

Wetlands - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

To some people, wetlands are wastelands. Actually, swamps, marshes, and other wetlands are among nature's most important and complex ecosystems.

[Bird, dragonfly]

They're like jungles filled with an amazing diversity of plant and animal life. Without wetlands, some of these species would disappear.

[Frog, turtles, moose]

Wetlands are important for people too. They filter water to remove harmful materials, they absorb and release water to ease flooding, and help relieve dry periods.

Canada has a quarter of the world's wetlands, but many are being lost, drained so that the land can be used for other purposes. Let's do what we can to protect wetlands.

[A crane digging a hole]

Stay on walking trails to avoid damaging these fragile areas. Observe, but try not to disturb wetland wildlife.

[People watching nature]

Join a wetland conservation group. And that's just a start.

To learn more about wetlands and how you can help protect them, visit hww.ca.