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The
"Big
Brown
BAT"

I'm putting in (2) pieces. The (1st) is "The Big Brown BAT" because that's what it is. It is from a photo taken in "National Wildlife, Winter 2024, pg. 44. I was inspired by its simply natural look in his natural environment. Even though there's not much color, the texture is FANTASTIC I thought it would be a nice challenge and interest to draw it. The picture was taken in central Washington. In the winter these bats use a combination of migrating and hibernating to survive.

"3
Hums"

(2nd) I wanted to draw a combination with different types of hummingbirds. The top of the paper is a tiny Anna hummingbird from Washington state's Olympic Peninsula, (pg 22 of "National Wildlife" Winter 24. On the right I drew a male ruby-throated hummingbird from a photo pg 25, "Birds and Blooms" June/July 25. 3rd hummingbird is a female broad-tailed from Oklahoma. pg 27 photo "Birds and Blooms" June/July 2020. I call this drawing "3 Hums" Can you hear them? There are hummingbirds here in Michigan, I have seen some in my own backyard. The typical ruby-throated. Beautiful and intriguing, I decided to draw different kinds from other places. Never heard of one being out in the snow. Some have survival ways for winter.