

## DRAW THE COMAL SPRINGS RIFFLE BEETLE

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.

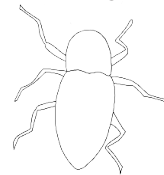
STEP 1: THE HEAD



STEP 2: THE BODY

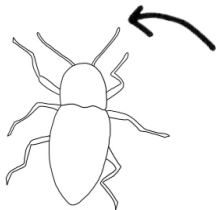


STEP 3: THE FEET\*

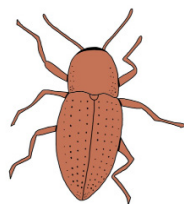


\*Each body segment has two feet along with one where the body segments meet.

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.

