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**Did You Know This
About Wetlands?**

1. Wetlands are natural areas that hold water, but they may not be wet all year long.
2. There are different types of wetlands, like marshes, bogs, fens and swamps.
3. Each type of wetland provides food, shelter and water for plants and animals that need a watery home.
4. You can find more animals and plants per acre in a wetland than in any other kind of habitat.
5. Wetlands provide homes for many endangered species—types of animals, birds and fish that have almost disappeared.
6. Most of the fish and shellfish we eat live in wetlands when they are young.
7. Wetlands can be as small as a wading pool or as large as a lake.
8. Wetlands on the coasts fill up and drain twice a day because of the tides from the ocean.
9. When rivers overflow, wetlands can help control floods that damage property.
10. Dirty water gets a good cleaning when it flows through wetlands.

To learn more about wetlands,
call the Wetlands Helpline at 1-800-
832-7828 or visit the U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency's
Wetlands Division web site:
www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands

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