

WETLANDS — what are they? Wetlands are low-lying areas between dry land and aquatic systems such as rivers, lakes or oceans. Once thought to be useless, wetlands really do many important things, such as holding extra floodwater, purifying water and giving plants and animals a place to live. As you color this picture, see if you can name these plants and animals by matching the number to the correct name below.

Pickerelweed	Snowy egret	Great blue heron	Leopard frog	Dragonfly
White water lily	Mottled duck	Bluegill	Red-winged blackbird	Snail
Raccoon	Common gallinule	Softshell turtle	Mosquito fish	

Answers: 1. Common gallinule 2. Softshell turtle 3. White water lily 4. Raccoon 5. Red-winged blackbird 6. Mottled duck 7. Great blue heron 8. Dragonfly 9. Leopard frog 10. Snail 11. Snowy egret 12. Pickerelweed 13. Mosquito fish 14. Bluegill



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