



Recommended Reading Our Wonderful Wetlands

A wetland is defined as an area of land whose soil is saturated with moisture either permanently or seasonally. Early explorers called Wisconsin "the Great Swamp," since the territory was covered with ten million acres of wetlands. Wetlands are extremely valuable to wildlife, supporting a greater number of animals than any other type of habitat. Wetlands also absorb flood waters; filter chemicals, sediments, and other impurities out of drinking water; recharge groundwater; and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. Fifty percent of Wisconsin's original wetlands have disappeared. Not only must we maintain our existing wetlands, we must continue efforts to restore those that have been lost.

About habitats: wetlands / By Cathryn Sill. Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree: 2008. WWL call number: 152312 Kids
Award-winning author Cathryn Sill and her husband, noted wildlife illustrator John Sill, offer young readers a first glimpse into wetlands habitats. In simple, easy-to-understand language, this guide teaches children what wetlands are, what kinds of animals and plants live there, and how wetlands help maintain the delicate balance among Earth's environments. 1st ed. Illustrated by John Sill.

America's wetlands: guide to plants and animals / By Marianne D. Wallace. Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Pub.: 2004. WWL call number: 152314 Kids
Identifies wetland plants and animals and where they can be found. Where can you find these intriguing plants and animals? These and many, many more live in bogs, marshes, and swamps found all over North America. Delightful full-color illustrations and lively descriptions help not only in identifying wetland types but also introduce plants and animals and provide enjoyment for the whole family.

Everglades / By Jean Craighead George. New York: HarperCollins: 1995. WWL call number: 152242 Kids
A powerful tale told by a storyteller as he paddles five children through the Florida Everglades in a dugout canoe. Elegant prose and beautiful pictures explain the plight of the Everglades making this an enjoyable and important book to share with children. For children in grades 1-4.

Leapfrogging through wetlands / By Margaret Jean Anderson, Nancy Field, Karen F. Stephenson, et al. Middleton, Wis.: Dog-Eared Publications: 1998. WWL call number: 152244 Kids
Children investigate the world of sedges, rushes, ducks and frogs in this beautifully illustrated, action-packed book. Includes hands-on activities and teaching aids that will help children understand the diversity of a wetland ecosystem and why wetlands are important. For children in grades 3-6.

Marshes and swamps / By Gail Gibbons. New York: Holiday House: 1998. WWL call number: 152233 Kids
Marshes and swamps are wetlands that cover almost six percent of the Earth's land area. In this book, readers learn to distinguish the various types of wetlands and what kind of wildlife is observable in each. Includes a list of wetlands to visit in the United States. For children in grades 1-4.

Oh no! Hannah's swamp is changing / By Marilyn Barrett-O'Leary. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, Louisiana State University: 2002. WWL call number: 152349 Kids
An illustrated children's book for grades K-4 about basic concepts of exotic species impacts. Concepts include a basic understanding of what non-indigenous species are, the effects that they have on our environment, and what can be done to stem the tide. Illustrated by Catherine Kiffe. For children in grades K - 4

Salamander rain: a lake & pond journal / By Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini. Nevada City, Calif.: Dawn Publications: 2000. WWL call number: 281431 Kids
Here is the journal and scrapbook of Klint, a young Planet Scout who kept notes for a year on his discoveries and became engrossed by the daily drama of turtles, crayfish dragonflies and water skimmers. The journal format creates a text that is easily accessible, but deep in information. For children in grades 1-5.

Swamp: one small square / By Donald M. Silver. New York: Learning Triangle Press: 1997. WWL call number: 152243 Kids
Part of the critically acclaimed One Small Square nature series, this book explores the shallow, murky water of a swamp. Packed with resources, the activities, picture field guides and full color illustrations are great for students and teachers alike. For children in grades 2-5.

Wetlands / By Ronald N. Rood. New York: HarperCollins Publishers: 1994. WWL call number: 152230 Kids
This book provides a useful guide for watching wildlife in the air, on the water's surface, in the depths, and on the land areas surrounding swamps, slow streams, marshes, and ponds. For children in grades 2-5.

Wetlands / By Emilie U. Lepthien. Chicago, Ill.: Children's Press: 1993. WWL call number: 152231 Kids
Describes what types of land are considered wetlands, what can be found there, why these places are ecologically important, and what can be done to conserve them. For children in grades 2-6.

Wetlands / By Shirley W. Gray. Minneapolis, Minn.: Compass Point Books: 2001. WWL call number: 152232 Kids
What is the difference between a bog, a marsh, and a swamp? In simple terms, Shirley Gray explains the differences between types of wetlands and highlights the Florida Everglades as an example of a wetland in need of human help. For children in grades 2-6.

Wetlands journey / By Jeanne Weaver. Washington D.C.: National Geographic: 2007. WWL call number: 152311 Kids
There are few more fertile neighborhoods in nature than bogs, swamps, and marshes. National Geographic invites you to journey through these wonderful wetlands and discover many of the amazing plants and animals that live there. Listen to the sounds of the swamp, from the frogs' chorus of croaking to the maddening buzz of

mosquitoes; dig deep into the preservative texture of bogs; and discover the biological make-up of the miasmic clouds that rise from marshes.

Wild and swampy / By Jim Arnosky. New York: HarperCollins Publishers: 2000. WWL call number: 281333 Kids
Come along and explore the mysterious life in a southern swamp. The writing will inspire interest and appreciation for all things wild and swampy. Beautiful full-size paintings along with pen-and-ink drawings add rich detail to the unusual animals and plant life. For children in grades 1-5