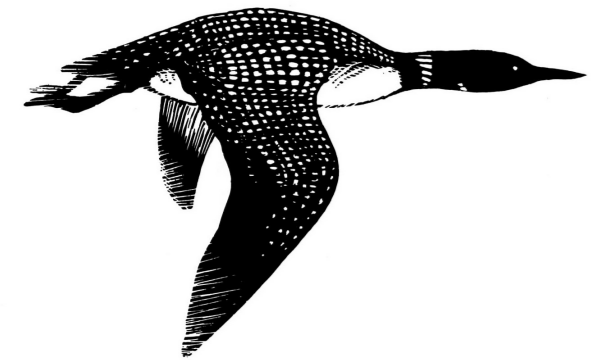


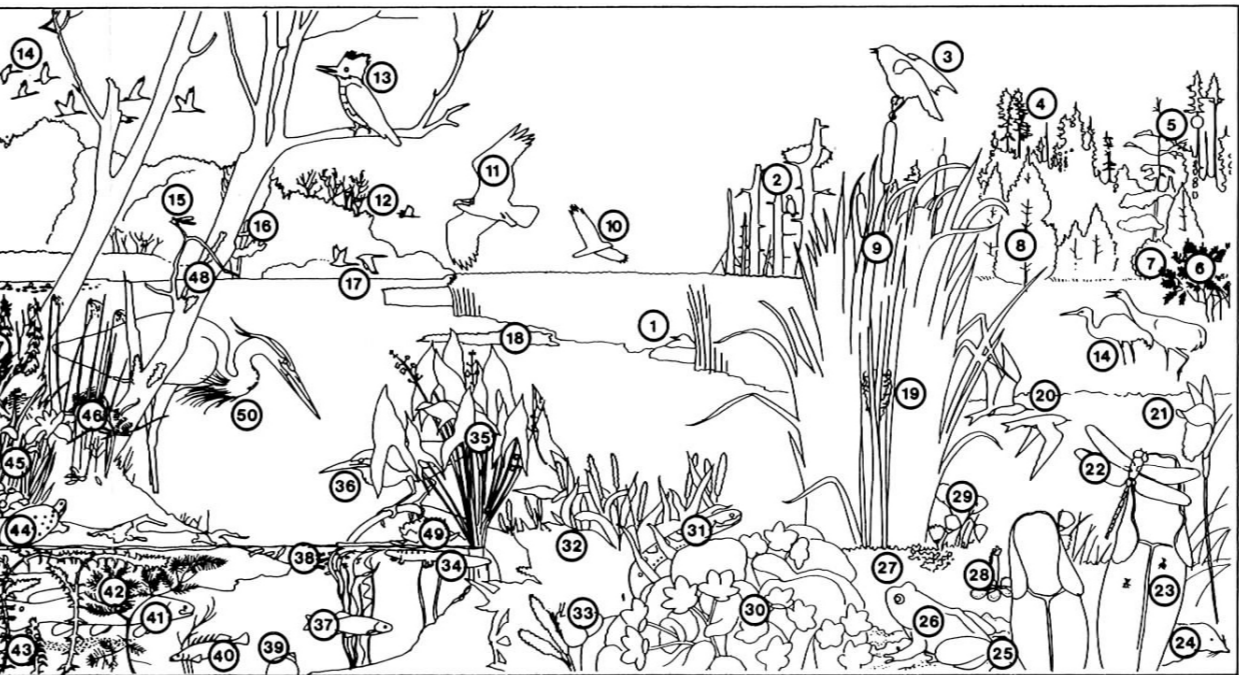
# Michigan Wetlands *a heritage worth saving*



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The plants and animals that inhabit wetlands are unique and often unusual and strikingly beautiful. Many are threatened with extinction. If this great variety of life is to be maintained for us and future generations to study and enjoy, then wetland habitats must be protected. Yet often we are asked the question, "What's more important, homes for people or homes for wildlife?" This poster was designed to help you understand that the choice is not one of "either/or", but one of "both." When we protect the homes of the marsh wren and bald eagle, we are protecting our own homes from destructive floods and degraded waters. The Natural Heritage Program of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recognizes these ecological relationships and the importance of helping our citizens understand and appreciate them. Hopefully, this poster will encourage you to learn more about wetlands in your community, and to work for their protection. This poster is produced by the Nongame Wildlife Fund to encourage the growing public support for protecting and preserving Michigan's valuable wetlands.



1. Common Loon
2. Bald Eagle & Nest
3. Red-winged Blackbird
4. Black Spruce
5. Dwarf Mistletoe
6. Poison Sumac
7. Michigan Holly
8. Tamarack
9. Common Cattail
10. Harrier
11. Osprey
12. Great Blue Heron Rookery
13. Kingfisher
14. Sandhill Crane
15. Damselfly
16. Red Maple
17. Trumpeter Swan
18. Water Smartweed
19. Marsh Wren Nest
20. Black Tern
21. Dragon's-Mouth
22. Dragonfly
23. Pitcher-plant
24. Water Shrew
25. Liverwort\*

26. Green Frog
27. Sphagnum Moss
28. Sundew
29. Cotton-grass
30. Marsh-Marigold
31. Kirtland's Snake
32. Smartweed
33. Baltimore Butterfly
34. Red-spotted Newt
35. Arrowhead
36. Green-backed Heron
37. Red-bellied Dace
38. Generic Minnow
39. Snail
40. Brook Stickleback
41. Bowfin
42. Water-milfoil
43. Waterweed Elodea
44. Spotted Turtle
45. Iris
46. Bulrush
47. Cardinal-Flower
48. Lichen
49. Water-lily
50. Great Blue Heron

## Michigan's wildlife needs your help

**Look for the Loon on your state tax form and give to the Nongame Wildlife Fund.**

Contributions help pay for critically important work on Michigan's non-hunted wildlife and plants, including wetland species such as the Loon, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Sandhill Crane, Spotted Turtle, Kirtland's Snake, frogs and endangered plants like those shown on this poster. The Nongame Wildlife Fund also produces educational materials—such as this Wetlands Poster—to improve your understanding, appreciation, enjoyment, and stewardship of our rich natural heritage.

