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WETLANDS

Purple Loosestrife chokes out native wetland plants.



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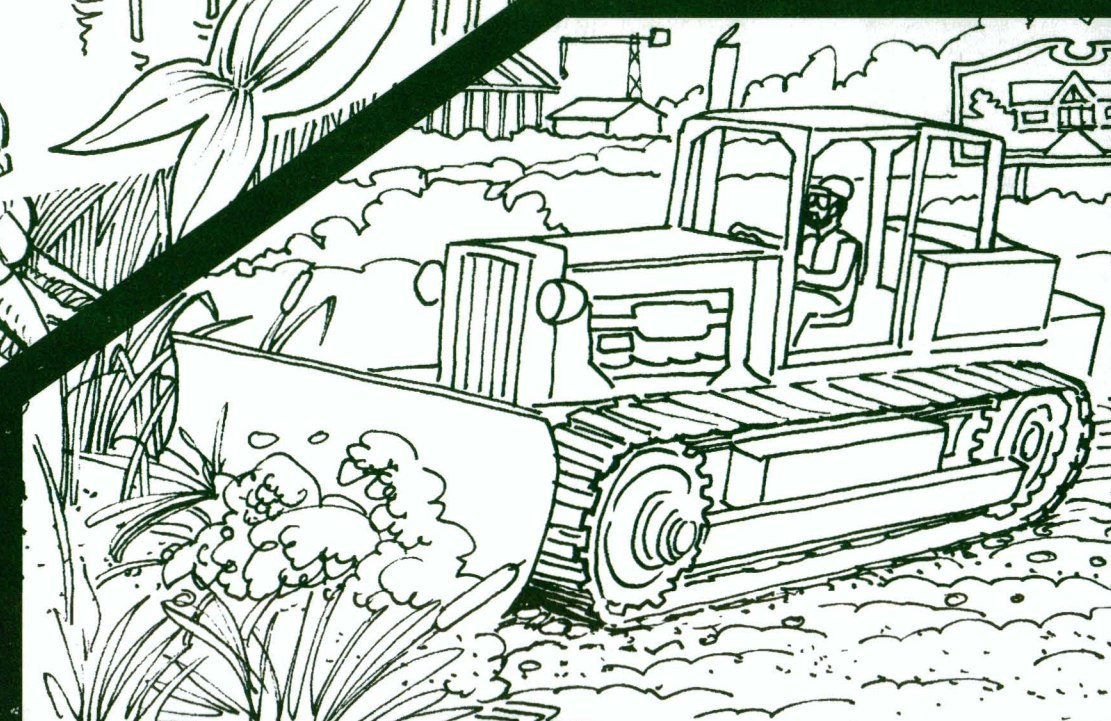
Many wetlands are drained to grow crops.



Garbage and pollution damage healthy wetlands.



A lot of wetlands are filled in to build factories and houses.



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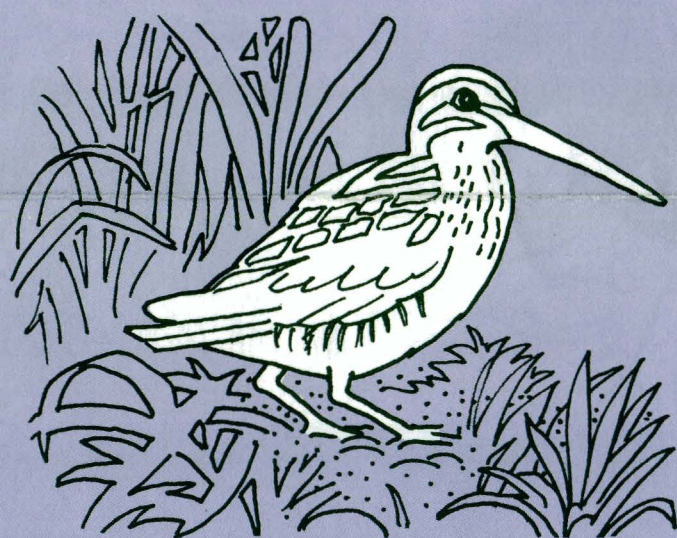
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| 1. Snipe | 5. Great Blue Heron | 9. Painted Turtle | 12. Beaver |
| 2. Dragonfly | 6. Leopard Frog | 10. Water Lily | 13. Red-winged Blackbird |
| 3. Cattails | 7. Stickleback | 11. Blue-winged Teal (male & female) | 14. Arrowhead |
| 4. Milbert's Tortoiseshell | 8. Crayfish | | 15. Garter Snake |



WHO LIVES IN WETLANDS?

WETLANDS are home for many different kinds of plants and animals.

Cattails, horsetails, pondweeds, duckweeds, water lilies, and arrowheads can be found in and around the water.

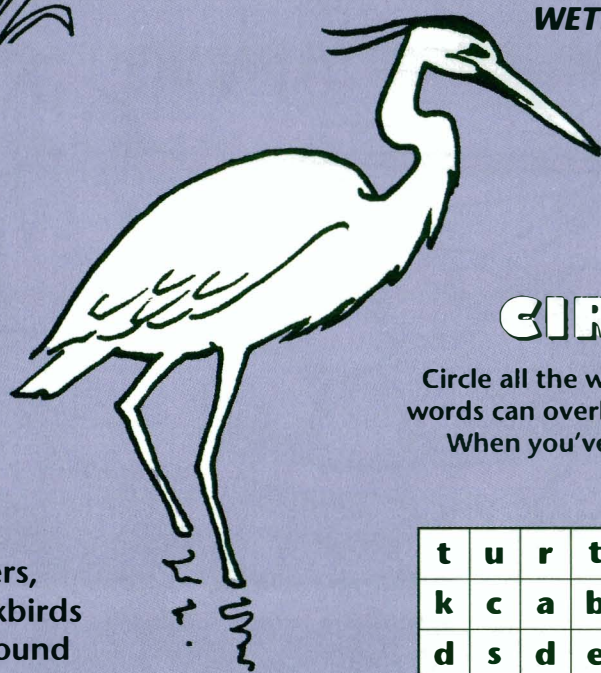
Insects, frogs, turtles, snakes, beavers, muskrats, herons, Red-winged Blackbirds and all kinds of ducks live in and around **WETLANDS**.

There are a lot of other birds in **WETLANDS** too. In fact over one third of Canada's birds need **WETLANDS**.

If you could see under the water you would find some more insects, tadpoles, crayfish and fish.

Get a microscope. In just one drop of **WETLAND** water you can find hundreds of tiny algae and animals!

You won't need a microscope to see the moose, deer, bears, and foxes that visit **WETLANDS** to feed and drink.



WHAT ARE WETLANDS?

WETLANDS are the places where land and water meet or where the ground is very wet for most or all of the year.

WETLANDS can be marshes, swamps, bogs, fens, and shallow open water.

WETLANDS can be as big as a city or as small as a swimming pool.

WETLANDS can have fresh or salt water.

CIRCLE THE WORD

Circle all the words listed below in the puzzle. Look carefully – words can overlap, run in any direction or be spelled backwards. When you've found all the words, unscramble the leftover letters to spell the missing word.

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| beaver | fox | dragonfly |
| blackbird | stickleback | muskrat |
| cattails | pondweed | microscope |
| arrowhead | snakes | water lily |
| turtles | duck | insect |
| crayfish | great blue heron | |

IMPORTANT WETLAND FACTS!

Did you know that:

- ✦ About one seventh of Canada is **WETLANDS**.
- ✦ Canada is very lucky because it has one quarter of all the Earth's **WETLANDS**.
- ✦ 42 of Canada's plant and animal species at risk need **WETLANDS**.



HOW DO WETLANDS HELP PEOPLE?

WETLANDS clean water and can filter pollution.

WETLANDS produce oxygen.

WETLANDS control flooding by absorbing water.

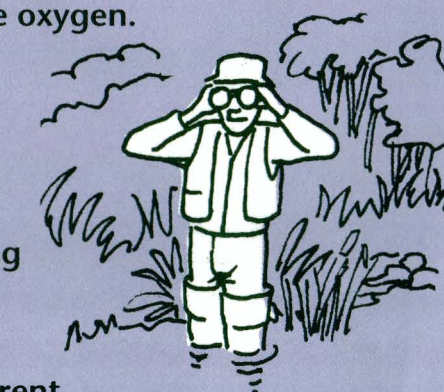
WETLANDS reduce drought by releasing water.

WETLANDS provide food for many different plants and animals.

WETLANDS produce food like wild rice, fish, and cranberries for people too!

WETLANDS are nurseries for fish and other wildlife.

WETLANDS are great places to see nature.



HOW DO PEOPLE HURT WETLANDS?

People hurt **WETLANDS** by:

- ✦ Taking away water. Too many **WETLANDS** are drained to grow crops.
- ✦ Dumping garbage and pollutants in the water. Garbage and pollution are making healthy **WETLANDS** sick.
- ✦ Bulldozing them over. A lot of **WETLANDS** are filled in to build factories and houses.
- ✦ Bringing plants and animals to new places where they don't belong. Purple Loosestrife is a plant that came from Europe and is choking out some of Canada's native **WETLAND** plants.



HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE WETLANDS?

DISCOVER AND EXPLORE WETLANDS

Do it where you live. Do it with your friends, your family or your school. Start your own environmental or nature club. Knowing your own **WETLANDS** will help you save **WETLANDS**.

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE

Anything that stops garbage and pollution will help you save **WETLANDS**.

WETLANDS WATCH – BE ON THE ALERT

If you think people are hurting **WETLANDS** you should do something. Talk to your friends and parents. Write to your newspaper, Mayor, or MP. Don't be shy. Being on the alert will help you save **WETLANDS**.

TALK, LISTEN AND LEARN

Talk to people about **WETLANDS**. Listen to people who talk about **WETLANDS**. Talking and listening will help you save **WETLANDS**.

