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## About this show:

This is part of *Wetlands and the World*, a project of Ducks Unlimited Canada and its partners to explore wetlands across cultures. This show is linked to the elementary school science curriculum.

**Before You Begin:** Preview the show. The accompanying **Teaching Notes** provide information and ideas to stimulate discussions with your students. Additional resources may be found on our website at [education.ducks.ca](http://education.ducks.ca) or in French at [education.canards.ca](http://education.canards.ca).



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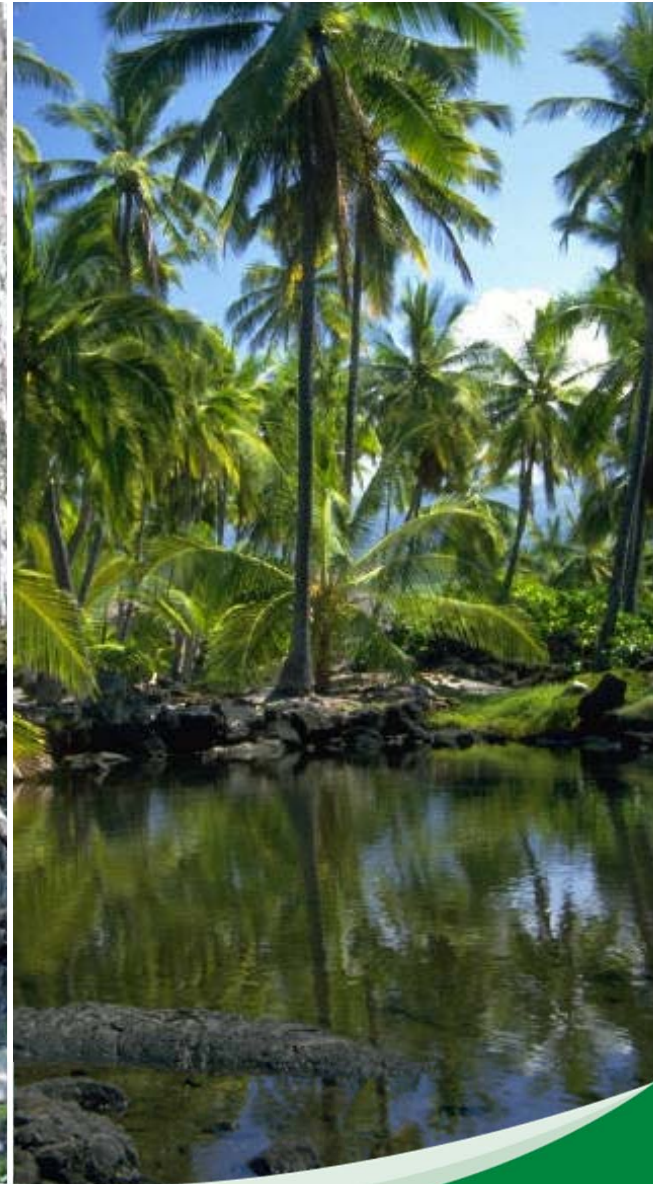
# Wetlands Around the World



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Wetlands are found around the world.



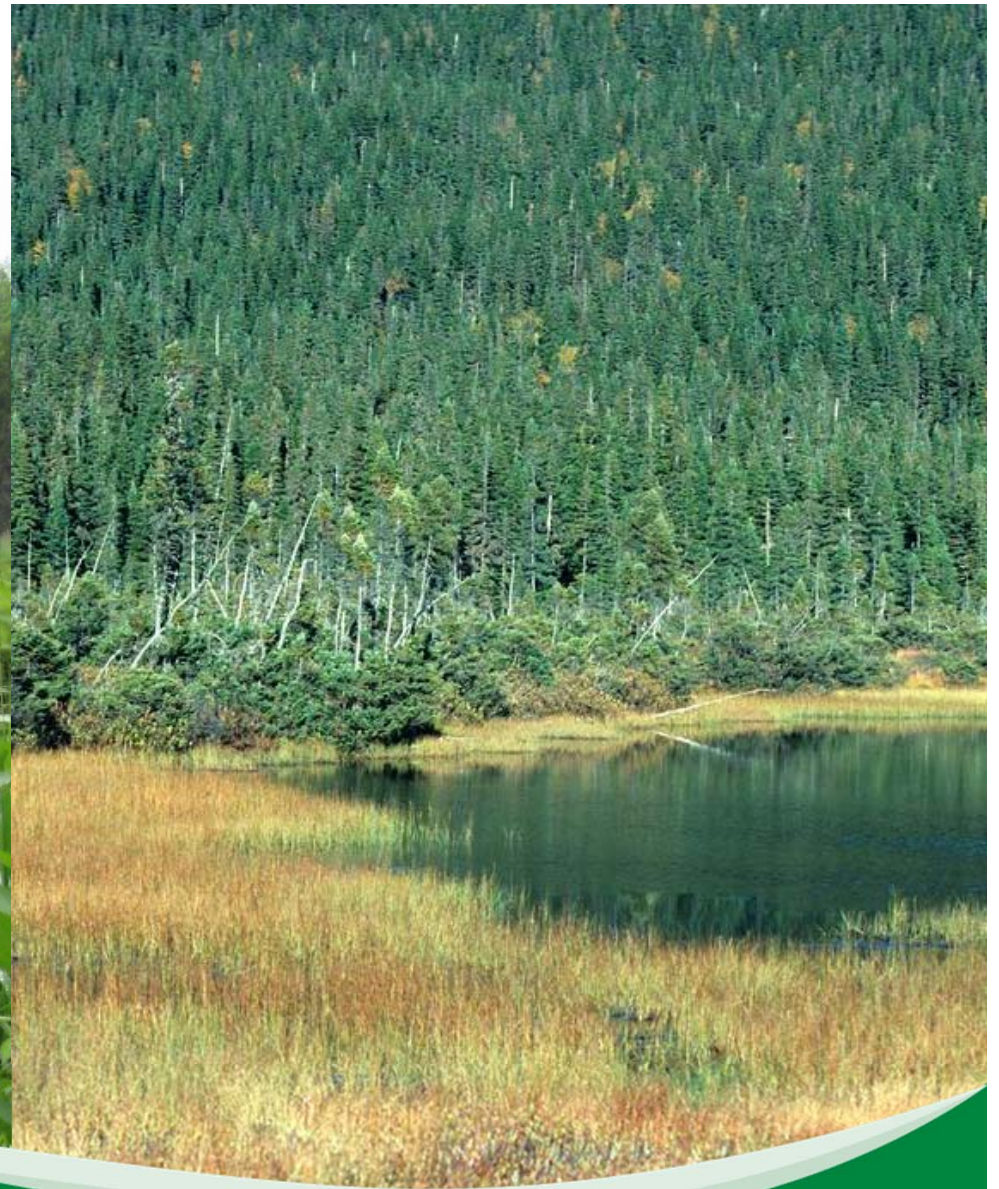
There are many kinds of wetlands . . .



and they go by many different names.



In Canada, three common wetlands  
are a **marsh** . . .



... a **swamp**

... and a **bog**.



**Birds live in wetlands.**





Many, like this wood duck, nest and raise their young in, or near, wetlands.



**Wading birds depend on wetlands for their food and water.**



Other animals need wetlands, too.



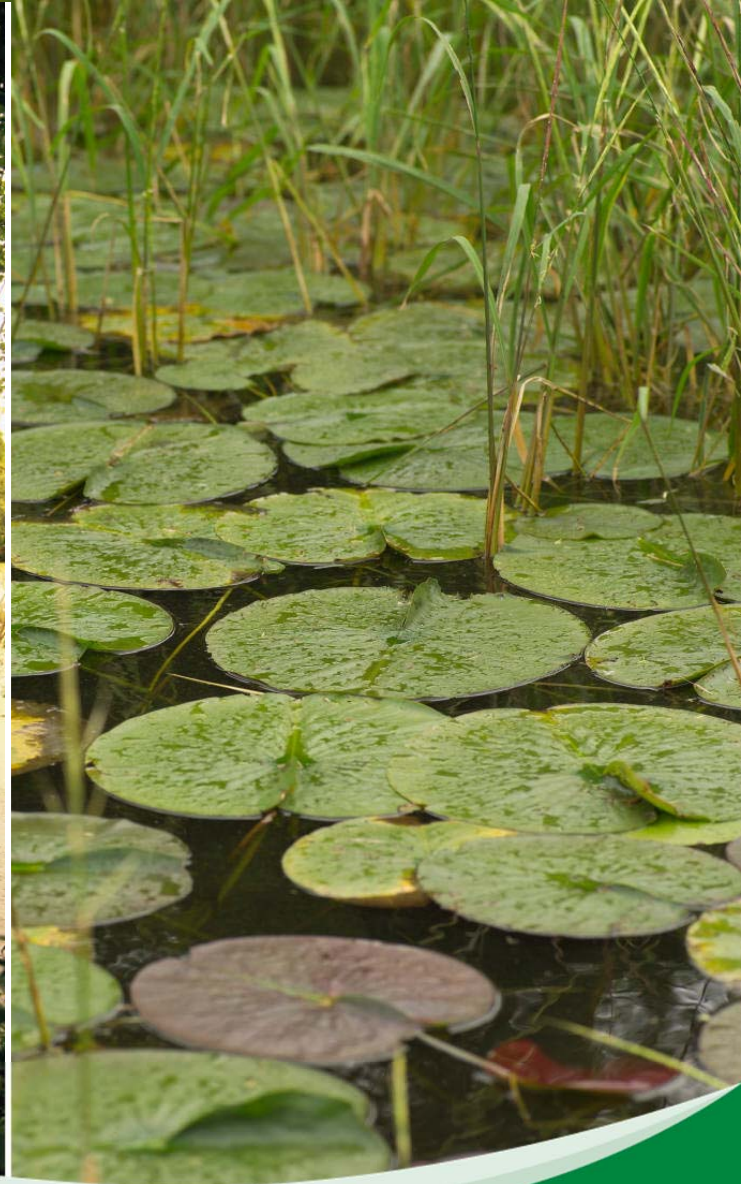
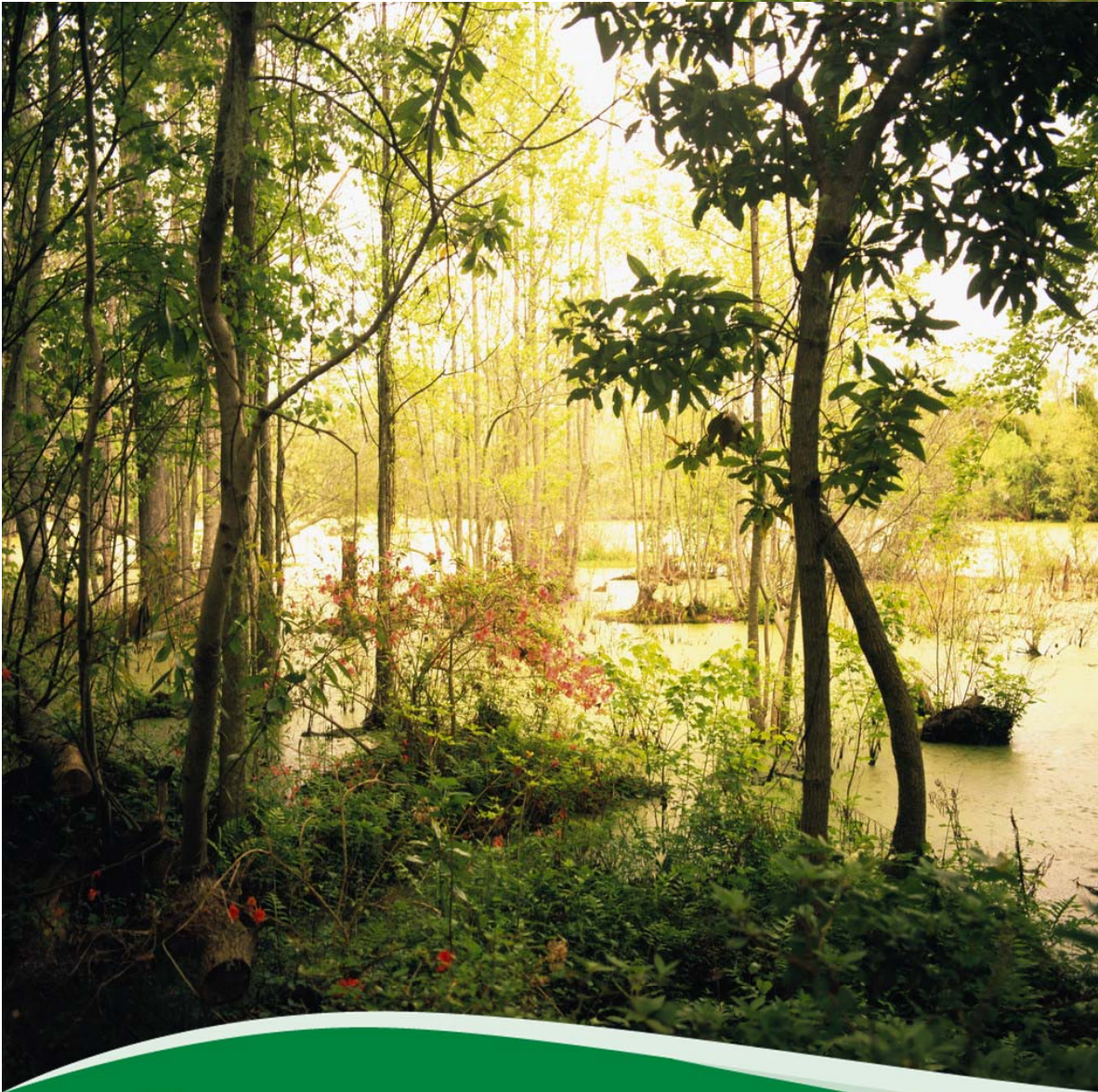
Many kinds of fish, insects and amphibians (like the frog) lay their eggs in wetlands.



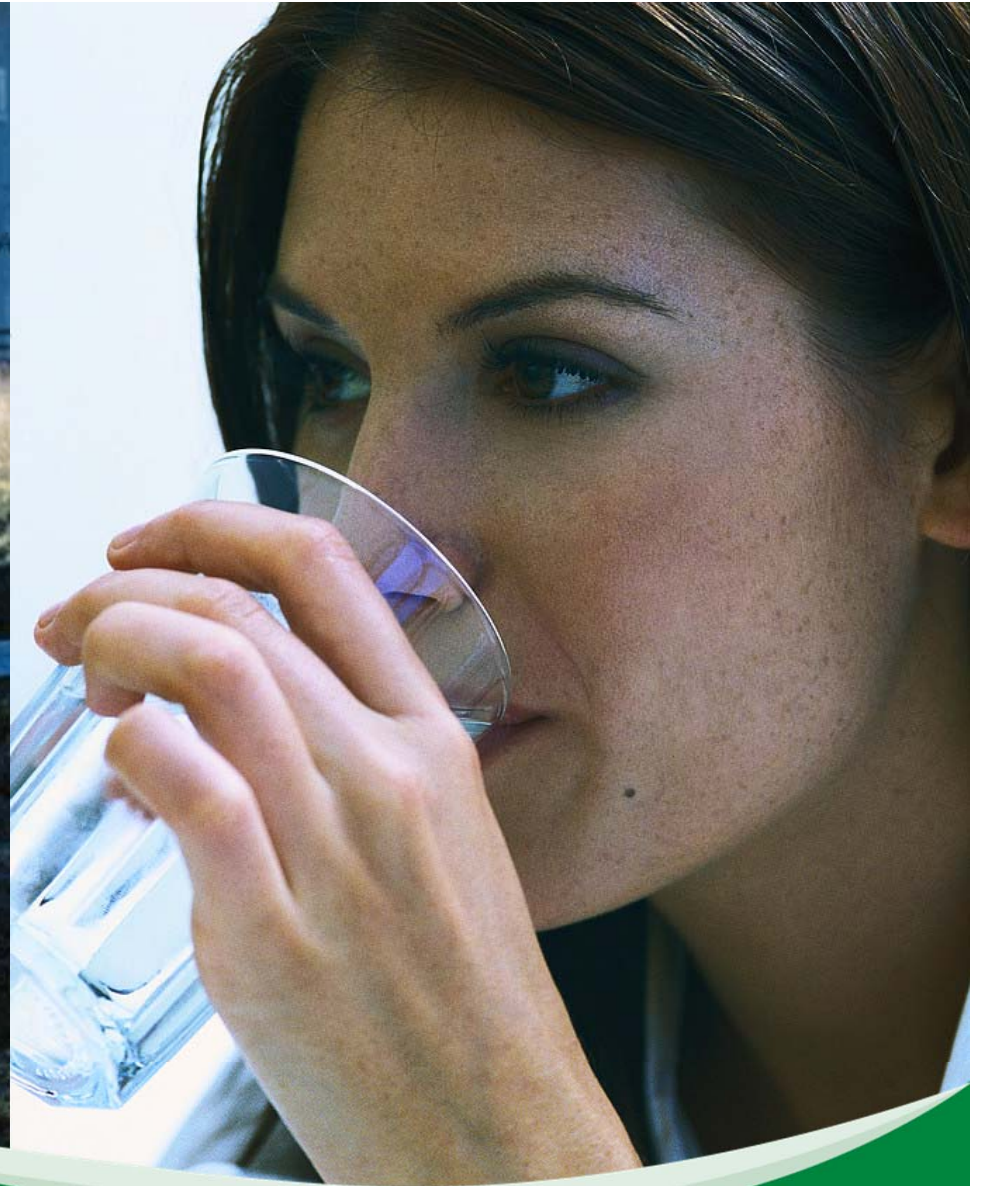
For others, it is an important place  
to find water to drink.



**During migration ducks and other animals rest and feed in wetlands.**



**Wetlands contain amazing plants  
and soils . . .**



... that act like filters and help to clean our drinking water.





**Wetlands store water during dry seasons and droughts . . .**



... and help prevent flooding.



Important foods, like rice and cranberries, first grew in wetlands . . .



... and people around the world rely on wetlands for their food.



**Because wetlands are important . . .**



... people work to learn more about them and their inhabitants,



... adults and children work to protect them,



... and to teach others about their importance.





Let's learn more about wetlands and  
how we can help, together!



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## NEWALTA WETLAND HEROES

are young people (under 25 years of age) who make a difference by taking action to conserve and protect Canada's wetlands. They can be individuals, classes, schools or community youth clubs or groups. **No project or action is too big or too small. Every little bit a hero does help!**

Here are some examples of ways to take action against wetland loss:

- **Write letters.** Grade 3 students in B.C. wrote letters to politicians encouraging them to create a bird nesting area and increase protection for a wetland near a new subdivision.
- **Talk to politicians.** The grade 6 winner of a school poster contest met with the Saskatchewan premier to encourage his government to better protect wetlands.
- **Raise money.** Teenagers in Newfoundland and Quebec raised funds to help with conservation work in their provinces.
- **Increase awareness.** University students worked a public display about wetland values and sent a petition to the Minister of Conservation asking the government to enact a wetland policy.
- **Inhance habitat.** Students in B.C. built wood duck nesting boxes at a local wetland.

Getting recognized as a Newalta Wetland Hero is easy. Visit [education.ducks.ca](http://education.ducks.ca) to download a registration form. Applications are accepted all year.

Newalta Wetland Heroes are officially recognized by Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) for their accomplishments and get a free year's subscription to DUCKS CONSERVATOR magazine. This award-winning magazine is packed with stories on the work DUC does to protect our valuable natural resources. Teachers and schools also get a year's subscription to the quarterly Green Teacher magazine.

**Wait! There's more!**

The other exciting part of being a Newalta Wetland Hero is that you could win an Award of Merit and receive \$100 to further your great conservation work!

Up to 50 Awards of Merit are given out annually across Canada. Newalta Wetland Heroes are automatically eligible to apply and the deadline for applications is World Water Day on March 22, 2013. Winners are announced on Earth Day on April 22, 2013.

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