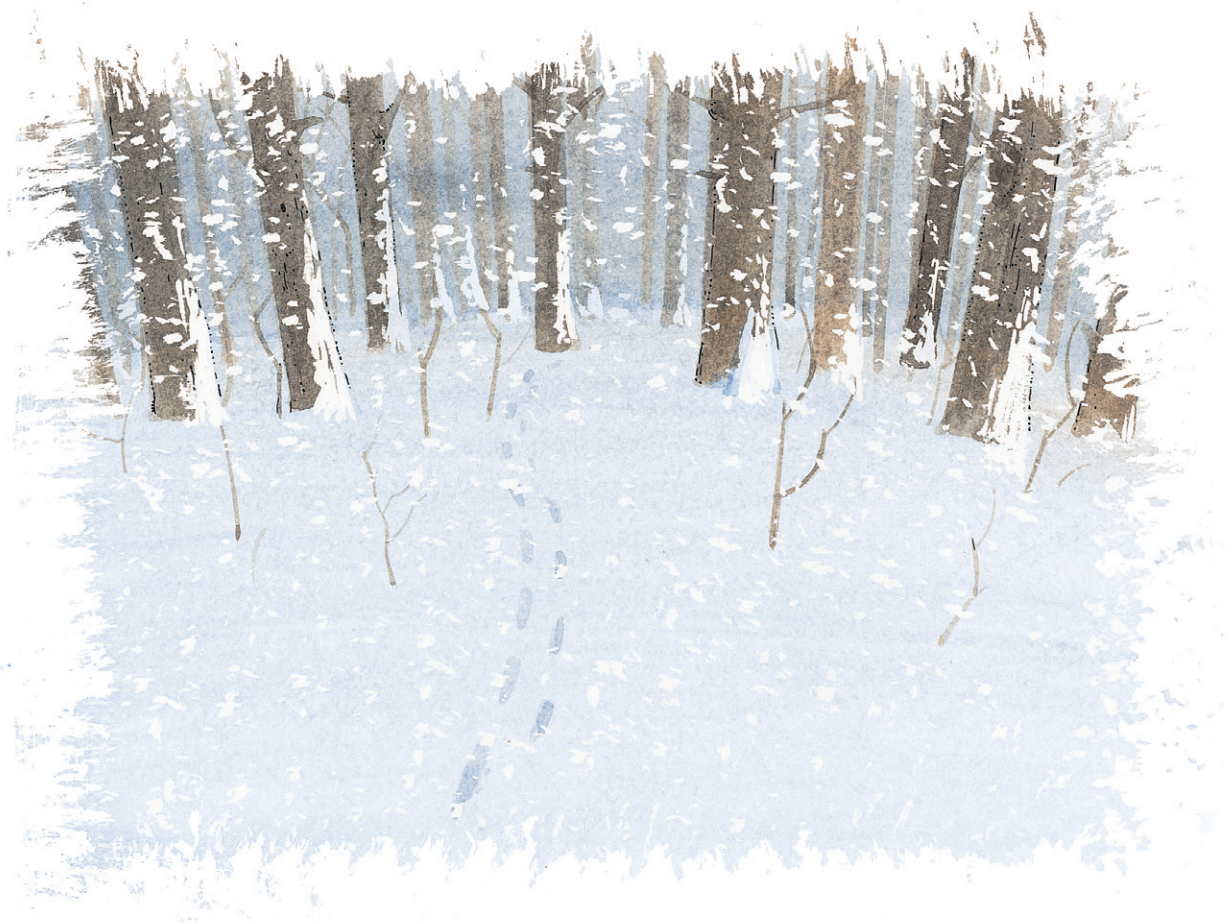


# Winter Snoozers



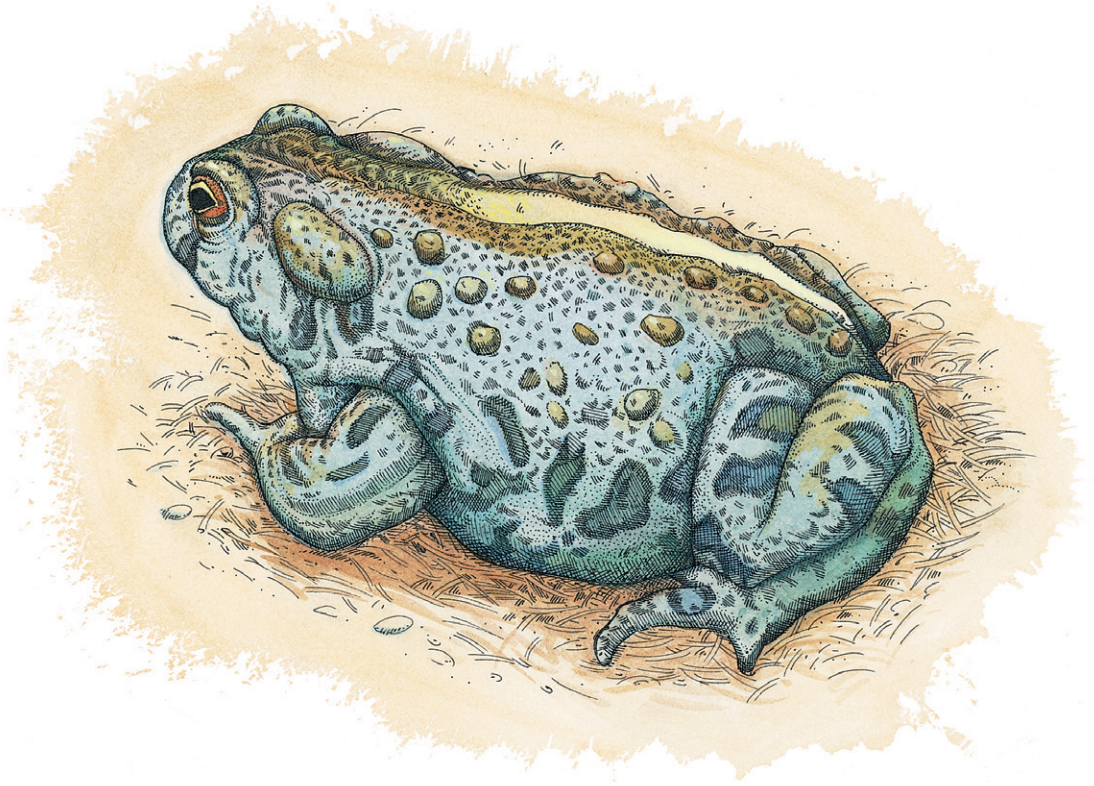
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Some animal friends just don't care for the snow.  
They'd rather be sleeping when icy winds blow.  
So they find a warm spot in a hole, cave, or den,  
And hibernate there until spring comes again.



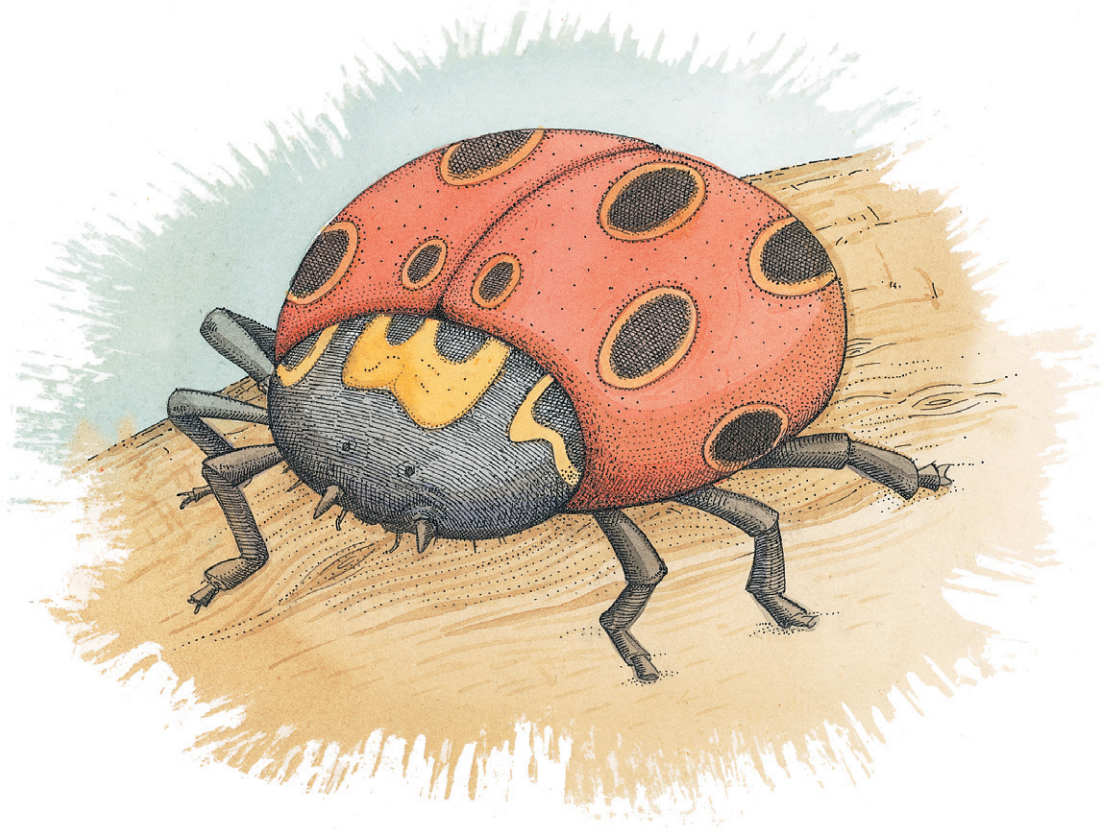


Frog digs in the mud till it's over his head.  
When cold weather comes, the mud is his bed.  
Don't worry, he won't need to breathe the air in.  
He soaks up the oxygen right through his skin!



With cheeks full of nuts, Chipmunk climbs in his nest.  
(They go under his bed for the long winter's rest.)  
He wakes up now and then for a nice, nutty treat,  
Then curls in a ball and goes right back to sleep.





“Oh, where did all the yummy bugs go?”

Asks Ladybug as it’s starting to snow.

“I’ll nap in this log till they come back next spring.”

So she snoozes through winter, not needing a thing.



Dormouse has nothing to do with a door.  
He was named for the French word “dormir,” nothing more.  
The word means “to sleep;” that’s what he does best.  
So the winter will find him asleep in his nest.





Bear finds a cave to get out of the storm.

She sleeps till the time when her babies are born.

Two tiny cubs, what a happy surprise!

When they leave the cave, they'll be five times this size!



When Earthworm gets cold, he gets out of the weather  
And finds other earthworms to cuddle together.  
A few hundred snuggle, wrapped up like a ball.  
Deep under the ground, they stay warm through it all.





Raccoon *does not* hibernate but sleeps lightly, and so  
She comes out for some food and leaves tracks in the snow.  
But when icy winds bring a cold winter storm,  
She snoozes in her den, snuggled cozy and warm.

# Reading

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