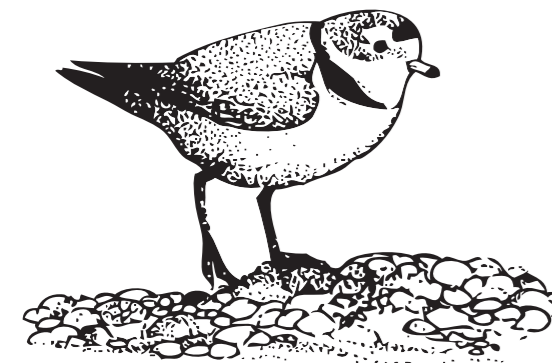


Michigan Coastal Dunes

a heritage worth saving

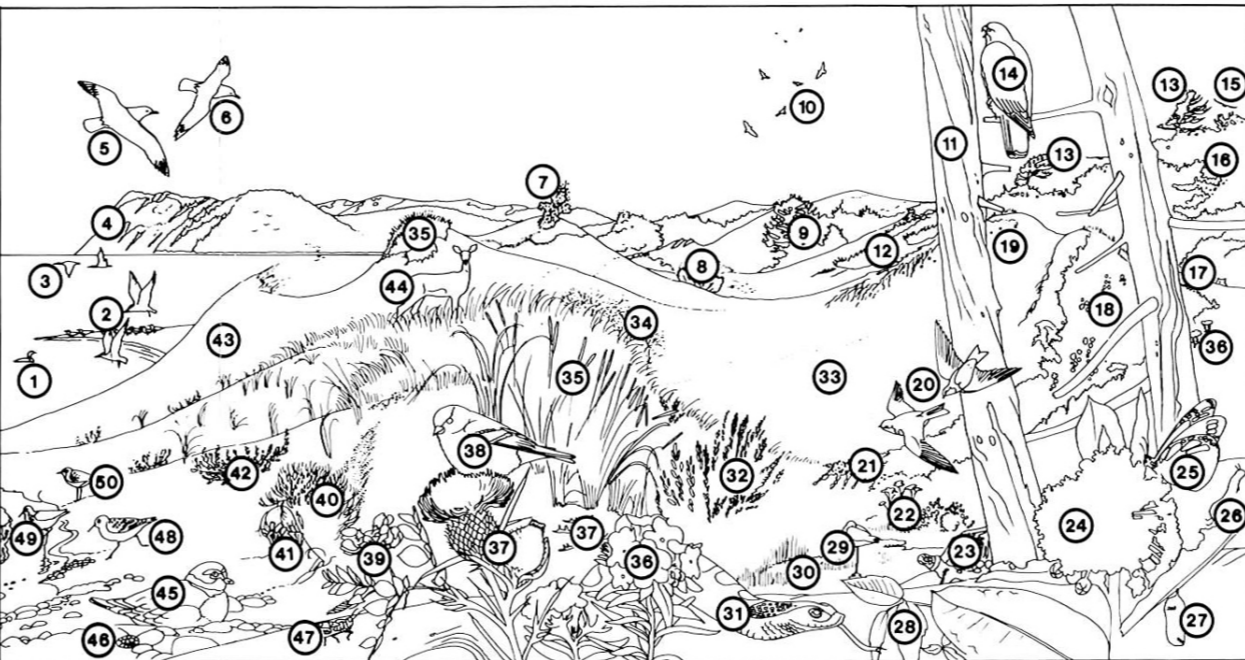


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The windswept dunes gracing Michigan's Great Lakes shoreline represent the largest collection of freshwater dunes in the world. The diversity of environmental elements—wildlife, topographic relief, vegetation, habitats, and climatic conditions—occurring within these landforms represent a phenomenon unique to the State of Michigan. The dunes are not only one of the State's most spectacular natural features, they also are one of its most fragile.

Development and recreational pressures are increasing as more and more people seek the unparalleled scenery the dunes provide. This makes it imperative that people understand and appreciate the environmental sensitivity of sand dunes. This poster has been produced as a step toward achieving that goal. It is hoped that people with a heightened understanding of the dune ecosystem, will apply this knowledge when visiting, constructing and living among Michigan's precious sand dunes.



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| 1. Common Loon | 26. Monarch Caterpillar |
| 2. Caspian Tern | 27. Monarch Chrysalis |
| 3. Cormorant | 28. Poison Ivy |
| 4. Perched Dune | 29. Greater Yellow-legs |
| 5. Herring Gull | 30. Interdunal Wetland |
| 6. Ring-billed Gull | 31. Hognose Snake |
| 7. Cottonwood | 32. Dune Willow |
| 8. Sand Cherry | 33. Blowout |
| 9. Jack Pine | 34. Sand Reed Grass |
| 10. Broad-winged Hawk Kettle | 35. Marram Grass |
| 11. Dead White Cedar | 36. Hairy Puccoon |
| 12. Juniper | 37. Pitcher's Thistle |
| 13. White Pine | 38. Goldfinch |
| 14. Red-tailed Hawk | 39. Beach Pea |
| 15. Turkey Vulture | 40. Wormwood |
| 16. Beech-Maple Forest | 41. Broom-rape |
| 17. Red Fox | 42. Sea-rocket |
| 18. Harebell | 43. Foredune |
| 19. Bank Swallow Nests | 44. White-tailed Deer |
| 20. Bank Swallow | 45. Piping Plover |
| 21. Riverbank Grape | 46. Petoskey Stone |
| 22. Houghton's Goldenrod | 47. Lake Huron Locust |
| 23. Box Turtle | 48. Sanderling |
| 24. Milkweed | 49. Semipalmated Sandpiper |
| 25. Monarch Butterfly | 50. Black-bellied Plover |

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The Nongame Wildlife Fund also produces educational materials—such as this poster—to promote understanding, enjoyment and stewardship of our rich natural heritage.

