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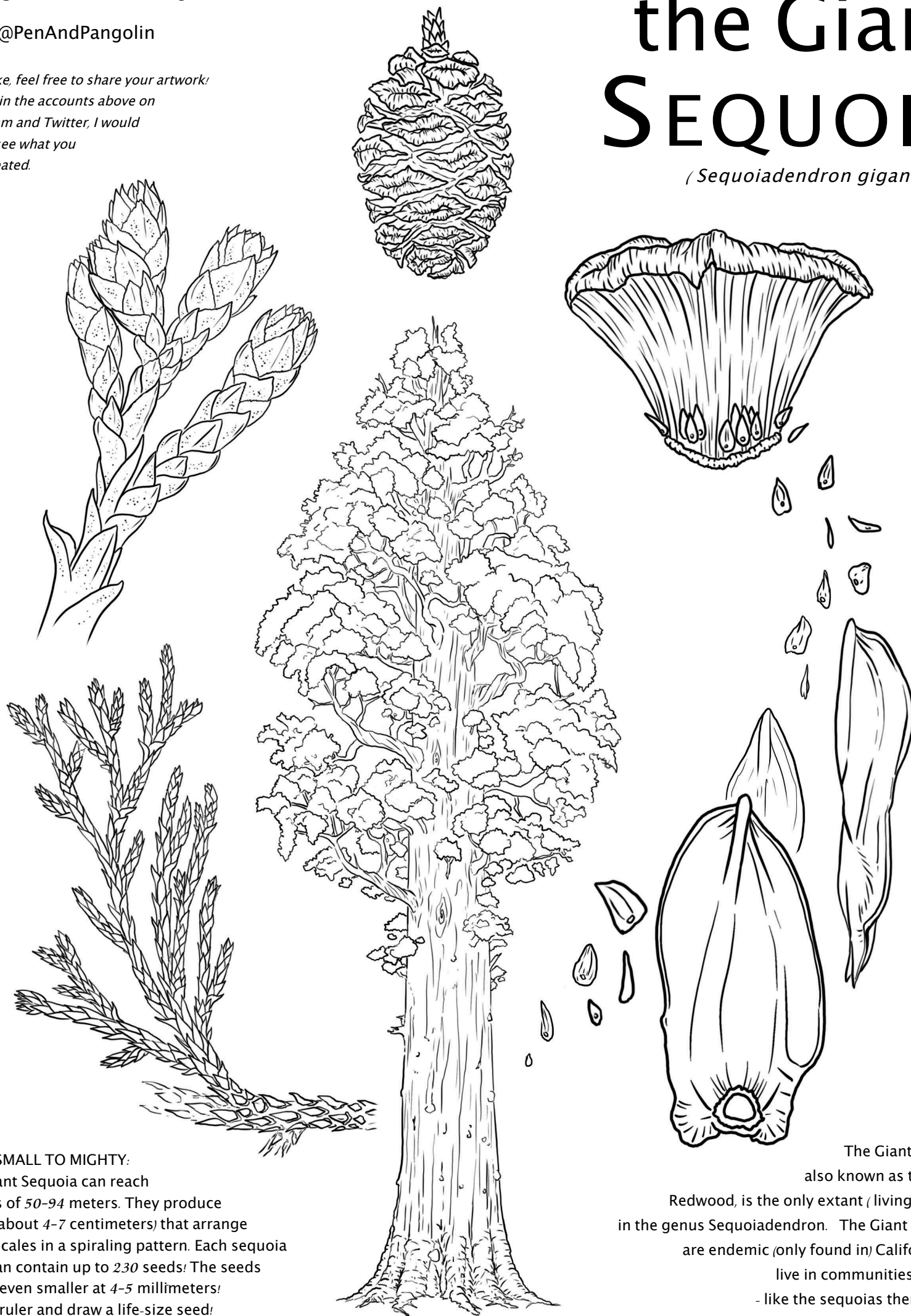
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# the Giant SEQUOIA

(*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)



## FROM SMALL TO MIGHTY:

The Giant Sequoia can reach heights of 50-94 meters. They produce cones (about 4-7 centimeters) that arrange 30-50 scales in a spiraling pattern. Each sequoia cone can contain up to 230 seeds! The seeds can be even smaller at 4-5 millimeters! Grab a ruler and draw a life-size seed!

The Giant Sequoia, also known as the Sierra Redwood, is the only extant (living) species in the genus *Sequoiadendron*. The Giant Sequoias are endemic (only found in) California and live in communities adapted - like the sequoias themselves - to withstand natural wildfires.

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