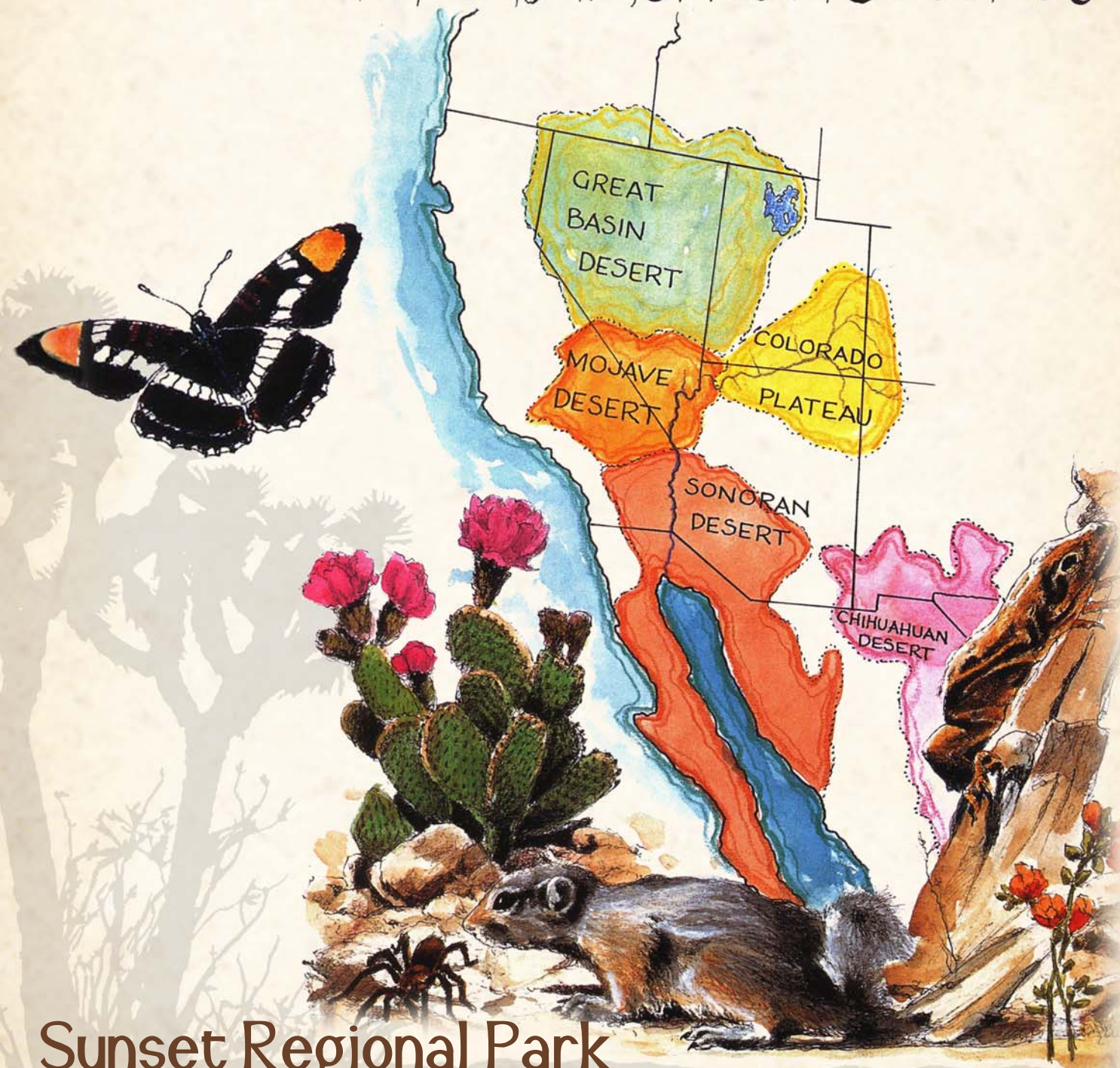


# The Mojave Desert

Las Vegas lies in the northeastern corner of the smallest desert in North America. Known for great contrasts it includes the lowest elevation in the U.S.—Death Valley, 282 feet below sea level. The highest place in the Mojave, Charleston Peak, 35-miles west of Las Vegas, towers above the surrounding desert at 11,918 feet.

## the North American Deserts



Sunset Regional Park  
Native Discovery



White-crowned Sparrow  
*ZONOTRICHIA LEUCOPHRYS*

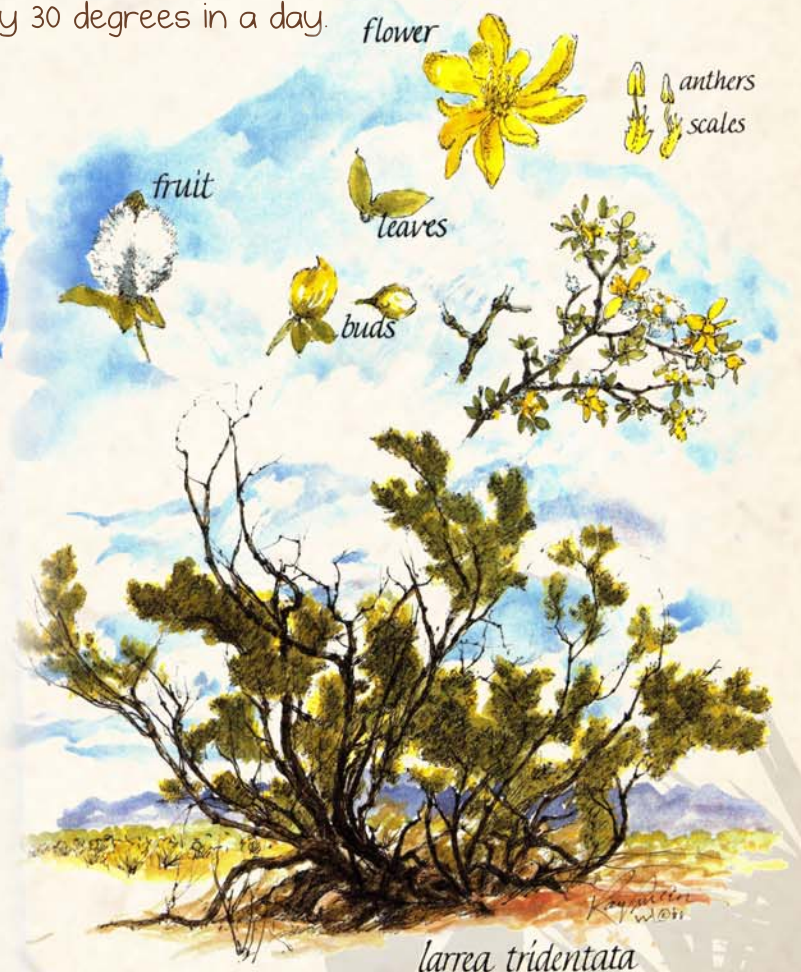


sunflower family  
Brittlebush  
*ENCELIA FARINOSA*

The Mojave is also the driest North American desert, averaging about 5 inches of rain and snow a year. Snow? Yes, the Mojave features hot summers and cold winters. In winter, night time temperatures frequently fall below freezing. In any month, low and high temperatures may vary by 30 degrees in a day.



Red-tailed Hawk  
*BUTEO JAMAICENSIS*



*larrea tridentata*  
Creosote - Greasewood  
caltrop family

