

Wetlands

WETLANDS ARE IMPORTANT BIRD HABITATS, AND BIRDS USE THEM FOR BREEDING, NESTING, AND REARING YOUNG.

BIRDS ALSO USE WETLANDS AS A SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER AND FOR FEEDING, RESTING, SHELTER, AND SOCIAL INTERACTIONS.

WETLANDS PROVIDE FOOD FOR BIRDS IN THE FORM OF PLANTS, VERTEBRATES, AND INVERTEBRATES. WETLAND VEGETATION PROVIDES SHELTER FROM PREDATORS AND FROM THE WEATHER. THE RACCOON IS A WETLAND PREDATOR THAT EATS EGGS AND PREYS ON BIRDS. OTHER ANIMALS, SUCH AS THE SNAPPING TURTLE, THE ALLIGATOR, OR THE LARGE-MOUTHED BASS, ARE EFFECTIVE WATER-BASED PREDATORS OF YOUNG BIRDS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG WATERFOWL. SNAKES TAKE THEIR TOLL AS WELL.

ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRD SPECIES USE WETLANDS FOR FOOD, SHELTER, AND (OR) BREEDING. WETLAND LOSS DUE TO DRAINING, FILLING, OR ALTERING OF SURFACE-WATER AND GROUND-WATER FLOW IS A CONCERN TO MANY PEOPLE.

Forest

a FOREST IS a HABITAT THAT INCLUDES TREES, PLANTS, AND OTHER WILDLIFE. FORESTS HAVE PLENTY OF SHADE AND SHELTER, FOOD, AND PROTECTION.

BIRDS BUILD NESTS IN THE BRANCHES OF THE TREES.

BIRDS eat WORMS AND INSECTS WHICH are VERY PLENTIFUL IN THE FOREST.

MANy FORESTS are BEING DESTROYED TO create CITIES and MORE PLACES TO LIVE. POLLUTION IS ALSO a FACTOR IN HOW FORESTS are BEING affected.

Grasslands

GRASSLANDS ARE AREAS DOMINATED BY GRASSES AND FORBS, AND HAVE FEW OR NO TREES. GRAZING AND ROAMING ANIMALS OCCUR IN ABUNDANCE. THEY OCCUPY ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF THE EARTH'S LAND AREA.

BIRDS BUILD THEIR NESTS CLOSE TO THE GROUND WHERE THEY CAN BE PROTECTED OR IN WHATEVER TREE THEY CAN FIND.

BIRDS EAT INSECTS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THE GROUND AND GRAINS.

OVERGRAZING BY LIVESTOCK AND PLOWING ARE THE TWO GREATEST THREATS TO TEMPERATE GRASSLANDS. SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEEL PLOW MUCH OF THESE GRASSLANDS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS BECAUSE OF THEIR RICH SOIL.

Cities and Towns

FOOD IS PLENTIFUL AND THE CLIMATE IS SOMETIMES WARMER.

BIRDS BUILD NESTS IN TREES OR IN BIRDBOUSES MADE BY PEOPLE.

BIRDS IN THIS HABITAT EAT INSECTS, GRAINS, AND FOOD PROVIDED BY PEOPLE EITHER IN BIRDFEEDERS OR LEFT ON THE GROUND.

THIS HABITAT IS ALWAYS GROWING AND INCREASING IN POPULATION OF PEOPLE. BIRD HABITATS CAN SOMETIMES BE DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THIS GROWTH. BIRDS HAVE PREDATORS IN THIS HABITAT BECAUSE OF OTHER ANIMALS AND HUNTING. ACCIDENTAL DEATH BY AUTOMOBILES ARE ALSO A THREAT.