

Wondrous Wetlands

What is a wetland?

A wetland is any area that has very shallow water or soggy, wet ground for part of the year and has plants that like to have their roots wet.

Some wetlands are only wet for part of the year and are dry during the hot summer months!

Just 1 acre of wetland can hold up to 1 million gallons of water!

Over 100 species of migrating birds stop for a rest in Delaware's wetlands!

Nearly 30% of Delaware is covered in wetlands!

98% of Delaware's fish use wetlands as nurseries!

Hi! I'm Salty and I love wetlands! There are so many cool facts about them, check out some of my favorites!

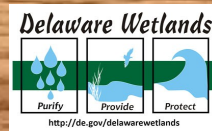
Half of the world's wetlands have disappeared since 1900. But you can help! Check out the corner for a few ideas!

Delaware has 49 rare species of plants and animals that need wetlands to survive!

Check out the other side for a fun activity about wetlands!



For more information visit our website at: <http://de.gov/DelawareWetlands>



Why are wetlands important?

Did you know that wetlands help you and the environment every day?

Read below to learn how wetlands **purify, provide, and protect**.



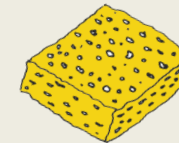
Wetlands clean pollution out of the environment like a bar of soap!



Like a **strainer**, wetlands can filter out sediment and debris from water!



Wetlands provide food for animals including fish and birds!



Wetlands are like **sponges** and can soak up extra water!



Like a **shield** they help protect us from floods caused by big storms!



Wetlands act as **nurseries** to keep young animals safe until they become adults!

What can you do to help?

- Share what you learned! Education is key in helping the environment
- Prevent pollution! This includes litter, but also chemicals from products like soap, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.
- Get out and enjoy wetlands! Visit state parks, nature centers, and wildlife areas to learn more about wetlands.

Seek and Find!

Wetlands are home to lots of animals.
How many of the 10 animals hidden
in this picture can you find?

Fiddler Crab

Snake

Salamander

Fish

Heron

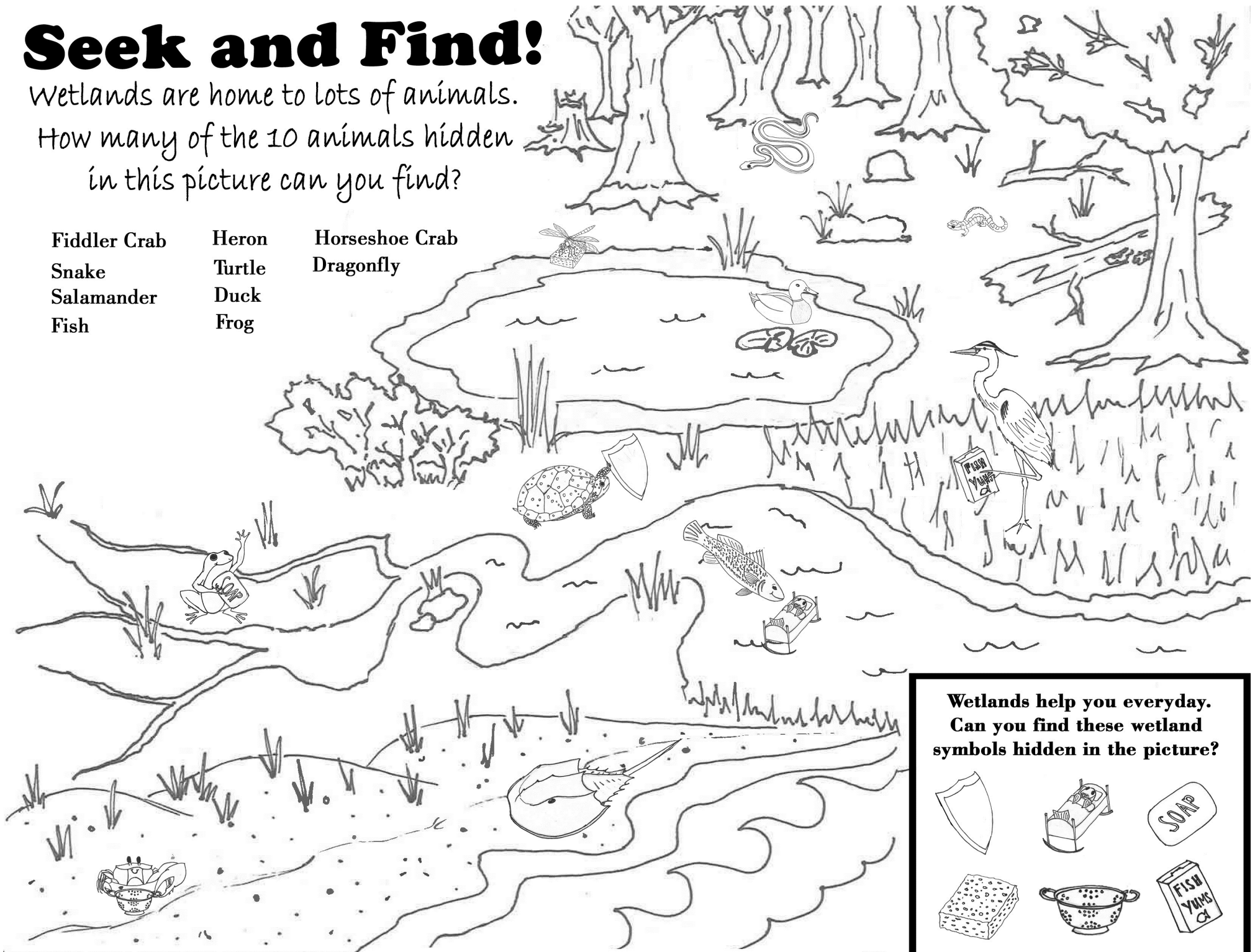
Turtle

Duck

Frog

Horseshoe Crab

Dragonfly



**Wetlands help you everyday.
Can you find these wetland
symbols hidden in the picture?**

