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For the 2023 Season of Creation, EarthBeat will recirculate nine "Creature Features" through a twice-weekly newsletter. Each Tuesday and Thursday from Sept. 1 to Oct.

4 subscribers will receive an email with an original illustration of the day's creature by graphic designer and illustrator Ryan McQuade along with a preview of and link to an essay or report on EarthBeat that highlights that creature.

There will also be a corresponding series of posts on EarthBeat's Instagram account, so make sure you're following [@earthbeatncr](https://www.instagram.com/earthbeatncr).

Sept. 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

["How to pray the Lord's Prayer with all creatures"](#)

By Collin Cornell

April 19, 2022

Sept. 5: Whale

["As climate tipping points loom, finding hope in the gray whale's comeback"](#)

By Ray Levy Uyeda

October 1, 2022

Sept. 7: Honeybee

["Oblivion and salvation in the ark of the honeybees"](#)

By Steven Salido Fisher

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Sept. 12: Piping Plover

["More than a day at the beach: Piping plover volunteers work to save a species"](#)

By Peter Feuerherd

August 20, 2022

Sept. 14: Crab

["Contradiction, infinity, divinity live in 'A Green Crab's Shell'"](#)

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Sept. 19: Blue Heron

["Amid threat of extinction, remember today's 'holy innocents' who couldn't take flight"](#)

By Steven Salido Fisher

December 27, 2022

Sept. 21: Bison

["US tribes get bison as they seek to restore bond with animal"](#)

By Matthew Brown and Thomas Peipert, The Associated Press

March 17, 2023

Sept. 26: Redbird

["Joy Harjo's poem 'Redbird Love' teaches us to watch closely, see clearly"](#)

By Ray Levy Uyeda

February 4, 2023

Sept. 28: Sea Turtle

["Can conservation measures save sea turtles from climate change?"](#)

By Gail DeGeorge

September 18, 2020

Oct. 3: Octopus, Hummingbird, Human

["The symphony of God's creation is the steady beat of sacred hearts"](#)

By Steven Salido Fisher

June 14, 2023

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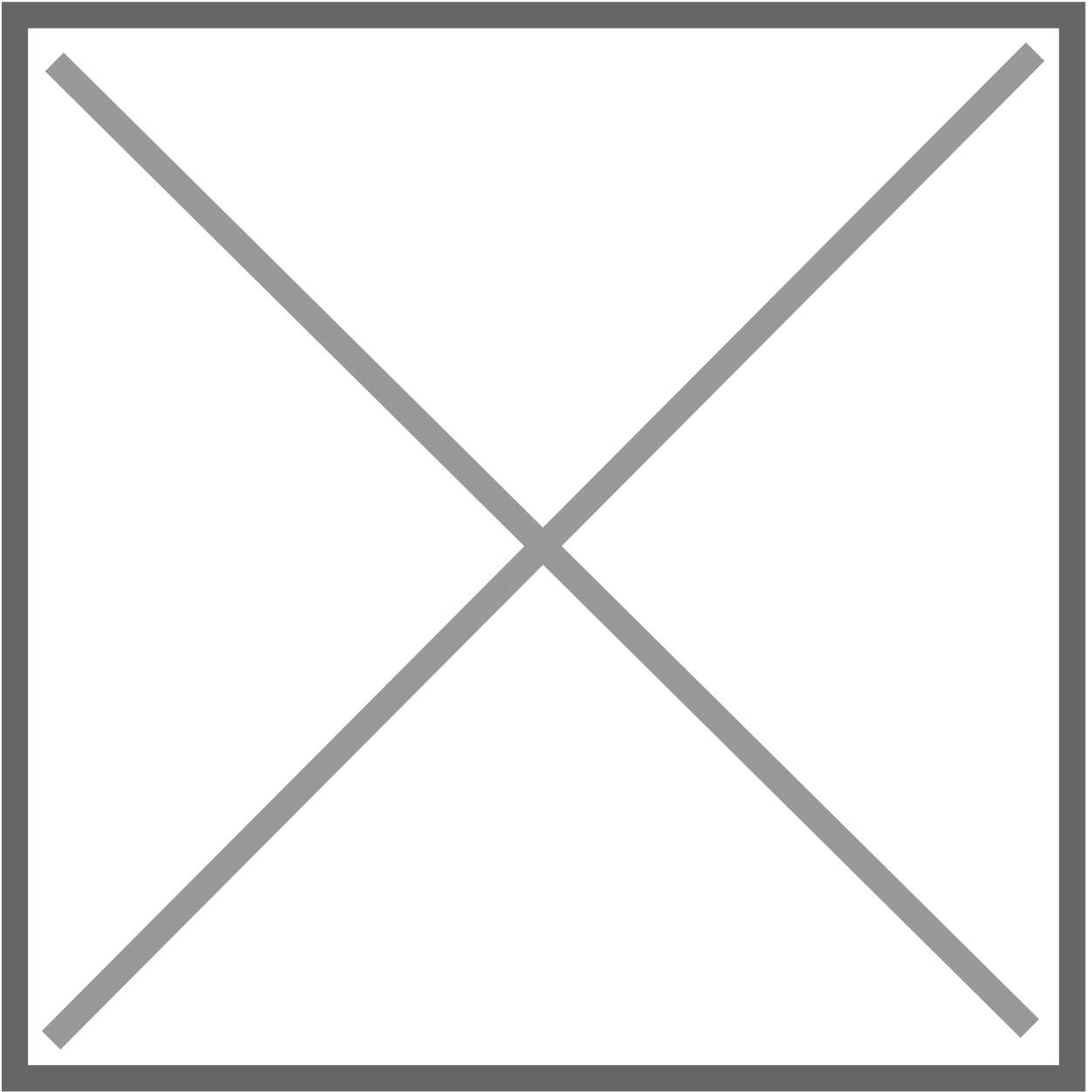


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