



Neary Lagoon Wetland Walk

Vocabulary

1. **Adaptation:** a characteristic body part, shape or behavior that helps a plant or animal survive in its environment.
2. **Bird Count:** a record of the number of birds that appear in a particular place during a given time period.
3. **Brackish:** a mixture of freshwater and saltwater.
4. **Filter:** a device that removes pollutants from something.
5. **Freshwater Marsh:** a type of wetland that only receives water from creeks and groundwater, and contains no saltwater from the ocean.
6. **Lagoon:** a type of shallow wetland that is separated from the ocean by a sandbar in the dry season, and connected to the ocean in the wet season.
7. **Marsh:** a common type of wetland where plants grow with their roots in water and their tops in the air. Marshes form along the edges of lakes, rivers and ponds.
8. **Migration:** the periodic passage of birds, fish or other animals from one region to another.
9. **Ohlone:** a member of a North American native group of people living in coastal California between Monterey and San Francisco Bay.
10. **Pollutants:** anything that causes harm to humans or the environment.
11. **Saltwater Marsh:** a type of wetland that is affected by tidal action, and therefore contains saltwater.
12. **Tides:** the rise and fall of the ocean surface caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and sun.
13. **Watershed:** the region draining into a river, river system, or other body of water
14. **Wetland:** land that is wet. Marshes, lagoons, and swamps are different kinds of wetlands.