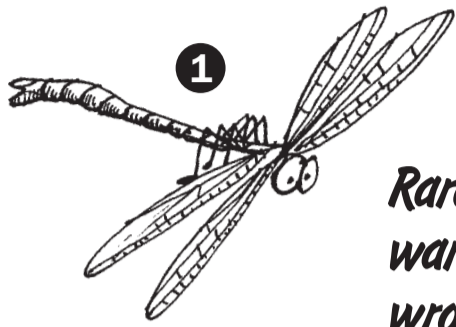


Rare species... Who cares?



Rare species serve as an early warning sign that something is wrong with our environment.

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1 Spine-crowned clubtail dragonfly
(MA Endangered)

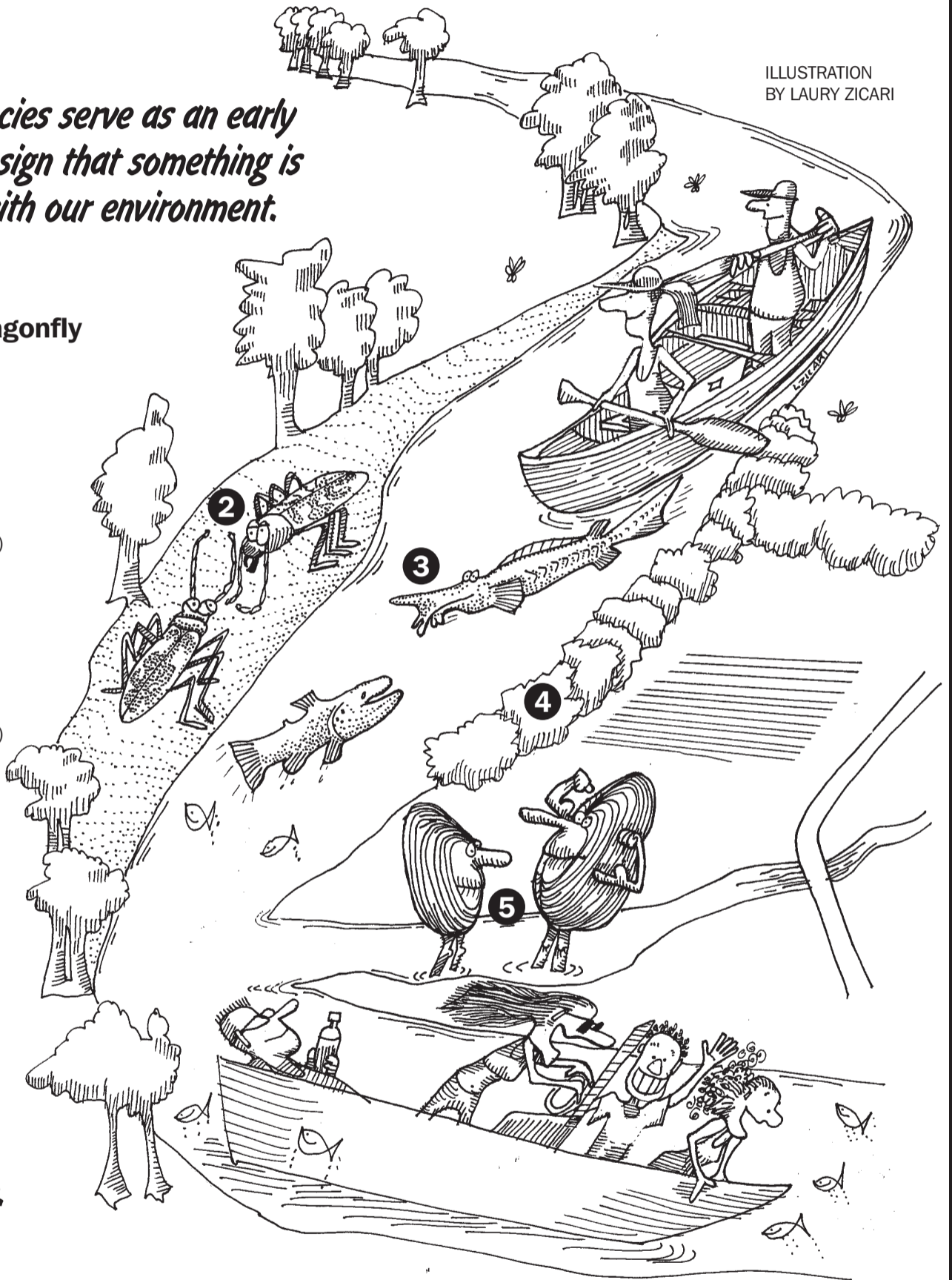
2 Puritan tiger beetle
(MA Endangered, Federally Threatened)

3 Shortnose sturgeon
(MA Endangered, Federally Endangered)

4 Sandbar willow
(MA Endangered)

**5 Dwarf wedgemussel
& yellow lampmussel**
(MA Endangered, Federally Endangered)

We can preserve the special nature of the Connecticut River by thoughtfully sharing it with the plants and animals that call it home.



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