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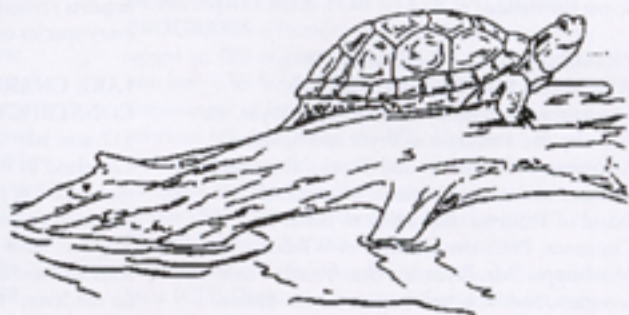
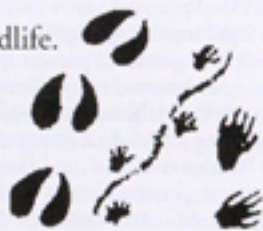
WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WETLANDS



Wetlands are wet lands. Some common types of wetlands are bogs, swamps and marshes. There are freshwater wetlands and saltwater wetlands. All wetlands have water, special soil, and plants with special adaptations. Wetlands are very productive habitats that support huge numbers of insects, fish, birds, and other animals. About 35 percent of all animals and plants listed as threatened or endangered in the United States either live in wetlands or depend on them in some way. Wildlife and people need wetlands.

WORKING WETLANDS

- Provide a nursery that shelters, protects, and feeds young wildlife.
- Act like a sponge to absorb excess water caused by runoff.
- Provide a resting place for migratory birds such as ducks.
- Provide nutrient-rich foods for humans and wildlife.
- Mix nutrients and oxygen into the water.
- Filter smaller impurities from water.
- Strain silt, debris, etc. from water.
- Help cleanse the environment.
- Neutralize toxic substances.



Make a bookmark or poster to show others wetlands are valuable wildlife habitat. You can use the pictures on this page or draw your own.



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