

Wetland Trivia

- February 2nd is World Wetlands Day.
- Wetlands are found all over the world.
- The Florida Everglades wetlands cover more than 2 million acres.
- Some animals visit the wetlands as they travel from one area to another.
- Some animals spend their whole lives in the wetlands.



Joke Time

1. Why are frogs so happy?
2. Why do fish swim in schools?



Joke Answer:

1. Because they eat whatever bugs them.
2. Because they can't walk.

Did You Know...?

- Wetlands help to clean the water that people drink.
- Wetlands provide a place for rainwater to go during storms. This helps to reduce flooding where people live.
- Wetlands can hold saltwater, freshwater, or a mix of both.



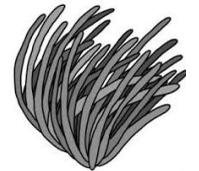
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Areas where land and water mix together are called **wetlands**. Wetlands have shallow water or very wet soil most of the year. Wetland areas are often found along streams, lakes, and rivers. They can be large or small. Some stay wet all year and others have periods where they are dry. All wetlands provide a place for plants and animals to live.

Seagrass and **cattails** are two plants that are often found growing in the wetlands. **Duckweed** is a floating plant that can cover large areas of the shallow water. Some wetland areas have **shrubs** and **trees** growing in the water.



seagrass

Seagrass provides a safe place for **crabs**, **shrimp**, and small **fish** to hide. **Frogs** and **toads** often lay their eggs near cattail plants. **Turtles** and **snakes** eat the **insects** that live in the wetlands. Birds such as **ducks**, **geese**, and **herons** build nests in the wetlands and eat the fish and plants. **Otters** and **beavers** also live in wetlands.



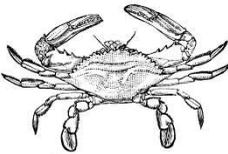
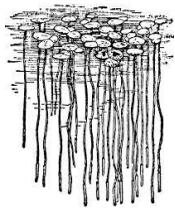
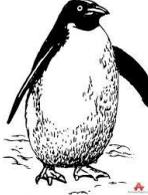
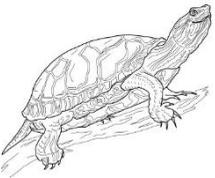
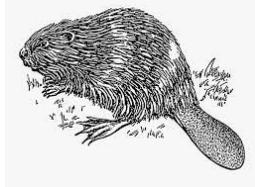
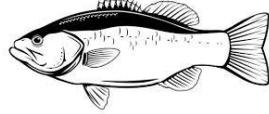
herons and cattails



Wetlands are an important part of our environment. They provide a perfect place for many plants and animals to live.

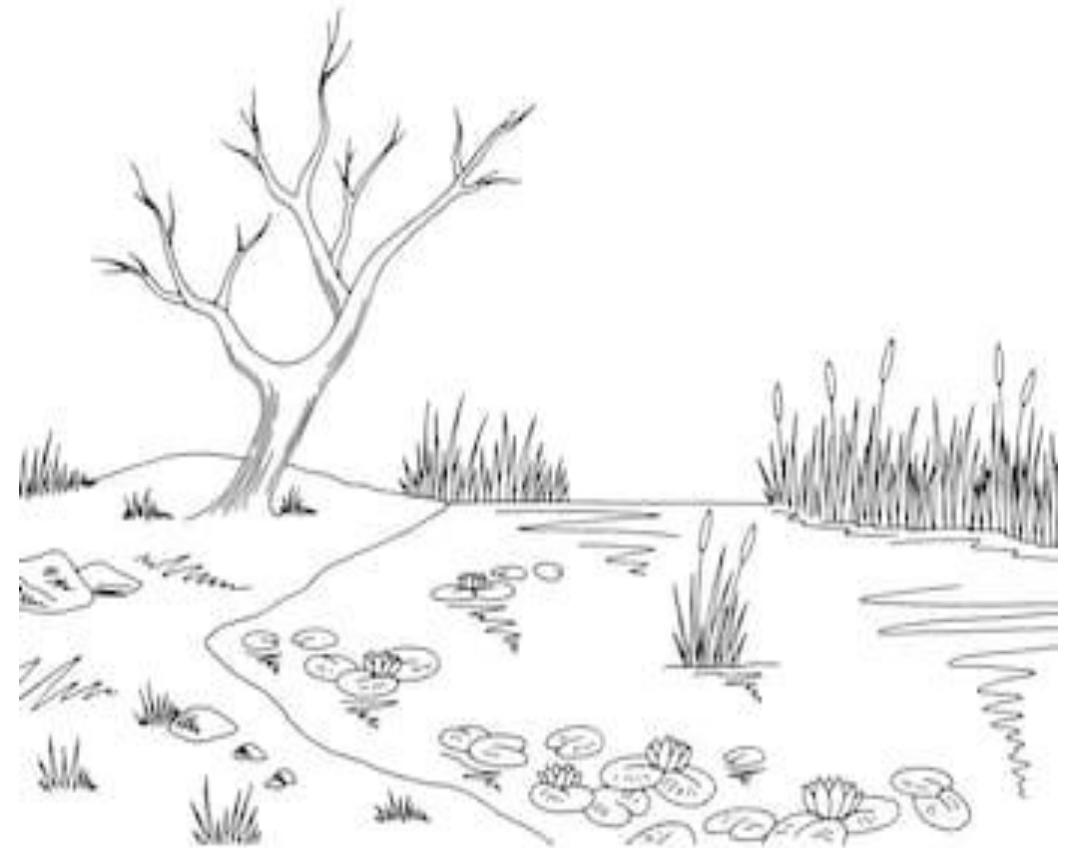
How Well Did You Read?

Circle the plants and animals that live in the wetlands.
Put an **X** on the plants and animals that **do not** live in the wetlands.

 crab	 duckweed	 cat
 cattail	 penguin	 toad
 turtle	 beaver	 fish
 coconut palm tree	 duck	 heron

Where Are the Animals?

This wetland area has **land**, **water**, and **plants**.
Add some **animals** you might find in the wetlands.



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