



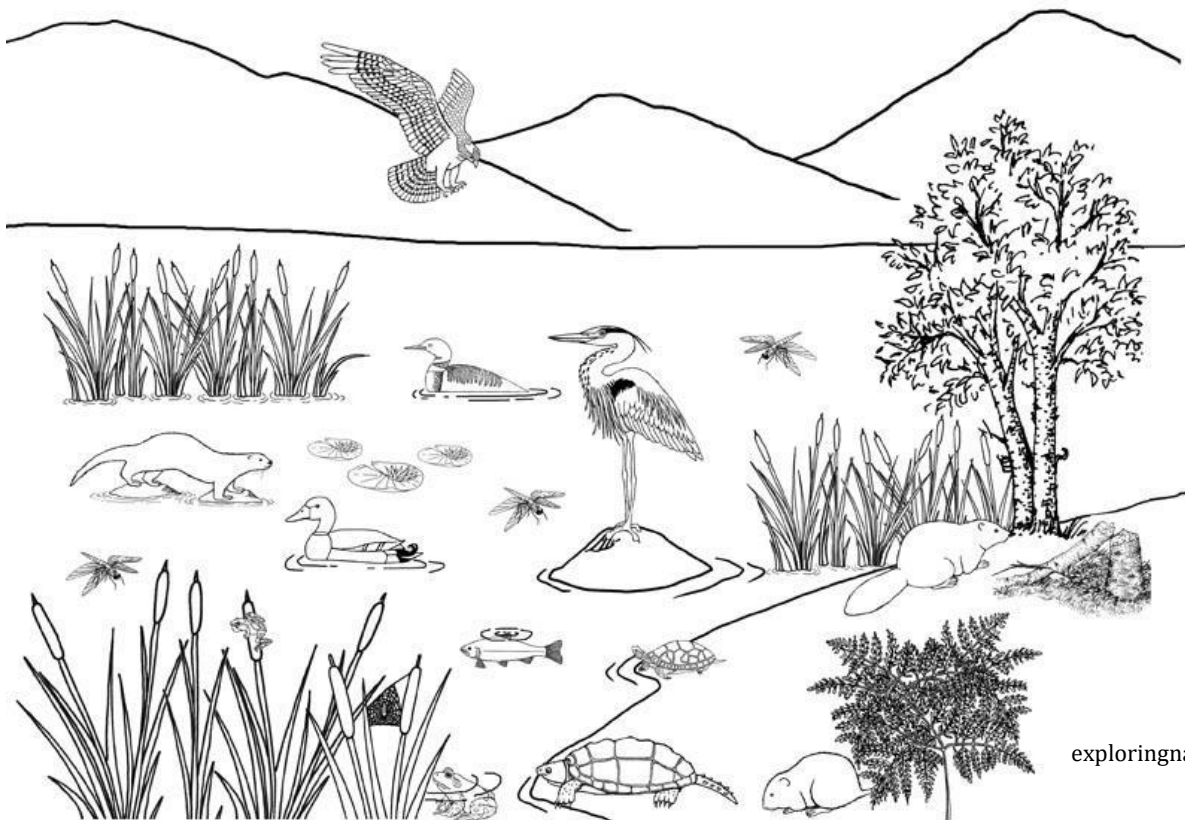
Color the Wetlands

Color while you learn about the wetlands and some of the animals that live there.



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. **Wetlands are an important part of our environment. They provide a perfect habitat for many different animals to live in.** Wetlands also help to filter sediment and pollutants out of the water before it reaches the Chesapeake Bay. **Farmers help to keep the wetlands clean.** They plant shrubs and grasses between farm fields and waterways that help to keep sediment and pollutants out. They also plant cover crops in their fields during winter to keep the soil from washing away into the wetland areas. **To watch a short video about wetlands, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y4qq18hz).** <https://tinyurl.com/y4qq18hz>

This coloring page shows some of the animals that live in local wetland areas. Can you identify the animals in the picture? Use the word box for help.



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Word Box

beaver otter heron mallard duck loon snapping turtle
frog painted turtle muskrat dragonfly bass fish osprey



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