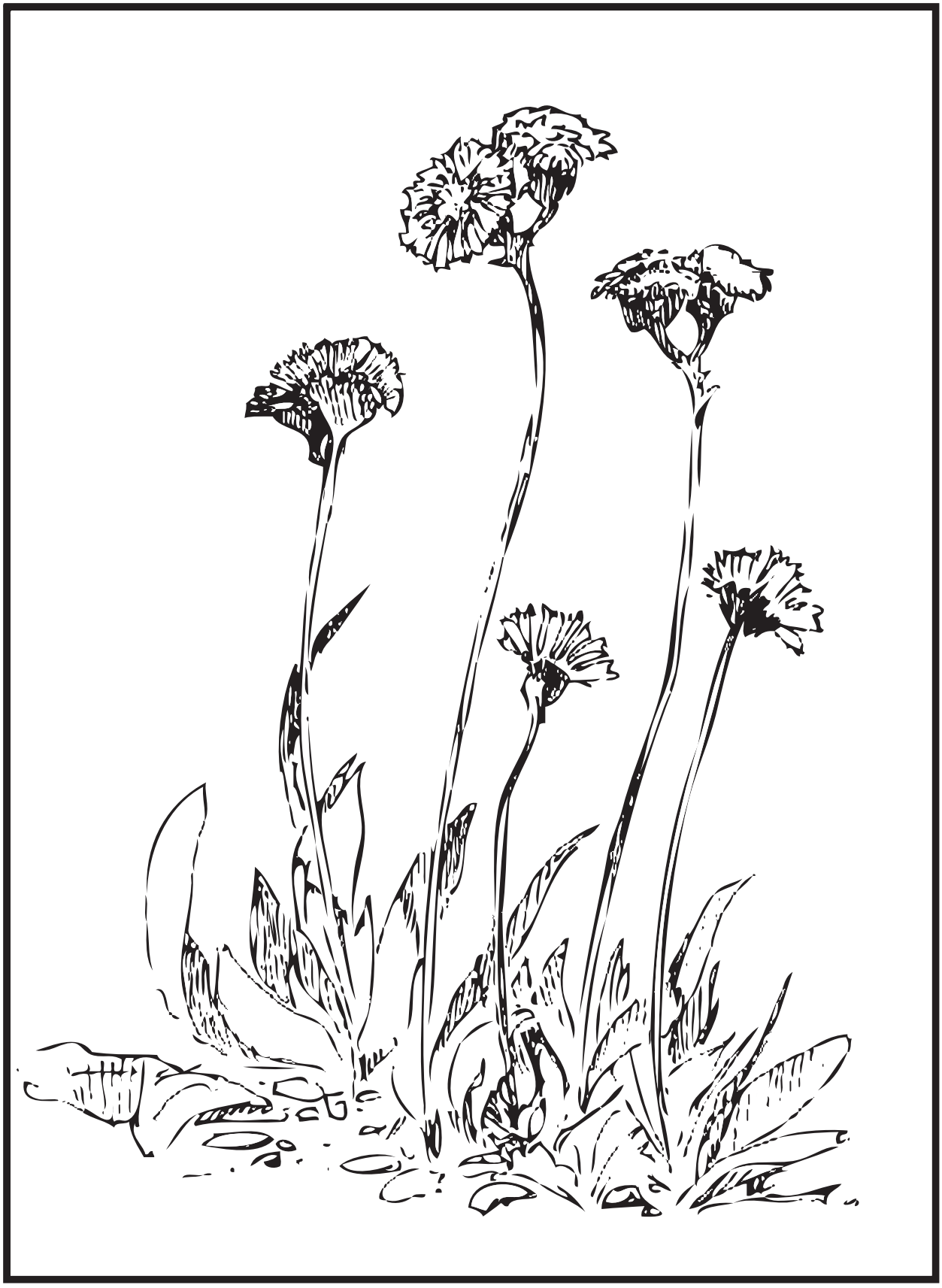
Canada Thistle

Common Tansy

Foxtail Barley

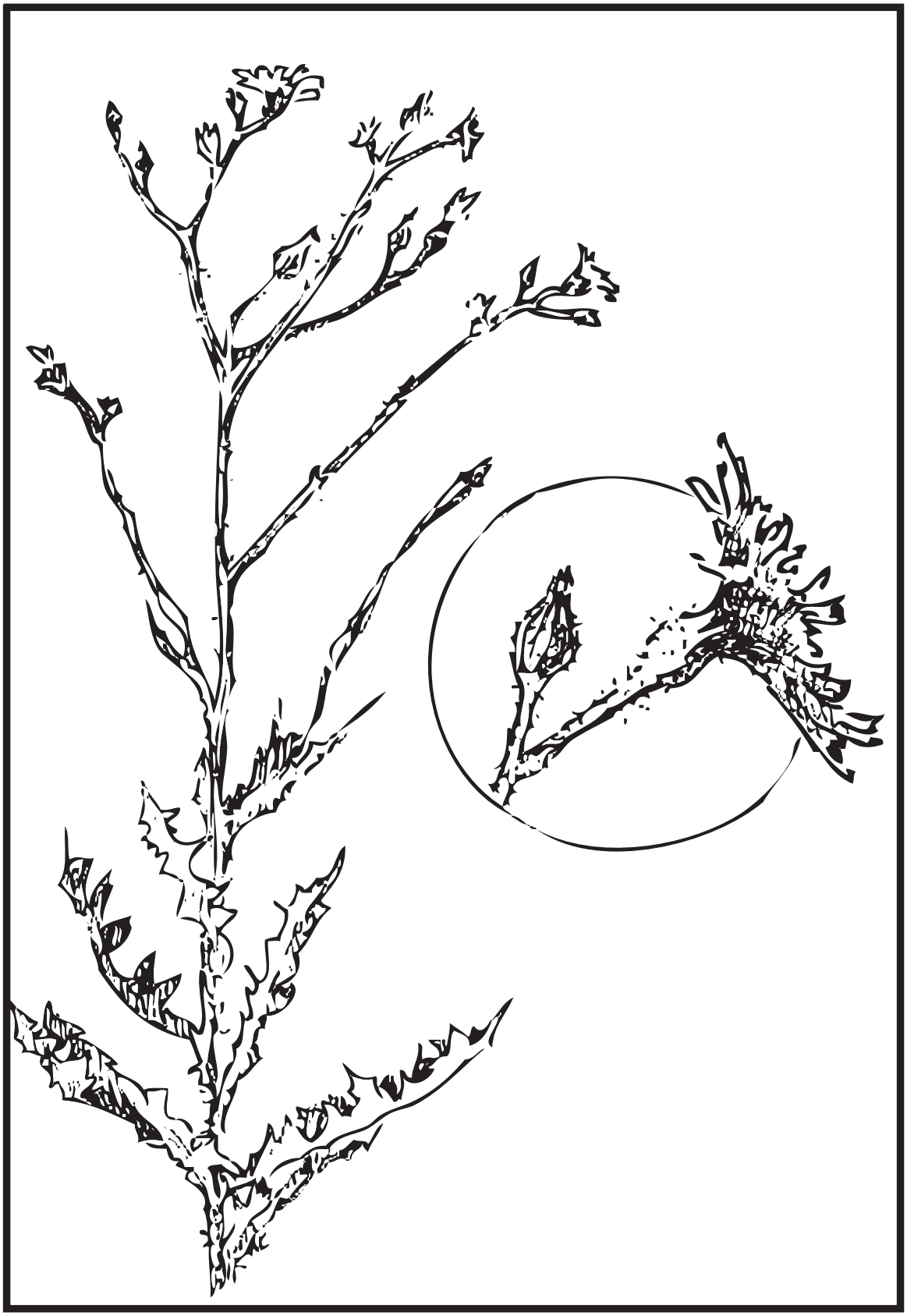
Narrowleaf Hawksbeard

Orange Hawkweed



Oxeye Daisy

Perennial Sowthistle



Spotted knapweed

White Sweetclover