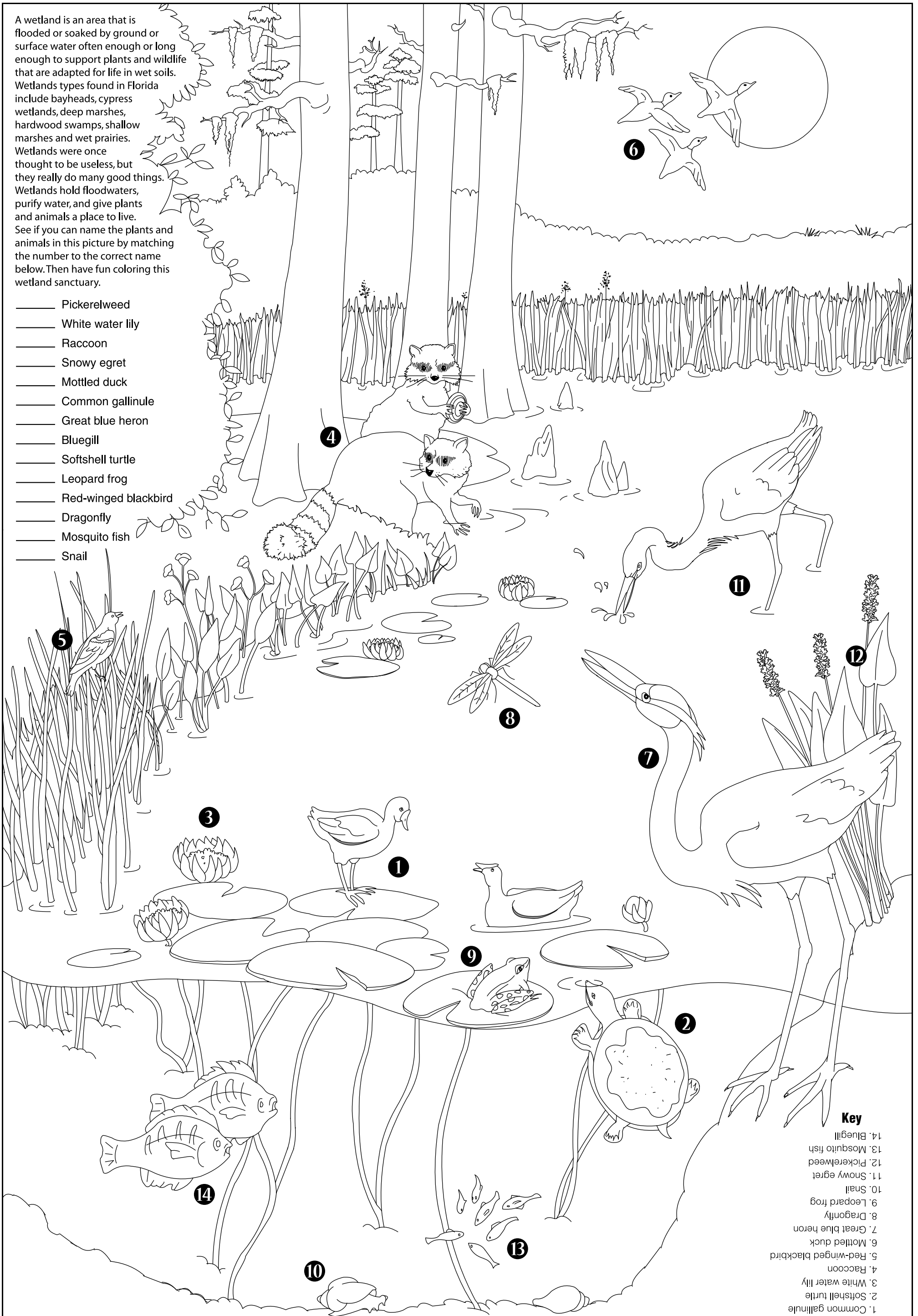


A wetland is an area that is flooded or soaked by ground or surface water often enough or long enough to support plants and wildlife that are adapted for life in wet soils. Wetlands types found in Florida include bayheads, cypress wetlands, deep marshes, hardwood swamps, shallow marshes and wet prairies. Wetlands were once thought to be useless, but they really do many good things. Wetlands hold floodwaters, purify water, and give plants and animals a place to live. See if you can name the plants and animals in this picture by matching the number to the correct name below. Then have fun coloring this wetland sanctuary.

- _____ Pickerelweed
- _____ White water lily
- _____ Raccoon
- _____ Snowy egret
- _____ Mottled duck
- _____ Common gallinule
- _____ Great blue heron
- _____ Bluegill
- _____ Softshell turtle
- _____ Leopard frog
- _____ Red-winged blackbird
- _____ Dragonfly
- _____ Mosquito fish
- _____ Snail



- Key**
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Who Lives in a Wetland?