

# Wild Wetlands

Wetlands are any area of land that is wet; examples are marshes, bogs, and swamps. In recent years the wetlands have shrunk 90% due to human activity; construction of houses, airports and drainage of wetlands for farmland are all responsible for the wetlands disappearance. Many animals live and depend on the wetlands for their survival, like the **Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse**, the **Ridgway's Rail**, the **Western Pond Turtle**, and the **Leopard Shark**.

Design a poster that calls for the preservation and restoration of wetlands to help one of the animals listed above **or** a wetland animal of your choice. Your poster should include;



A rendering of your chosen animal (drawn, painted, photographed, etc.)



How your animal has been affected by disappearing wetlands and/or pollution.



Why the wetlands are important as a habitat and for your animal.



Actions people can take to preserve, protect, and restore the wetlands to help the animals there thrive.

## Points awarded:

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Animal Rendering (Excellent representation of your chosen animal and prominently displayed in the poster.)

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Information on disappearing wetlands (Prominently displayed with appropriate graphs or tables)

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Information on why wetlands are important (Prominently displayed with appropriate graphs and tables)

\_\_\_\_\_/20 Action Plan (Clear and simple instructions for actions people can make in order to help the wetlands, given thought to what will make the most impact and what is necessary for the wetlands to thrive in the future.)



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