

## SEASONAL SUBJECT *IDEAS* FOR ARTISTS ... just to start you thinking ...

Listed below are suggestions for artists' illustrations based on the four seasons; *Nature's seasons are not exactly the same as the calendar dates.* There are obvious omissions of many organisms or themes; these have been illustrated and published in many previous calendars. The omitted species may be chosen for drawing, if the illustration is original and appropriate to the season. PLEASE USE THE IDEAS FROM THIS LIST, or use your own thoughts. Surely, an artist's imagination is the best guide. Be creative. Be original.

### WINTER- Dec. Jan. Feb.

### SPRING- Mar. Apr. May

### SUMMER- Ju. Jl. Aug.

### FALL - Sept. Oct. Nov.

<b>BIRDS</b>	Ironwood
Blue jay	Sweet pepperbush with old flowers
Crows, single/flock	Dead stalks of Indian pipes
Raven	Skunk cabbage with melting snow
Crow/raven comparison	Beech with residual dead leaves
Finches: goldfinch, house, purple	
Nuthatch: white or red-breasted	<b>MAMMALS</b>
Titmouse	Red or flying squirrel
Woodpecker: hairy, downy, pileated, red-bellied	Winter nests of white-footed mouse, chipmunk,
Mourning dove	woodchuck, vole, beaver (or lodge),
Junco	Fisher
Sparrows: white-throated, fox, tree, song, field	Weasel
Pine siskins	Mink
Owls: barred, saw-whet, screech	<b>WINTER SCENES</b>
Bald eagle	Conifers with snow
mature plumage or immature	Frost on window
Owl on nest	Snow drift around trunk of a tree
Immature owlets on nest	Dead stalks of grass in snow
CT River waterfowl	Bird nests, bare branches, snow
bufflehead, scaup, golden-eye,	Stone wall
Canada goose	Bridge at Gillette
	Path in snow at Gillette Castle
	CT River ice under swing bridge
<b>VEGETATION</b>	
Native conifers: white pine, white or red spruce, yew	Hopyard coverd
hemlock, red cedar	bridge/ icy 8-mile
Any above branches with cones	Chapman Falls
Tree silhouettes	N. Hale Sch. house
Bark: hickory, yellow birch, sycamore	Old town hall
Winterberry	Pot belly stove
Alder with catkins	Stack of firewood
Black birch seeds	St. Stephens, bell steeple
	Sap bucket on tree
	Ice on branches
	Moon through trees

<b>BIRDS</b>	cloak, spring azure
Red wing blackbirds	Tent caterpillar colony or nest
Male/female, flock	Fly; house black
Grackles	Bees: carpenter, honey, bumble
Cow bird, M/F	
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	<b>FISH</b>
Turkey vultures, close-up or flying	Sunfish, bluegill, trout, bass
Waterfowl	
Com. merganser, teal, black duck, wood duck, mallard	<b>MAMMALS</b>
Kingfisher	Woodchuck
Phoebe	Wh-footed mouse
Osprey	Eastern mole
Northern oriole	Muskrat
Swallow: tree, cliff, bank, barn	Beaver
House wren	<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>
Catbird	Salamanders: red, dusky, 2-lined
Warblers: yellow, yellow-rumped (myrtle), redstart,	Frog: pickerel, wood
black and white, yellowthroat	Amphibian egg mass
Brown creeper	American toad
Towhee	<b>PLANTS</b>
Chipping sparrow	Trees: maple/flowers seeds, white oak,
Rose-br. grosbeak	gray birch
Mockingbird	Shadbush/flowers
Wood thrush	Trout lily
Woodcock	Trailing arbutus
	Red trillium
	Bluets
<b>INSECTS, OTHER</b>	Wild columbine
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	Bloodroot
Damselfly	Wild geranium
Jumping spider	Wood anemone
Daddy-long-legs	Rue anemone
Sow bug	Common blue violet
Millipede, centipede	Canada mayflower
Earwig	Marsh marigold
Aquatic insect larvae	Solomon's seal
hellgrammite,	Starflower
dragonfly, caddisfly,	Partridge berry
mayfly, crane fly	Dwarf ginseng
Crayfish	False hellibore
Butterflies: mourning	Wood betony

<b>BIRDS</b>	hornworm, monarch
Any species listed in "spring" column	spicebush or black swallowtail
Swallows: tree, barn, cliff, bank, purple martin	Ambush bug
Scarlet tanager	Damselfly
Red-eyed vireo	Walking stick
Eastern kingbird	Milkweed bug
Greater yellowlegs	Giant waterbug
Herring gull	Whirlygigs
Veery	Carpenter ant
Wood thrush	Bees: Carpenter, bumble
Indigo bunting	Wasp: paper, mud at nest
Northern oriole	Hummingbird moth
Green heron	
Red-eyed vireo	<b>FISH</b>
Spotted sandpiper	Shad
	Black-nosed dace
	Yellow perch
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Any listed in the "spring" column	<b>PLANTS</b>
Mole	Common milkweed
Vole	Cattail
Fox fox	Common blue flag
Raccoon	Lilies: Canada, wood
	Butter 'n eggs
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	Common burdock with seed stalk
Gray tree frog	Clover: bush, white, red, rabbit-foot
Bull frog	Cranberry flowers
Red eft	White baneberries
Newt	"doll's eyes"
<b>REPTILES</b>	Whorled loosestrife
Snakes: garter, ring-neck, hognose	Swamp loosestrife
Turtles: spotted, box, musk, painted, snapping, wood	Meadow beauty
	Black raspberries
	Wine berries
<b>INSECTS, OTHER</b>	Rattlesnake plantain
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	Marsh St. Johnswort
Ichneumon wasp laying eggs	Monkey flower
Gypsy moth, adult, caterpillar, pupa	Elliptical leaf pyrola
Click beetle	Wintergreen: spotted or striped
Caterpillars: tomato	Chickory
	Ragweed

<b>BIRDS</b>	Hummingbird moth
Geese in flight	Cricket
Any sparrows in "winter" column	Katydid
Flock of tree swallows	Woolly bear
Group of buffleheads on CT River	<b>PLANTS</b>
Junco flock on ground	Beech drops
Cedar waxwing eating berries	Cranberries
Robins eating winterberries	Sumac berries: Staghorn (red)
House finch, M/F	Poison
Purple finch, M/F	Poison ivy berries
Carolina wren	Winteberry
	Dogwood berries
	Red cedar berries
	Wild grapes
	Autumn olive berries
<b>MAMMALS</b>	Assorted leaves on ground
Mink	Asters: White woodland, Heath
Ermine	New England
Moose nest in dead grasses	Timothy grass
Weasel	Cattails dispersing seeds
Beaver lodge	Fall garden veggies
Beaver teeth marks on trees, brush	Goldenrod
Otter mud slide	Ragweed
Otter mitton	NY Ironweed
Squirrel nest	Beggars ticks
<b>AMPHIBIAN</b>	Turtlehead
Marbled salamander	Poke weed berries
Bullfrog tadpole	Partridgeberry
	Sundew
	Princess pine
<b>INSECTS, OTHER</b>	Creeping jenny
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Golden garden spider on web	<b>SCENES</b>
Wolf spider carrying egg sack	Ice forming on edge of pond
Spider web with dew	Bird feeders, seed and suet feeders
Monarch butterfly	Autumn leaves falling
Monarch egg on milkweed	Dead tree with hole
Monarch chrysalid	Tree silhouettes
Aphids on milkweed	Fall garden crops: corn stalks, squash, pumpkins, etc
Ants attacking aphids on milkweed	