

Join us for the
HMK Children's Water Festival
Kinark Outdoors Centre
Register before July
www.hmwaterfestival.ca

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FEEL

FEEL Native Plant sale online orders
Thanksgiving – April
www.haliburtonstewardship.ca

FEEL Rain barrels can be found all
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www.rainbarrels.ca/feel

It's Chic to be Geek!
Annual Quiz Show for youth & adults.
Register teams for a **June** game at
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public's awareness, understanding,
and appreciation of ecosystems
through accessible education.

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK! TOOLS FOR LEARNING MORE

Great tools that will help you learn more
about *wetlands*

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B.
White.

Golden Guides: Pond Life. Western
Publishing Company. 1987. Vintage.

**The ROM Field Guide to Freshwater
Fishes of Ontario.** E. Holm, N.E.
Mandrak, M.E. Burrige. 2009.

**Reptiles and Amphibians of
Algonquin Provincial Park.** R.J.
Brooks, D. Strickland, R. Rutter. 2003.

Shorebirds of Southern Ontario.
Jean Iron. Hawk Owl. 2015.

Take a walk along the boardwalk in
Minden, Ontario. CANADA

www.ducks.ca/learn-about-wetlands

A hand loop is a neat tool, as is a mask and
snorkel. Flippers make things even cooler.



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THE SPRITE



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WETLAND WONDERLAND

Wetlands are important to humans
and are integrated into our lives. We
love clean lakes and rivers!

Can you list several examples as to
how humans use wetlands and
waterways? Does your list reflect your
community and your home
environments? How does water make
you happy?

Believe it or not, every animal on the
planet relies on wetlands, just like we
do. Similar in every way; except
wetlands are their lives, while they tend
to be our theatre.

Wetlands such as marshes,
swamps, bogs, and fens are less
desirable to humans for comfort, yet

they are full of wetland plants, which
provide habitat and comfort to
thousands of other creatures.

Take a closer look at your list of
everyday actions. Did you think of
human staples such as clean air,
drinking water, grocery stores,
nurseries to raise young, schools,
gyms, highways, trails, and
awesome swimming areas for
bathing, cooling off, sitting in the sun,
and overall just feeling safe and
happy? How about cars and boats?
Do other creatures have these?
How about tools? Lets take a trip
into *Wetland*. – Like Wonderland –
but not exactly...

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Sometimes it is just great to sit and listen to nature by the water. So many new doors can open when one lets their mind drift with the Wind in the Wetlands.

Wetland Habitat Study:

Find a place with woody debris under the water. It is scary sometimes to look at logs beneath the surface! Gather courage and wear a pair of swimming goggles. Float on a tube if you have to. Use a snorkel and watch what happens. There will be some pretty cool action!

F.E.E.L WETLAND SCAVENGER HUNT FOR KIDS

Take photos (in situ) and we will post some of the best photos on our site. No collected items will qualify. Items must be hunted with the camera. (FEEL suggests that equipment be secured to ones' body for this project.)

#feeleducationoutdoors

Aquatic macro-invertebrate (leeches too)
Waterfront flower with Latin name
Fern with Latin name
Turtle with positive ID
Butterfly with positive ID



Feather with positive ID
Grass or Sedge seed head
Roots holding soil by water
Dragonfly with positive ID
Wetland berries or fruit

THE LOBSTER QUADRILLE

by Lewis Carroll
Through The Looking Glass

"Will you walk a little faster?" said a
¹.whiting to a snail.
"There's a ².porpoise close behind us,
and he's treading on my tail.
See how eagerly the ³.lobsters and the
turtles all advance!
They are waiting on the ⁴.shingle – will
you come and join the dance?
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you,
will you join the dance?
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you,
won't you join the dance?"

Now Let's Make this Poem fit for a Marsh!

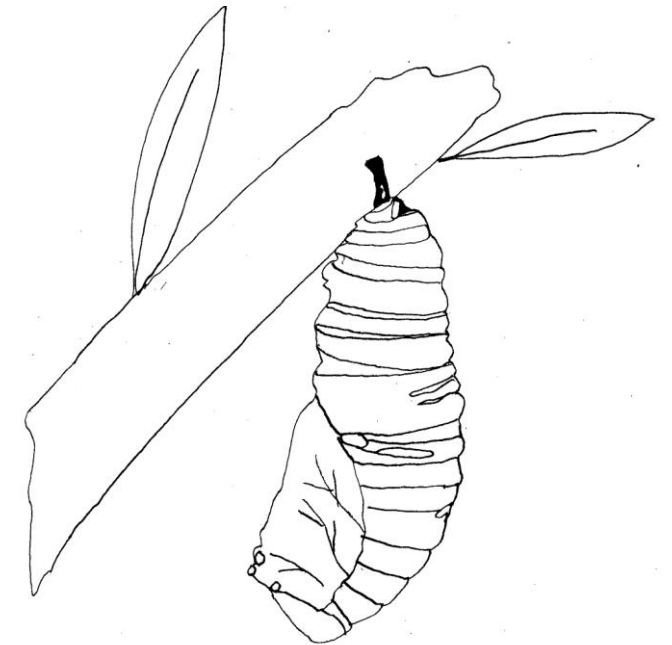
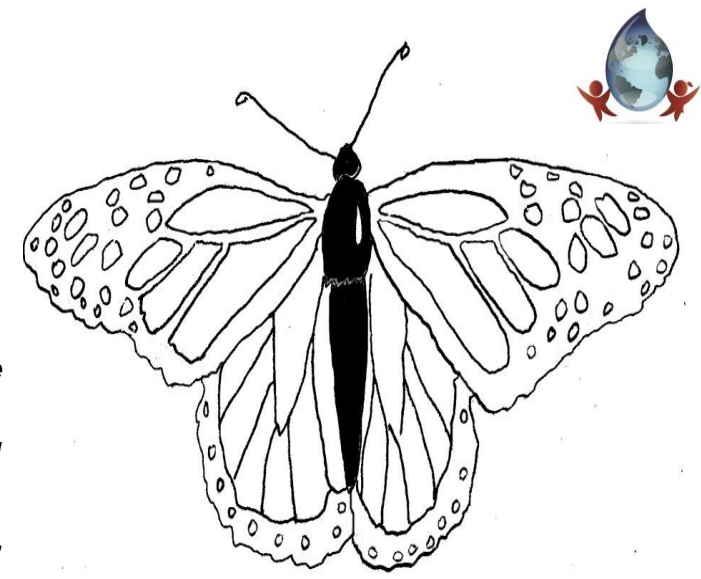
Try to recite this poem using creatures we have here in Ontario ¹.minnow, ².Lake trout, and ³.crayfish. What a perfect example of an evening at the local ⁴.shoreline!

The WETLAND DANCE

Hoppy Frog
Wiggly Newt
Swishy fishy flop

Stomp like Turtle looking for worms
Knees up like Heron in the reeds
Soar like Osprey on the breeze

Crawl like Crayfish
Roll like Otter
Jump like Trout upstream!



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EGGS

TREE

SHRUB

FROG

MINNOW

ROCK

SWIMMING

WAVES

LOON

DUCKLING

SHORE

WATERLILY

RIPARIAN

LEECH

DRAGONFLY

WORM

TOAD

MUSHROOM

HERON

FERN

BEAVER

MINK

MUSKRAT

OTTER



PAINTING THE ROSES WITH POLLEN

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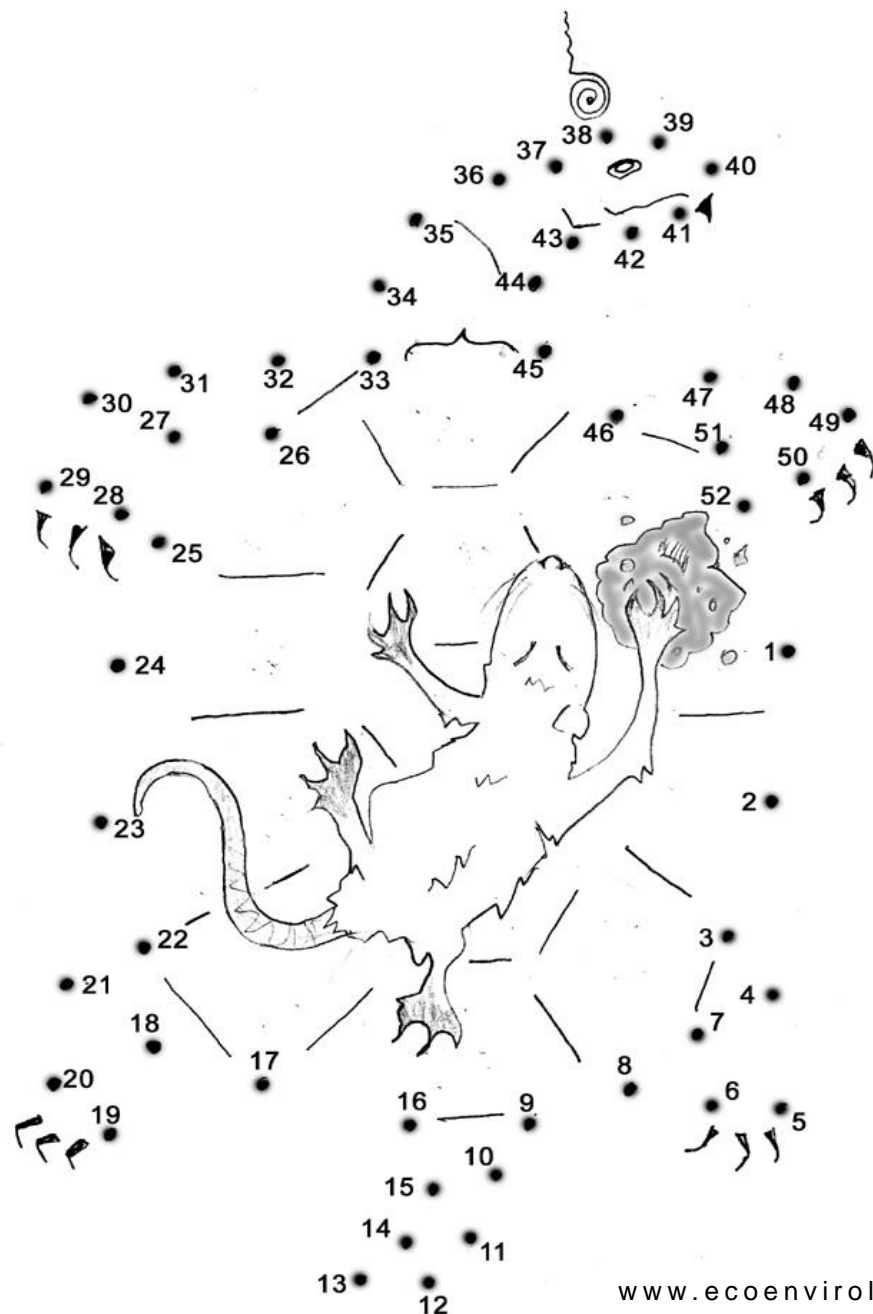
Fill in the Blanks to Find the Pollinator Jumble Answer

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Have you heard of the legend of Muskrat, and our friend here,
and how they secured the lives of Seven Generations
with a little bit of mud?

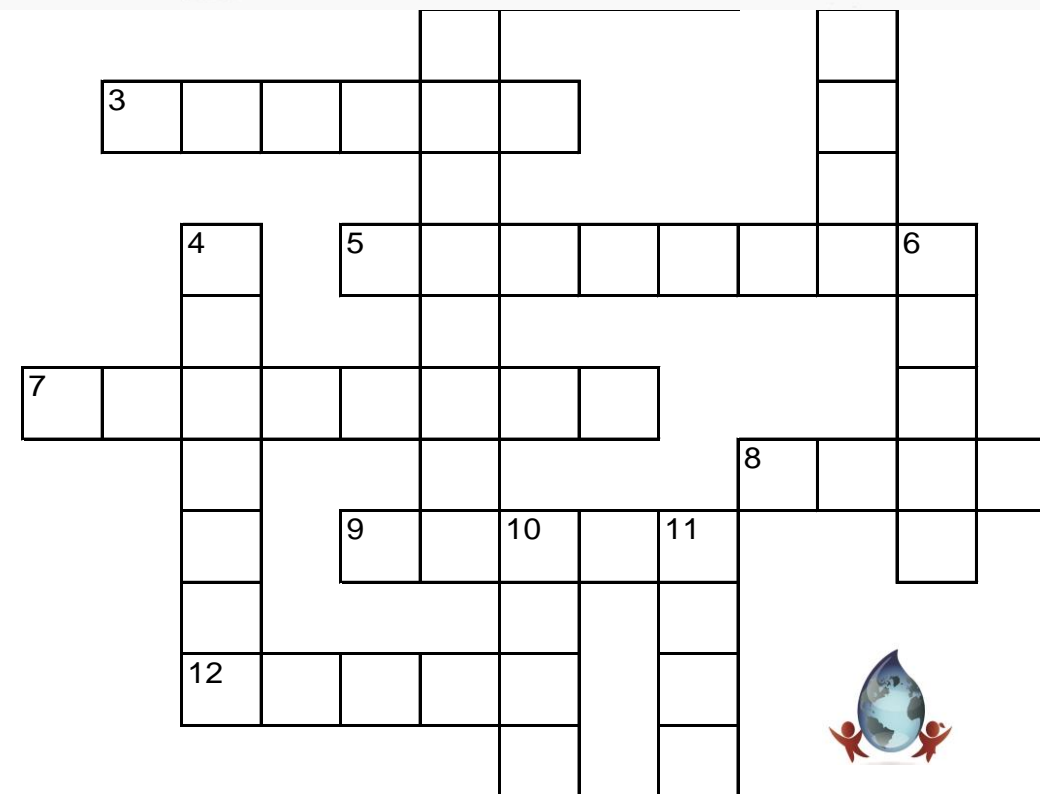


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ACROSS

1. On the hook
3. Rooty shoreline guardians
5. Clawed crustacean
7. Little quacker
8. Ghostly waterfowl
9. Dragonfly larvae
12. Waterfront nurseries

DOWN

1. Floating flower
2. They won't give you warts
4. Masked marauder
6. Wetland wader
10. Sphagnum _____
11. _____ sweet _____
(wet)

