The Comal Springs riffle beetle is an endangered species that can only survive in clean, cool water. The beetle is known as an indicator species—as its population levels tell a story about the health of the entire Edwards Aquifer ecosystem.

**STEP 1: THE HEAD**

**STEP 2: THE BODY**

**STEP 3: THE FEET***

*Each body segment has two feet along with one where the body segments meet.

**STEP 4: THE ANTENNAE**

**STEP 5: ADD COLOR + PATTERN**

**STEP 6: BELLY HAIR***

*Not pictured:
The beetle has water-resistant hairs on the underside of its body and uses them to maintain a thin bubble of air to breathe as it swims in the aquifer.