Eco-Explorers Virtual Field Trip

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Wildlife in the Tidal Salt Marsh

In this unit you will learn about some animals that live in the tidal salt marsh, and some that you might see in your own neighborhood. The tidal salt marsh is an ecosystem where large numbers of plants grow, and this in turn provides food and shelter for many animals. It's not hard to find signs of the animals that live here if you know what to look for!

Here's what you should do:

1. View the Wildlife in the Tidal Salt Marsh Vocabulary Words PowerPoint.

This explains some important vocabulary words.

2. Watch the Wildlife Clues video

At the end of the vocabulary words PowerPoint you will see a link to a short video that shows you how to look for and recognize clues that can help you figure out what animals live in an ecosystem such as a tidal salt marsh, or even in your neighborhood!

3. Try some activities designed to help you to learn even more.

- Mammals in the Tidal Salt Marsh – And in Your Neighborhood! PowerPoint and work sheet
- Eco Riddles

4. Test your knowledge!

By now you have learned a lot! You can take a short quiz to see how much you have learned.

Don't forget that you are welcome to visit the tidal salt marsh at the Aquatic Resources Education Center in Smyrna to view some of the plants and animals in this amazing ecosystem that you are learning about in your virtual field trip.

Read the **Aquatic Resources Education Center information sheet** to find out more about visiting the Eco-Explorers field trip area with your family.

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