


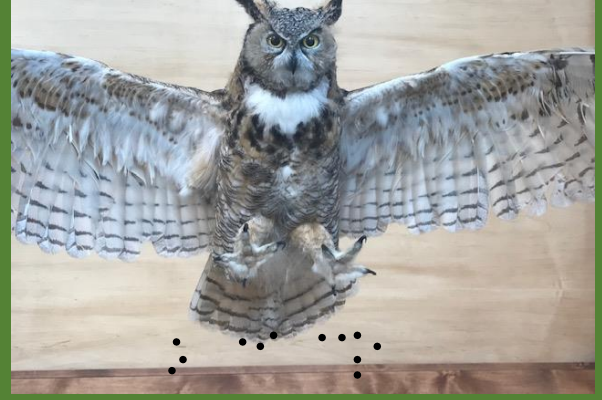

Welcome To Our Wetlands

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Welcome to the Marine Park. We are excited to share our history with you, as well as information about the Wetlands, their connection to people and landforms and the value they bring to our country.

Select any of the above tiles for information about various areas of our wetlands. To take a trip through our wetlands, click here. For a brief overview, click Wetland Overview.

Enjoy your visit.

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We are all connected. Click on each picture to find more information.

Our Aboriginal Stories

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Catchment Area

The area of wetlands in the Great Barrier Reef catchment has decreased by over 50 per cent since European settlement

The Great Barrier Reef

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Can You Help?

Pollutants in ground water, surface water and air can contaminate wetlands and be toxic to plants and animals that are a part of the wetland ecosystem.

Threats to our wetlands

Sediments and nutrients are released when wetlands are cleared and drained. This enters the Great Barrier Reef lagoon and catchment. This increases levels of phosphorous and nitrogen that competes with coral for nutrients while the sediment covers the coral, which creates a die out.

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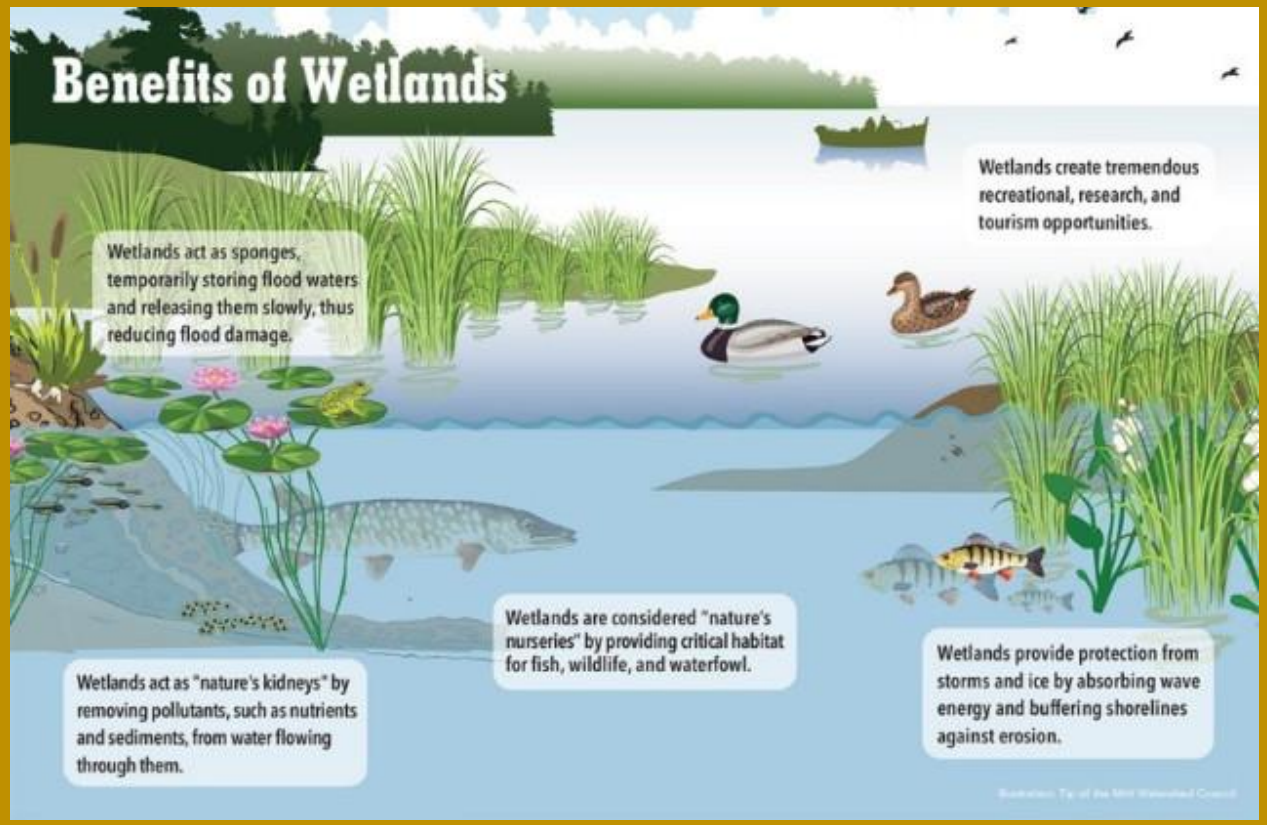
Value of our Wetlands

"Why Are Wetlands Important?

Wetlands prevent flooding by holding water much like a sponge. By doing **so**, **wetlands** help keep river levels normal and filter and purify the surface water. **Wetlands** accept water during storms and whenever water levels are high."

Click for animal information



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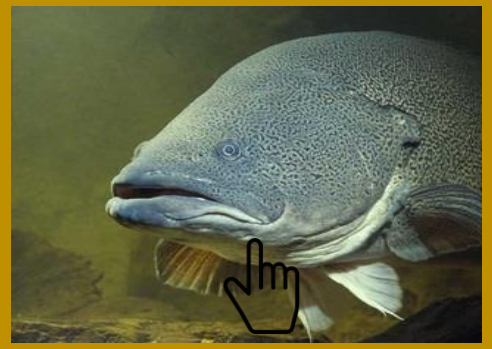
Additional Animal Information

The platypus and two species of echidna are the world's only monotremes, or egg-laying mammals

Echidna going for a dip in a small shallow wetland at Redman Bluff Wetlands

Some of our wetland creatures that enjoy Australia's inland waterways to eat, breed and thrive. Click on their picture to get more information about them and animals like them.

Colonial nesting waterbirds require substantial floods to support large breeding events in floodplain wetlands. They include egrets, ibises, pelicans, cormorants and herons.



Link to wetland animal Fact Sheet

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A Trip Through Our Wetlands