

## WHAT ARE WETLANDS?

Wetlands are areas that are covered with water either part or all the time. Wetlands do many important things for people including holding extra flood water, providing recreational opportunities, and filtering out pollution. They also provide homes for many unique plants and animals.

Marshes are a dominate wetland found in Louisiana. The plants found in marshes are mostly grasses. There are three types of marshes; these are based on the water that flows into the environments. Marshes in Louisiana are freshwater, brackish (mixture of salt and freshwater), or saltwater. The type of water determines the plants and animals that live in marshes!

## Color in the marsh above and label the wetland plants and animals from the list below!

- 1. Mallard Duck
- 3. Whooping Crane
- 5. Blue Crab
- 7. Red Fish

- 2. Red-winged Blackbird
- 4. American Alligator
- 6. Roseate Spoonbill
- 8. River Otter