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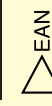
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With the help of beautifully detailed paintings by noted wildlife illustrator John Sill, the author describes the characteristics of different types of wetlands—from the freshwater swamps of Africa to the prairie potholes of the north-central United States—and shows how various species of animals and plants have adapted to life in these habitats.

An afterword and glossary provide more detailed information about wetlands in general and about the flora and fauna featured in the illustrations.



To the One who created wetlands.  
—Genesis 1:1



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Wetlands can be found on every continent but Antarctica. They provide homes for thousands of species of plants and animals.

### Some Common Types of Wetlands

**Bog**—a wet, spongy area of standing water where plants such as sphagnum moss grow.

**Marsh**—an area that is covered with shallow water where plants such as grasses, reeds, and sedges grow.

**Swamp**—an area that is covered with shallow water where certain shrubs or trees grow.

**Vernal Pool**—an area that is covered with water for part of the year and is dry the rest of the year.

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Wetlands are places that are covered with shallow water.

**PLATE I  
MANGROVE SWAMP**

*Greater Flamingo*  
*Great Egret*





The water may be fresh or salty.

**PLATE 2**  
**PAPYRUS SWAMP (freshwater)**  
*Hippopotamus*

**SALT MARSH**  
*Northern Raccoon*

