

# Wild Wetlands

## Quick Quiz!



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An **adaptation** is something an animal has or does to help it survive in their habitat. Can you list three adaptations that help wild animals live in the wetlands?

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In the wetlands, there are many ducks; can you name a duck that got its name from its puffy head? (*Hint: their name is similar to buffalo*)

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Name one thing YOU can do to help **protect the wetlands** and the animals that live there:

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# \*Answers will vary. Wild Wetlands Answers

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2. Draining wetland to grow grass and raise cattle.

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Red-eared Slider (Turtle)

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1. Long legs for wading through water.
2. Long beaks for spearing animals quickly from the water.
3. Rough and bumpy feet to hold onto slippery fish.

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Bufflehead Duck

Name one thing YOU can do to help **protect the wetlands** and the animals that live there:

Don't pollute and pick up trash when I see it on the ground.

Ride my bicycle to places instead of riding in a car.

