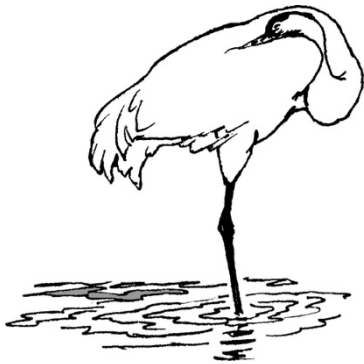


CRANES AND WETLANDS

Cranes live in wet, soggy places called **wetlands**. A wetland is a place where water and land mix, at least part of the year, and the soil becomes soggy. Wetlands have many different names. They can be called bogs, swamps, marshes, or **estuaries**.

Cranes need wetlands as a place to (circle the best answers):



- rest during migration
- find protection from predators
- shop
- find their food
- raise their young
- go to school
- go to the post office
- build a nest
- play video games
- take piano lessons

Cranes live in wetlands, but lots of other species call wetlands home, too! Animals like deer, herons, spiders, and salamanders live in wetlands, along with plants such as bulrush, iris, and wild rice. All of these plants and animals have special **adaptations** that allow them to live in a wetland. For example, frogs and snakes have smooth skins that easily shed water, and ducks have webbed feet, which are perfect for swimming. Cranes have long legs, a long beak, and a long neck, which are perfect adaptations for wading through tall grasses, shallow water, and searching for food.

Below are the scrambled names of some plants and animals that live in wetlands. Can you unscramble them?

1. nails
2. roonacc
3. rcane
4. akesn
5. liattac
6. ogfr
7. kcud
8. letrut
9. flygondra
10. tibabr

